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IS JANASENA NOT A RULING PARTY?



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: This is the question being raised in the state now. Though TDP, Janasena, and BJP have won the elections as an alliance team, it seems that Janasena is not enjoying the benefits of power. On one side, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is giving utmost respect and priority to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan; on the other side, TDP leaders and MLAs are not recognizing Janasena MLAs and leaders as members of the ruling party. This is what is happening at the ground level.

The problem arises when authority is needed in certain activities within the constituencies; TDP leaders do not respect Janasena MLAs and, moreover, are trying to dominate them. They argue with Janasena MLAs that they must consult them on any issue. If not, they create obstacles for that particular MLA. Even if the Janasena MLAs do not comply, TDP leaders come out onto the roads and agitate against them. This is happening in Nellimarla of Vizainagaram and other constituencies. One associate of a Janasena MLA stated, "It is very odd to face this situation. When the elections were conducted, everybody united to work for victory. They are not giving us space to make a single decision. We are forced into a situation where we have to get their approval for our decisions. However, there is no such requirement in any constituency of TDP MLAs."

In contrast, in the constituencies of TDP, the MLAs do not even inform Janasena leaders about anything. The MLAs who previously treated Janasena circles with care and respect are now indifferent to them. They are looking at Janasena members as strangers. In fact, the

- TDP MLAs are not caring Janasena cadre
- TDP leaders troubling Janasena MLAs
- This situation is in throughout the state
- Except few constituencies of Godavari Districts
- In Denduluru constituency, TDP groups beaten up JSP leader
- In Nellimarla, TDP people are embarrassing MLA Lokam Madhavia
- In Vijayawada West, Central, MLAs didn't meeting JSP cadre.

TDP MLAs are not showing interest in meeting them either. This is happening in almost all the constituencies of the state. In Vijayawada West and Vijayawada Central, it is particularly evident. Even in Uttarandhra, Janasena MLAs have been ignored in many instances by TDP MLAs.

An incident that occurred in Denduluru constituency, where TDP members beat up Janasena leader Ramakrishna, illustrates the situation. He asked why they had not informed him about the rescheduling of the pension distribution. He did not demand permission; he simply requested information. For this, they quarreled with him and assaulted him.

Janasena circles are unhappy with these developments. It is important to note that the cadre and leaders of Janasena are not strong financially, whereas TDP leaders are seasoned politicians with a long history in politics and are financially strong. This is why TDP is dominating Janasena in most constituencies, except in a few constituencies of the Godavari districts.

The Janasena MLAs are worried and unable to express their grievances. They wish for Pawan Kalyan to address these matters and discuss them with CM N. Chandrababu Naidu. They believe that Mr. Naidu should instruct his MLAs to behave as alliance partners. One Janasena leader from Vijayawada said, "Our situation is very bad. No MLA considers us as their alliance partners. They are just pursuing their own interests, and a more triggering point is that they are favoring those who were associated with YCP in the last five years."

CM Chandrababu Naidu Launches Free Gas Cylinder Scheme in Srikakulam

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the free gas cylinder scheme as part of the Super Six initiative on Friday in Idupuram, Ichchapuram mandal, Srikakulam district. During the event, CM Chandrababu personally handed a free gas cylinder to beneficiaries, which he later showcased by lighting the stove and making tea in their kitchen. The heart-warming gesture, captured on video, quickly went viral, highlighting the government's commitment to the welfare of the people.



The free gas cylinder scheme, launched under the Deepam 2.0 program, aims to alleviate the financial burden on low-income families by providing three free gas cylinders per year, distributed at intervals of four months. This initiative reflects the coalition government's promises made in their election manifesto, emphasizing their dedication to implementing the Super Six schemes.

Bookings for the free gas cylinders commenced on Wednesday, and MLAs across the state have begun the distribution process in their respective constituencies. The government anticipates that this

scheme will significantly benefit poorer households by reducing their cooking gas expenses.

The beneficiary family expressed immense joy at the Chief Minister's visit and personal involvement in the scheme, marking a significant moment in their lives. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the coalition government to improve living standards and ensure that essential services are accessible to all citizens in Andhra Pradesh.

DCM Pawan Kalyan Participated In The Deepam-2 Scheme Distribution Program

Pawan Kalyan Critiques YCP and Promotes Sanatana Dharma Initiatives

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan recently participated in the Deepam-2 scheme distribution program for free gas cylinders at IS Jagannathapuram village in Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal. This initiative aims to provide financial relief to families by ensuring access to cooking gas, enhancing convenience and safety in households. During the event, Kalyan emphasized the government's commitment to welfare schemes that support the underprivileged, highlighting the program as part of a broader effort to improve living standards and promote energy accessibility for all citizens in the region.



In a visit to Eluru, Kalyan made strong remarks about the current government's performance compared to the previous administration under former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He asserted that the alliance government is implementing welfare initiatives more effectively and criticized leaders who "steal money and

hide it," emphasizing that this victory belongs to the people.

Addressing concerns over the portrayal of Sanatana Dharma, Kalyan expressed frustration at its disrespectful discussion, reaffirming his respect for all religions and

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Red Book 3rd Chapter Has Been Started... – Minister Nara Lokesh

Nara Lokesh Redefines NRIs: From 'Non-Resident Indians' to 'Most Reliable Indians'



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Lokesh stated that he tirelessly met with investors to promote the state during his week-long visit to America. "I contacted the investors desperately. But after seeing you today, I got a kick," he said. NRIs are also victims of "psycho Jagan." Few chapters in the Red Book is over, and the Another one is now open. Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao and Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu are going to open the third chapter soon. Even in the largest systems, some mistakes happen. If brought to our attention, we will fix them. Some of the problems you have raised will be resolved as soon as possible. CM Babugari's ambition is to elevate Telugu people to a level where they rule the world. When NRIs invest in AP, my responsibility is to stand by you. Minister Nara Lokesh assured that we will advance development and welfare like a cart of yokes.

spirit of reliability and commitment to their homeland. He highlighted their dedication, noting, "You love the country and the state. Even in America, your mind is on the state." He commended the NRIs for investing their hard-earned money back into Andhra Pradesh, stating, "They are spending 10 paise of the earned rupee on their own land."

Reflecting on the political landscape, Lokesh recalled the struggles faced by TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu, who was imprisoned due to the actions of the previous government. He emphasized the strength derived from the solidarity shown by Telugu people globally, stating, "Your support during that time gave us strength."

Lokesh also addressed the challenges he faced during his youth march, sharing, "I am also a victim of the previous government. They tried to stop me." He criticized the current government led by Jagan Mohan Reddy, asserting that investments have dwindled under its rule and vowed to work tirelessly to bring them back to Andhra Pradesh.

As he concluded his address, Lokesh assured the NRIs of his commitment to their welfare and the development of the state, emphasizing, "My responsibility is to stand by you, and we will take development and welfare forward like a cart of yokes."

During his recent visit to the United States aimed at attracting investments to Andhra Pradesh, Minister Nara Lokesh praised the Telugu NRIs, rebranding them as "Most Reliable Indians" (MRIs). His comments came during an event where he unveiled a statue of NTR in Kummung, near Atlanta, where he expressed gratitude for the support of NRIs, especially during the recent AP assembly elections.

Lokesh remarked that while many refer to them as NRIs, he believes they embody the

Minister Janardhan Reddy Announces Free Bus Travel for Women Before Sankranti

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister BC Janardhan Reddy made a significant announcement regarding free bus travel for women in Andhra Pradesh, coinciding with the commencement of the Deepam Scheme. He confirmed that women will be able to travel free of charge on RTC buses during the Sankranti festival, fulfilling a long-awaited promise.



In addition to this key announcement, the minister highlighted that increased pensions are already being distributed as part of the "Super Six" welfare schemes, underscoring the government's commitment to enhancing social welfare. He assured that measures are being implemented to support job creation by attracting various industries to the state.

Minister Reddy expressed his frustration with YCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating that Jagan, who has allegedly failed to address the needs of his own family, lacks the moral authority to criticize the current government led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. He emphasized that Jagan does not even hold opposition status and, regardless of what he says, the public will not believe him.

Reddy criticized Jagan for his limited engagement with the people of Andhra Pradesh, noting that Jagan spent only two days in the state while remaining in Bangalore for six days. He questioned Jagan's understanding of the people's issues, asserting, "What does Jagan know about the people?"

Looking ahead, Minister Reddy announced plans to initiate a pothole-filling program in Vizianagaram, reflecting the government's determination to improve infrastructure and ensure a pothole-free state. He concluded by stating that the government is moving forward with a dual focus on development and welfare, embodying the slogan of progress for all.

AP High Court Affirms Daughters 'Place in Parents' Family Post-Marriage

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has made a significant observation regarding the status of daughters in their parents' family after marriage, stating that such a union does not diminish their place within the family. This comment arose during the hearing of a case related to compassionate appointments.



The court addressed the misconception that a married daughter is no longer considered a member of her parents' household, highlighting the unfairness of treating sons and daughters differently in compassionate appointment cases. The High Court asserted that daughters remain an integral part of their parents' family for life, regardless of their marital status.

Recognizing the enduring bond between daughters and their families, challenging traditional societal norms that may exclude married women from familial considerations. The court's comments serve as a reminder that the familial ties of a daughter persist, irrespective of her marriage, thereby advocating for equality and fairness in matters concerning family dynamics.

The High Court's position on this issue reflects a broader societal shift towards recognizing women's rights and ensuring that their contributions to their families are acknowledged, regardless of their marital status. As such, this ruling could have significant implications for future cases involving compassionate appointments and family rights in Andhra Pradesh.

This ruling underscores the importance of rec-

Final List of TTD Governing Body Announced by AP Govt



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has officially announced the complete list of the governing body for the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD). Department of Religion Secretary S. Satyanarayana issued the order on Friday under GO MS No. 243, detailing the members of the newly constituted board.

- India)
 - P. Rammurthy (Tamil Nadu)
 - Tammishetti Janakidevi (TDP)
 - B. Mahendra Reddy (Janasena)
 - Anugolallu Rangasree (Janasena)
 - B. Anandsai (Janasena Kota)
 - Naresh Kumar (Karnataka)
 - Shantaram (Kuppam Industrialist)
 - Dr. Adit Desai
 - Saurabh H. Bora (Economist)

Representation and Appointments

The board includes representatives from different political parties, including three MLAs from the TDP and three members from the Janasena party. Notably, former Chief Justice of India, Justice H. L. Dattu, is appointed for the first time to the TTD board, highlighting the board's diverse expertise.

The TTD governing body consists of 24 members, with Bollineni Rajagopala Naidu appointed as the chairman. Alongside the chairman, the board includes a diverse group of individuals from various fields, ensuring representation from neighboring states. The new board comprises members from Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.

TTD Governing Body Members
Chairman: Bollineni Rajagopala Naidu

- Members:**
- Jyotula Nehru (Jaggampeta MLA)
 - Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy (Kovuru MLA)
 - M. Saraju (Madakasira MLA)
 - Panabaka Lakshmi (Former Union Minister)
 - Nannoori Narsireddy (Telangana)
 - Sambasiva Rao (Jasti Shiva) (NRI)
 - Nannapaneni Sadashiva Rao (Pharma)
 - Suchitra Ella (Pharma)
 - Krishnamurthy (Tamil Nadu)
 - Koteswara Rao (Rajahmundry)
 - Mallela Rajasekhara Goud (TDP)
 - Janga Krishnamurthy (TDP)
 - Darshan R. N. (Coffee Merchant)
 - Justice H. L. Dattu (Former Chief Justice of

Many appointees expressed gratitude to the government and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for their selection, emphasizing their commitment to serving the needs of Venkateswara Swamy's devotees. Jaggampeta MLA Jyotula Nehru stated, "This is a great opportunity to serve Venkateswara Swamy, and we will work hard to ensure every devotee has easy darshan."

With the formation of this new governing body, the AP government aims to enhance the administration and operations of TTD, ensuring the interests of devotees and promoting the temple's heritage.

Key Decision by AP Govt to Safeguard Whistleblowers

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has announced significant measures aimed at protecting individuals who file allegations and cases against government employees, particularly in instances involving bribery and corruption. This decision is a response to the growing need for safeguarding whistleblowers who expose wrongdoing within the government.



To oversee the implementation of these protective measures, an ADGP-level officer has been appointed. Intelligence ADGP Mahesh Chandra Ladda will serve as the nodal

officer responsible for coordinating efforts to ensure the safety and security of those who come forward with allegations against corrupt officials.

This initiative reflects the government's commitment to promoting transparency and accountability within its ranks, encouraging citizens to report corruption without fear of retaliation. The appointment of a dedicated officer is expected to streamline processes and provide a clear channel for complaints while ensuring the well-being of whistleblowers throughout the investigative process.

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stressing the importance of adhering to Sanatana Dharma values, particularly when visiting Hindu temples. He warned that derogatory posts about Hinduism on social media would not be tolerated and announced the establishment of the "Sanatana Dharma Preservation Department" under the Janasena Party, with initiatives launching in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

announcing that free LPG cylinders would be distributed to over one crore people and pledging to develop the Jagannadhapuram temple into a major tourist and spiritual destination. He also addressed rising crime rates by promising the introduction of the Digital Crime Act and emphasized the need for police to take their duties seriously, declaring that the honeymoon period for law enforcement is over.

Kalyan reiterated his commitment to social is-



Minister Ramprasad Criticized Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy Tenure Amid Allegations of Resource Mismanagement

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Recent allegations have surfaced against former minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, accusing him of mismanaging natural resources and neglecting public assets. Critics claim that under his leadership, valuable resources were depleted, and important files were destroyed in Madanapalle. These actions have raised concerns about transparency and accountability during his tenure.



One of the significant points raised is the alleged sale of Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) assets under his watch. Detractors argue that not a single bus was purchased to improve public transportation, despite a growing need for an enhanced fleet. This alleged neglect has fueled frustration among residents, who see it as a sign of disregard for essential public services.

In response to the mounting criticisms, Ramprasad announced plans

to introduce electric buses, marking a shift towards modernizing the public transport system. He stated that these buses would not only help improve transit options for the public but also contribute to a sustainable, eco-friendly transportation system. The introduction of electric buses is viewed as an effort to restore faith in RTC's asset management and demonstrate a commitment to positive changes in public transportation.

The recent developments underscore a push for better resource management and transparency. As electric buses are set to join the fleet, there is hope among residents that this move will signal a renewed focus on responsible governance and sustainable development in the region.

Devineni Uma Accuses Jagan Reddy of Diverting Attention from Family Allegations Through False Propaganda

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) State General Secretary and former minister Devineni Umamaheswara Rao has accused Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy of engaging in false propaganda to distract the public from alleged wrongdoings tied to his family's assets. Speaking to the media from his office in Gollapudi, Devineni Uma condemned recent comments by Jagan on the Polavaram project, claiming they are part of an attempt to shift focus from his family's controversial dealings.



"lifeline," through a series of destructive actions that have stalled its progress since he took office in May 2019.

Uma criticized Jagan for damaging the project by ordering unnecessary reverse tenders and delaying construction, which he believes has harmed the economic future of the state. He also claimed that recent approvals by the central cabinet for funding Polavaram demonstrate the alliance government's commitment to completing the project, unlike Jagan's alleged neglect.

Devineni Uma alleged that Jagan has been engaging in misleading tactics, citing Jagan's recent tweets about the Polavaram project. According to Uma, Jagan's actions are aimed at deflecting attention from his involvement in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) cases. Uma further accused Jagan of mishandling the Polavaram project, which he described as Andhra's

Devineni Uma concluded with a warning to Jagan to cease spreading misinformation about the project and avoid further political drama. He stressed the TDP's commitment to accelerating Polavaram's completion with the support of the central government and highlighted that the Delhi High Court has clarified that no corruption has been found in the project under Jagan's tenure.

Anarchists Joined on Janasena, I'll Discuss with Pawan Kalyan - Chintamaneni Prabhakar

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In recent developments, Dendulur MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar voiced concerns over alleged anarchist elements joining the Janasena Party (JSP) for political gain. Expressing his worries, Prabhakar stated he plans to discuss the matter with JSP's Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. His comments highlight growing tensions between the TDP and JSP leaders in the Dendulur constituency.



In an interview with a media representative, Prabhakar claimed that some individuals with a history of attempting to defeat the TDP-JSP alliance had now joined Jana Sena. He suggested that these new members, who he described as "anarchist forces," are seeking influence through their recent alignment with the party. Prabhakar advised the new JSP members to refrain from stirring conflicts

within local communities and questioned their involvement in pension distribution activities, which had allegedly disregarded TDP leaders.

These comments come in the wake of an altercation during a recent pen-

sion distribution program in Paidichintalapadu, Dendulur constituency. According to reports, the event was organized without inviting TDP leaders from the local sarpanch group, sparking a dispute between the TDP and JSP supporters. The incident escalated into a physical clash, leaving multiple people injured. Police intervened to disperse the groups and have registered a case, with investigations ongoing.

Prabhakar further warned that violent actions would not be tolerated, condemning what he referred to as "anarchists" joining JSP to create chaos. He emphasized that he would bring this issue, specifically the Paidichintalapadu incident, to the attention of Jana Sena's leadership to seek resolution and prevent further disturbances in the constituency.

Ganta Srinivasa Rao Criticizes Jagan Reddy, Calls YCP a "Sinking Ship"

TPN, Visakhapatnam: TDP leader and former minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao launched a scathing critique against YCP leader and former Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy, accusing him of being preoccupied with saving YCP's "sinking ship" and protecting allegedly looted assets. Speaking from his residence in Vizag, Ganta suggested that the party's instability makes it challenging for even a handful of leaders to remain.



Ganta questioned the YCP's reliance on volunteers for pension distribution, implying inefficiencies within

the party's operations. Addressing concerns over the state's infrastruc-

ture, he noted that the TDP has prioritized addressing bad road conditions and aims to implement development projects across Andhra Pradesh.

He also highlighted plans for providing free meals in canteens and underscored TDP's commitment to the steel plant issue, assuring the public of the party's sincere approach. Ganta praised Minister Lokesh's efforts to attract more IT companies to Visakhapatnam, stating that the TDP remains dedicated to improving opportunities and services for the region's residents.

Nagababu Congratulates BR Naidu Appointment of TTD Chairman

TPN, Andhra Pradesh:

In a recent statement, Jana Sena Party General Secretary Nagababu expressed his support and congratulations to BR Naidu, head of TV5 news channel, on his appointment as the new Chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD). BR Naidu, a respected figure known for his devotion to Hinduism and Lord Srinivasa, was appointed to the role by the Andhra Pradesh government.



Nagababu praised the appointment, calling it a fitting recognition for Naidu, whom he described as the "right person at the right time." He expressed confidence that BR Naidu would uphold and further enhance the reputation of TTD by addressing previous irregularities and ensuring the temple's prestigious standing.

Nagababu also extended his best wishes to Anand Sai, Anugolu Rangashree, Mahender Reddy, and other newly appointed members of the TTD Governing Body. In a tweet, he conveyed his hopes that this leadership would contribute positively to TTD's mission and bring honor to the revered institution.

Complaint Filed Against Former YCP Minister Meruga Nagarjuna for Alleged Financial Fraud

TPN, Andhra Pradesh:

A woman has lodged a complaint at the Tadepalli police station, accusing former YCP minister Meruga Nagarjuna of financial fraud. According to the complaint, the woman alleges that Nagarjuna deceived her by taking ₹90 lakh with the promise of securing a contract job.



The complaint, submitted to CI Kalyan Raju, states that the former minister failed to fulfill his promises, causing severe financial distress to the victim. Seeking justice, she approached the Tadepalli police, expressing concerns for her safety and claiming that her life may be in danger due to this unresolved matter.

The police have acknowledged the complaint and are investigating the allegations against Nagarjuna. Further details regarding the investigation are awaited.

TDP MLAs Unveil NTR Statue in Atlanta, Call for NRI Support for AP Development

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: At an event honoring the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), TDP MLAs Venigandla Ramu, Kakarla Suresh, Yarlagadda Venkatarao, and Gali Prakash gathered with Telugu NRIs in Atlanta to unveil an idol of the legendary leader. Speaking at the ceremony, Gudiwada legislator Venigandla Ramu declared that NTR's name will live on in history as long as the Telugu community exists, honoring him as an enduring figure in Telugu culture and politics.

Ramu emphasized the dedicated efforts of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Lokesh, calling upon NRIs to support their mission to develop Andhra Pradesh. He praised Lokesh as a "ray of hope" for TDP, noting his relentless efforts to attract in-

vestments and uplift the state's economy. Ramu expressed joy at unveiling the idol, marking it as a tribute to overcoming the challenges of the last five years.

Udayagiri MLA Kakarla Suresh highlighted Lokesh's unique entry into politics with a Stanford education and his role in securing victories for the party. He criticized Jagan's administration, alleging financial mismanagement and encouraging NRIs to visit Andhra Pradesh, engage with local constituencies, and actively support development efforts.

Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao reminisced about NTR's achievements, including his rapid rise to power and groundbreaking so-

cial reforms, such as the introduction of subsidized rice and equal property rights for women. He called for investments in Amaravati, emphasizing the critical role of NRIs in strengthening the state's economy and advancing the legacy of NTR's reforms.

Nagari MLA Gali Prakash noted Lokesh's contributions as Panchayat Raj Minister, citing the construction of 25,000 kilometers of roads and LED street lighting as milestones. He reaffirmed NRIs' importance in Andhra Pradesh's future and called for their continued involvement in its development.

USA NRI TDP President Komati Jayaram concluded by commemorating NTR's centenary celebrations, voicing the support of NRIs for the TDP and their commitment to Andhra Pradesh's progress.

Ambati Rambabu Blames Chandrababu Naidu for Polavaram Project Delays

TPN, Guntur: YSRCP President of Guntur District, Ambati Rambabu, recently criticized former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, claiming that errors during Naidu's administration crippled the progress of the Polavaram project. Rambabu referenced a report by an International Expert Committee that, following Naidu's tenure, highlighted mistakes in the project's implementation, attributing delays to these issues.

According to Rambabu, the current alliance government is dedicated to completing the Polavaram project effectively, even amidst past setbacks. He alleged, however, that Naidu's administration aimed only to finish Polavaram as a barrage, potentially reducing its height, a move seen as undermining the project's original vision.

Highlighting previous actions, Rambabu stated that Naidu had compromised the state's special status, claiming that a "package is better than status." He added that Naidu's failure to pay ₹100 crore to Telangana for the third phase of the Pulichintala project delayed its progress. Rambabu praised Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for addressing this by allocating the funds and restarting the third phase.

Rambabu concluded by accusing Naidu of handling the Polavaram project for personal gains and commissions rather than focusing on its timely completion. He urged the government to ensure the project's success and fulfill its intended purpose as a lifeline for Andhra Pradesh's irrigation needs.



ACP Involvement in Illegal Transit of Sand?



TPN, Vijayawada: Looks innocent, acts very gentle, and loots very smart. This is the caption being given to ACP Mr. Ravi Kiran, who works in Nandigama, by his alleged victims. Whether these claims are right or wrong, accusations are being made against him. Although he is not a senior official, he has allegedly become senior in such activities. The main allegation against him is that he is helping a few contractors to shift sand from Nandigama to Hyderabad via village roads, avoiding check posts. Reportedly, no police or revenue staff stop those lorries that



are permitted by ACP Ravi Kiran. There is a buzz that he is receiving a good share of profits from these contractors. Nandigama has sand reaches located on the border of AP and Telangana, making it easy to transit sand from AP to Telangana in this area.

Through villages, they can easily access the Kodada area. For many years, this illegal transit of sand has been ongoing, but now it is allegedly facilitated by a police official, allowing the AP government to provide sand at no cost, which leads to huge profits from selling it in Telangana.

Mr. Ravi Kiran first worked in Jangareddy-gudem, later in Vijayawada, and is now in Nandigama. Allegedly, his expenses, such as house rent and other household costs, are taken care of by the inspectors working under him. Surprisingly, people claim that he has connections with every business outlet, including hotels and parlors. According to reports, his corruption has reached new heights.

He has worked under the YCP regime and established a strong presence. Even after the change of government, he maintains the same connections, which is why he can operate without interruption. A resident of Nandigama explained that Mr. Ravi Kiran specializes in avoiding risks by not quarrelling with higher officials and politicians. He appears to obey all their directives and carries out his plans.

A constable working in the department has condemned these allegations, stating, "Those who face trouble with sir in any issue are making these claims. He is very sincere and honest and very work-minded as well. He is basically a doctor who got into this profession, so you can imagine what his attitude would be. These are baseless allegations, and nobody can stop him."

MP Keshineni Sivanath Pledges Commitment to Rural Development After Visit to NIRDPR



TPN, Hyderabad: Vijayawada MP Keshineni Sivanath visited the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRDPR) and the Rural Technology Park (RTP) at Rajendranagar Agricultural University in Hyderabad on Friday, expressing his dedication to improving rural livelihoods and

development. During his visit, MP Sivanath engaged with officials from the Rural Technology Park to discuss funding from the Central Government for rural development, existing schemes, and employment opportunities in sectors such as silk development. He was warmly welcomed by Dr. G. Naren-

drakumar, IAS, the director general of NIRDPR, along with other officials.

The director general's team provided an overview of key initiatives, including the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Panchayat responsibilities, and Silk Development

Plans. MP Sivanath then toured the Rural Technology Park, where he observed innovative, low-cost technologies designed to enhance rural economies. Demonstrations included sustainable housing models, mushroom cultivation, honey production, vermicomposting, handmade paper, and neem-based products. Following the demonstrations, MP Sivanath reaffirmed his commitment to implementing these technologies to improve rural livelihoods. He expressed his intent to leverage the knowledge gained during his visit to foster rural development initiatives in his constituency, emphasizing that he will work diligently to enhance the quality of life for rural residents.

Devineni Umamaheswara Rao Distributes Free Gas Cylinders in Vijayawada Rural



TPN, Vijayawada: TDP leader and former minister Devineni Umamaheswara Rao distributed free gas cylinders in Rayanapadu, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, as part of the government's commitment to support women and alleviate their hardships associated with traditional wood stoves. The initiative aligns with the promise made during elections to provide three gas cylinders annually to women, particularly benefiting those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Speaking at the event, Umamaheswara Rao highlighted the government's past achievements, noting the distribution of 59 lakh gas cylinders and the provision of pensions to 64 lakh individuals. He emphasized that the alliance government is making significant strides towards job creation, with plans to offer 16,347 positions through the Mega District Selection Committee (DSC) by December.

The former minister praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his relentless efforts to attract large-scale industries to the region, thereby enhancing economic opportunities. He assured that eligible individuals will receive necessary support, including housing, ration cards, and pensions.

In a move to further empower women, the government plans to implement free travel for women on RTC buses soon. Umamaheswara Rao assured the public that despite facing financial challenges, the government is dedicated to implementing welfare schemes to improve the lives of its citizens. The distribution of gas cylinders is a crucial step in this ongoing effort.

Remembering the Tragedy of November 1, 1864: The Machilipatnam Flood

TPN, Machilipatnam: On November 1, 1864, a catastrophic flood struck the port city of Machilipatnam, claiming the lives of approximately 30,000 people. As fierce sea waves surged to heights of 13 feet, the disaster caused extensive damage, submerging entire villages and leaving the community in devastation.

The port, once a vital hub for shipping in South India, was forever changed by this tragedy. Massive sand dunes formed along the coast, obstructing maritime activity and crippling commercial trade. The current government is actively working to remove these sand dunes, a legacy of the flood, to restore the port's functionality.

Historical records indicate that the town was home to around 65,000 residents at the time, and many lost their lives before they could comprehend the danger. The floodwaters breached the Cheliala dam, sweeping away entire neighborhoods. Reports from that time tell of neighborhoods such as Sivaganga Brahmin Agrahara, where only a fraction of the population survived.

In the aftermath, British officer Thornhill and his team undertook the grim task of burying the deceased and restoring order to the town. The tragedy left a deep mark on the community, as stories of survival and loss were shared through generations. The flood also led to the establishment of initiatives for drinking water, as saltwater contamination made it nearly impossible to access fresh supplies.

The flood remains a largely forgotten chapter in the region's history, overshadowed by time. Today, the memorials and remnants of that disaster serve as poignant reminders of the lives lost. As we approach the 160th anniversary of this tragedy, it is crucial to honor the memory of those who perished and reflect on the lessons learned from that dark day in history. It is a call to acknowledge our past and ensure that such horrors are never forgotten.



Skill Development Course Offered in Vijayawada

Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC)
Department of Skill Development & Training, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DTP & SIGNAGE SOLUTION

Course Overview
The course covers Desktop Publishing (DTP) and signage design using Adobe Photoshop and CorelDRAW. Participants will also learn Microsoft Office tools, helping them document format and presentation skills. At the end, learners will receive their design and print communication orders, enabling them to create professional quality documents and signage.

04 Months Duration
DTP & SIGNAGE SOLUTION
in collaboration with **Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC)**

Knowledge Partner
Shree Ads & Signs

Course Start Date
28.10.24
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
(3 HRS PER DAY)

Location
Govt Polytechnic College (GPI) Opp Ramiah Hospital, Govt IT Road, Vijayawada, KR District

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TPN, Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation, in collaboration with Shree Ads & Signs and Revolution, is launching a course on "Desktop Publishing (DTP) and Signage Solution" as well as an "Electrical Technician" program at the Government Polytechnic College, Vijayawada, starting Monday, November 4.

Course Details

1. Desktop Publishing (DTP) and Signage Solution

- Duration: 4 Months
- Age Requirement: 18 to 45 years
- Job Opportunities: Participants will be provided with job opportunities in leading companies.
- Registration Link: [DTP Registration](https://forms.gle/GUCN9TYDjRuiSety6)

This course covers desktop publishing and logo design using Adobe Photoshop and CorelDRAW. It includes training in Microsoft Office tools to enhance document formatting and presentation skills. Learners will develop their design and visual communication abilities to create professional-quality documents and signage.

2. Electrical Technician

- Duration: 2 Months
- Age Requirement: 18 to 35 years
- Job Opportunities: Job placements will be offered in commercial IT buildings, apartments, villas, gated communities, etc.
- Registration Link: [Electrical Technician Registration](https://forms.gle/oZoyDdKDCi5f-wTo1A)

Participants will acquire the necessary skills to manage electrical systems in large facilities, including commercial and residential buildings. Training will cover the operation and maintenance of critical equipment such as transformers, diesel generators, and electrical panels, with an emphasis on workplace safety and preventive maintenance practices. Training classes will commence on November 4. For further information, please contact 934779032 or 8008742842.

NDA Government Prioritizes Public Welfare with Launch of Deepam-2 Scheme in Gudlavalleru

TPN, Gudlavalleru: Leaders of the alliance parties inaugurated the Deepam scheme on Friday evening in Gudlavalleru village, marking a significant step towards revitalizing public welfare and development in the region. In charge of the Gudivada Janasena Party, Booragadda Srikanth, and TDP leader Venigandla Ramakrishna (Nani) led the launch, emphasizing the coalition's commitment to dismantling ineffective systems that have hindered progress over the past five years.

During the meeting, the leaders highlighted the ongoing large-scale development initiatives being implemented under the alliance government, which aims to prioritize both public welfare and infrastructure improvements. They specifically mentioned the allocation of ₹860 million for the repair of rural roads, stating that timely completion of these projects is expected by January. In attendance were various officials, including Tasildar Lokaraju, MPDO Office AO Imran, and numerous TDP leaders and local representatives. The leaders reaffirmed their dedication to fostering growth in a state that has seen limited development in recent years, showcasing the coalition's focus on enhancing the quality of life for all citizens. The launch of the Deepam scheme is seen as a pivotal moment for the community, as the alliance government strives to create a brighter future for the people of Gudlavalleru.



Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu Welcomed in Visakhapatnam

TPN, Visakhapatnam: State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu received a warm welcome upon his arrival at Visakhapatnam International Airport at 11:20 AM on Friday for a two-day visit to the Uttarandhra districts.

The Chief Minister was greeted with flowers by a gathering of state ministers, public representatives, and officials, including local MLAs Palla Srinivasa Rao and Ganababu, District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad, Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi, GVMC Commissioner P. Sampath Kumar, Joint Collector Mayur Ashok, DCP D. Mary Prashanthi, and RDO P. Srilekha.



Deepam-2 Scheme Launched in NTR District to Empower Women

TPN, NTR District: In a significant step towards supporting women and enhancing their quality of life, the NTR District administration launched the Deepam-2 scheme, aimed at providing free gas cylinders to eligible beneficiaries. The inaugural program, held in Vijayawada, was attended by In-charge Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena and Vijayawada East MLA Gadde Rammohan, along with local officials and public representatives.



Dr. Nidhi Meena emphasized the importance of transparency in implementing the scheme, urging beneficiaries to take full advantage of the initiative. "Currently, there are around 4.96 lakh eligible beneficiaries in the district. To qualify for the scheme, individuals must possess an LPG gas connection, an Aadhaar number, and a rice card. Each beneficiary will receive three free gas

cylinders annually, distributed in three phases: April-July, August-October, and December-March," she stated. For any issues, beneficiaries can reach out via the toll-free number 1967.

MLA Gadde Rammohan highlighted the coalition government's commitment to uplift the poor through various initiatives, noting that the cash for the cylinders will be directly deposited into beneficiaries' accounts

within 48 hours, eliminating middlemen and preventing misuse. He mentioned that the state government has sanctioned ₹2,684 crores for the Deepam-2 scheme and reiterated promises of increased pensions and the upcoming provision for free RTC bus travel for women.

Following the launch of the Deepam-2 scheme, Dr. Nidhi Meena and MLA Gadde Rammohan participated in a pension distribution program, where a total of ₹97.93 crores was allocated for 231,961 pensioners under the NTR Bharosa scheme.

The program saw participation from Vijayawada RDO K. Chaitanya, DSO A. Paparao, DRDA PD K. Srinivasa Rao, and local corporators, all working collaboratively to improve the lives of residents in the district.

Deepam-2 Scheme Proves Beneficial for Lower Middle-Class Families

TPN, Pithapuram: The Deepam 2 scheme, initiated as part of the Super Six promises made during the election campaign, is proving to be a significant support for lower middle-class families, according to Sri Pidugu Hari Prasad, Member of the Legislative Council. During a program held on Friday near the HP Gas office behind the Pithapuram complex, Mr. Hari Prasad launched the scheme by distributing free gas cylinders to beneficiaries in Kakinada district.



As part of the election commitments made by the NDA alliance, the scheme provides three free gas cylinders to eligible households. The Member of the Legislative Council emphasized that the coalition government is dedicated to fulfilling the promises made to the people, stating, "This free cylinder scheme, one of the Super Six promises, will cost over Rs. 2,864 crores annually and is a significant financial relief for lower middle-class families."



Mr. Hari Prasad also highlighted the change in the political landscape, mentioning, "In the past, when our leaders went to Delhi, they faced humiliating conditions. However, that is no longer the case, as demonstrated by the support from the Center for the construction of Polavaram and Amaravati."

The event was attended by former MLA Mr. SVSN Varma, Kakinada District Janasena President Mr. Tummalala Babu, Pithapuram Constituency Coordinator Mr. Marreddy Srinivas, Tehsildar Mr. Gopalakrishna, Municipal Commissioner Mr. Kanaka Rao, along with leaders and activists from alliance parties.

Minister Kollu Ravindra Free Gas Cylinder Distribution Launched in Machilipatnam

TPN, Machilipatnam: Kollu Ravindra, Minister of State for Mines, Subsoil Resources, and Excise, inaugurated the distribution of free gas cylinders through the Inakudurupeta Deepam Scheme in the 27th division of Machilipatnam city limits. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana, Krishna District Collector DK Balaji, Bandar Janasena In-Charge Bandi Ramakrishna, former Municipal Chairman Baba Venkataprasad, and various municipal corporators.



This initiative aims to provide essential support to the local community by ensuring access to free gas cylinders, promoting convenience and safety in cooking. The Deepam Scheme reflects the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents, particularly during festive seasons and beyond.

Minister Kollu Ravindra emphasized the importance of the scheme in improving the lives of people in the region, reinforcing the coalition government's dedication to public welfare. The successful implementation of the Deepam Scheme in Machilipatnam is expected to benefit numerous families, facilitating a transition away from traditional cooking methods that can be hazardous and time-consuming.

As the distribution commenced, local leaders and officials reiterated their commitment to ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries receive the support they need, furthering the government's goal of uplifting communities across the state.

Alapati Rajendra Prasad Seeks Support for MLC Candidature in Krishna and Guntur Districts

TPN, Krishna District: In a significant push for his candidacy in the upcoming MLC elections, former minister Alapati Rajendra Prasad addressed the general meeting of the National Rural Development Council (NAREDCO) as a special guest. He urged the graduates of Krishna and Guntur districts to rally behind him, emphasizing the importance of strengthening his position as the alliance candidate for the elections scheduled for March next year.



During his address, Alapati outlined his commitment to addressing the challenges faced by the real estate sector, stating, "I will contribute to the solution of the problems that have long plagued this industry." He expressed gratitude to key political figures, including Jana Sena's Pawan Kalyan, BJP state president Purandeshwari, and Telugu Desam Party's national general secretary Nara Lokesh for endorsing his candidacy.

Criticizing the previous YCP administration, Alapati remarked, "Over the last five years, all systems were weakened, leaving communities in dire straits due to Jagan's anarchy. Not a single sector has witnessed development during this time." He highlighted the positive changes under the coalition government led by CM Chandrababu Naidu, who he said is focused

on public welfare and repairing the damage inflicted during the previous regime.

Alapati urged NAREDCO members to register as voters and support him in the upcoming elections, asserting that the coalition government has already made significant strides in revitalizing the state's fixed assets and welfare schemes. "Those who have benefited from the government's initiatives during the first hundred days of Chandrababu's rule are very pleased," he noted.

The meeting saw enthusiastic responses from NAREDCO members, who expressed their support for Alapati's proposals and the need for unity in addressing their sector's issues. Key participants included NAREDCO Executive Vice President Paruchuri Kiran, Treasurer Chava Ramesh, Central Zone General Secretary SV Ramana, and Treasurer Potla Krishna, all of whom contributed to the discussions on advancing the real estate sector in the region.

Tributes to Indira Gandhi on Her 40th Death Anniversary in Bhimavaram

TPN, Bhimavaram: The Bhimavaram municipality office held a tribute ceremony to honor the 40th death anniversary of Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister. Under the chairmanship of Congress party in-charge Ankem Sitaram, floral tributes were paid to her statue.



Speaking at the event, Sitaram praised Indira Gandhi as a remarkable figure in Indian politics, emphasizing her commitment to alleviating poverty with the slogan "Garibi Hatao." He stated, "The honor of satisfying the hunger of the poor in the country goes to late former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi."

Following his remarks, Sodadasi Selvia, leader of the Mahila Congress, highlighted Indira Gandhi's significant contributions after becoming the first woman Prime Minister of India. She noted, "Indira rendered immeasurable services to the

country and worked tirelessly for women's empowerment. Under her leadership, substantial progress was made for the weaker sections of society."

The program saw participation from various leaders, including Bhimavaram Congress Party in-charge Ankem Sitaram, District Youth President Somu Naga Keshav Babu, Maddala Saikumar, and other Women Congress leaders such as Sodadasi Selvia, along with Bhimavaram Town President Bonam Ravikumar, Medapati Sagar, Ganjala Subrahmanyam, Kolli Srinivas, AV Ramaraj, and Akula Teja.

Incident Involving Vijaya Rajasekhara Reddy's Car Raises Eyebrows Before 2024 Elections

TPN, Kadapa: In a surprising turn of events, an expensive car belonging to Vijaya Rajasekhara Reddy, mother of Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, was found abandoned on the side of the road. This brand-new vehicle, equipped with advanced security features, had both wheels blown out simultaneously, raising concerns and speculation among onlookers.



Witnesses expressed shock at the sight of such a high-end car in distress, particularly given its association with a prominent political family. The incident occurred in the lead-up to the 2024 elections, a time when speculation was rife about Jagan Mohan Reddy potentially targeting another significant political figure, following his previous electoral strategies.

The incident has led many to draw connections to the tense political atmosphere in the state. Some have hinted at a possible motive behind the car's condition, referencing the family's

history and suggesting that it may not have been a mere coincidence. As the political landscape continues to evolve, the implications of this event remain to be seen, particularly with the upcoming elections on the horizon.

While Vijaya Rajasekhara Reddy was reportedly in America during this incident, the mysterious circumstances surrounding the car have fueled discussions among the public and political analysts alike, with many eager to uncover the truth behind this unexpected situation.



BRICS Expansion: A New Era in Global Alliances

The recent BRICS summit in Kazan, chaired by Russia, has garnered significant international attention, reflecting the shifting geopolitical landscape. Amidst Western efforts to isolate Russia through military action and sanctions, the summit underscores a different perspective from the Global South, which views Russia not as an adversary but as a strategic ally.

The expansion of BRICS in 2023, with the inclusion of Egypt, UAE, Iran, Ethiopia, and Saudi Arabia, indicates a growing alignment among major nations in the Global South. This shift highlights a desire for a reformed international system that better represents their priorities and concerns. Nearly 40 countries have expressed interest in joining BRICS, signaling a perception of Russia as an attractive partner, contrasting sharply with the West's approach.

Countries in the Global South are increasingly drawn to BRICS to enhance their political, economic, and security options amidst perceived Western hypocrisy and double standards. This sentiment has driven nations to seek a balance of power within the existing international framework rather than creating a completely new system. The Kazan summit, attended by 24 world leaders, reinforced the resilience of Russia and its partnerships despite ongoing Western isolation efforts.

However, expanding BRICS poses challenges. As a consensus-based forum, integrating new members complicates decision-making processes, potentially undermining the credibility and functionality of the organization.



The recent foreign ministers' meeting in June 2024 faced difficulties in issuing a joint communiqué due to differing opinions.

In response to these challenges, the current strategy focuses on welcoming new partner countries while pausing further expansion of full membership. The acceptance of 13 new partners, including Algeria, Turkey, and Vietnam, reflects a diverse geographical spread but also raises questions about balancing interests among existing members.

China's influence in the selection process has been notable, as it has not pushed for Pakistan's inclusion, likely due to India's strong opposition. India's reservations about Turkey's partnership—stemming from its stance

on Kashmir—were ultimately navigated, allowing Turkey to join as a partner.

The expanded BRICS partnerships signal a collective desire to challenge Western hegemony and promote multilateralism. While the potential for BRICS to forge alternatives to the dollar-dominated financial system is ambitious, achieving these goals will require overcoming internal rivalries and economic disparities among member nations.

In conclusion, the expansion of BRICS, despite its complexities, represents a crucial step towards rebalancing global power dynamics, aligning with the aspirations of many countries in the Global South seeking greater equity and representation on the world stage.

Revisiting Nehru: A Complex Legacy on Caste and Social Justice



A recent discourse has emerged that re-evaluates Jawaharlal Nehru's legacy, portraying him not only as a secular and democratic leader in the anti-colonial struggle but also as someone who opposed caste-based reservations and the upliftment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs). This interpretation raises important questions about the nuances of Nehru's views on social justice and equality.

Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, is often celebrated for his vision of a modern, secular nation-state. His commitment to democratic principles and secularism positioned him as a champion of the rights of all citizens, irrespective of caste or religion. However, his approach to social hierarchies and reservations has come under scrutiny, particularly in the context of post-independence policies aimed at addressing caste-based inequalities.

Critics argue that Nehru's policies reflected a certain ambivalence towards affirmative action. He was skeptical of the idea of caste-based reservations, fearing that they might entrench divisions rather than foster unity. Nehru believed in meritocracy and the need for a classless society, often expressing concerns that reservations could perpetuate caste identities. This perspective aligns with his vision of a modern India where citizenship transcends social hierarchies.

However, this stance has drawn criticism, especially from proponents of caste-based reservations who argue that Nehru's reluctance to fully embrace affirmative action overlooked the systemic injustices faced by marginalized communities. They contend that his policies inadvertently favored upper castes, failing to adequately address the historical disadvantages experienced by SCs and OBCs.

Furthermore, the evolving socio-political landscape of India has seen a shift in the discourse around caste and reservations. Movements advocating for the rights of OBCs and SC/STs have gained momentum, challenging the historical narratives surrounding Nehru's legacy. These movements emphasize the necessity of affirmative action as a means to dismantle entrenched inequalities and promote social justice.

As we reassess Nehru's legacy, it becomes crucial to recognize the complexities of his views on caste and reservations. While he undeniably contributed to India's democratic framework and secular identity, his hesitations regarding affirmative action continue to spark debate. Understanding Nehru's position in this context allows for a more nuanced conversation about caste, social justice, and the ongoing struggle for equality in contemporary India.

In conclusion, the narrative surrounding Nehru's approach to caste and reservations invites critical reflection on the interplay between historical legacies and current socio-political dynamics, highlighting the need for ongoing dialogue on social justice in India.

Delhi's Air Pollution Crisis: A Cycle of Blame and Inaction

As pollution levels in the National Capital Region (NCR) soar to alarming heights, frequently hitting the 'very poor' and 'severe' categories, the annual blame game among politicians intensifies. High air pollution in Delhi has become a grim certainty each winter, alongside ineffective measures and the severe health impacts on millions of residents.

Recently, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi attributed the spike in pollution to farm fires in neighboring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, both governed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). She pointed out that while stubble burning in Punjab, led by her Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has decreased, incidents in the neighboring states have surged. In response, BJP Delhi chief Virendra Sachdeva criticized the AAP government for its inadequate handling of the pollution crisis.

The culprits behind Delhi's toxic air are well-known: low wind speeds, dust from construction, vehicular emissions, and smoke from burning garbage and agricultural waste. Politicians and bureaucrats alike are aware of these contributors, yet little meaningful action has been taken. The Supreme Court recently chastised the Union government, emphasizing that the Environmental Protection Act has become ineffective due



to insufficient enforcement measures. The court also rebuked the Chief Secretaries of Punjab and Haryana for their superficial responses to the stubble burning crisis.

Despite the dire consequences of air pollution, including reduced life expectancy, political leaders seem more focused on emotive issues that have little bearing on the immediate health and safety of citizens. The latest Air Quality Life Index report highlights that residents in Delhi-NCR could lose an average of 11.9 years of life due to the region's pollution levels, as compared to World Health Organization guidelines.

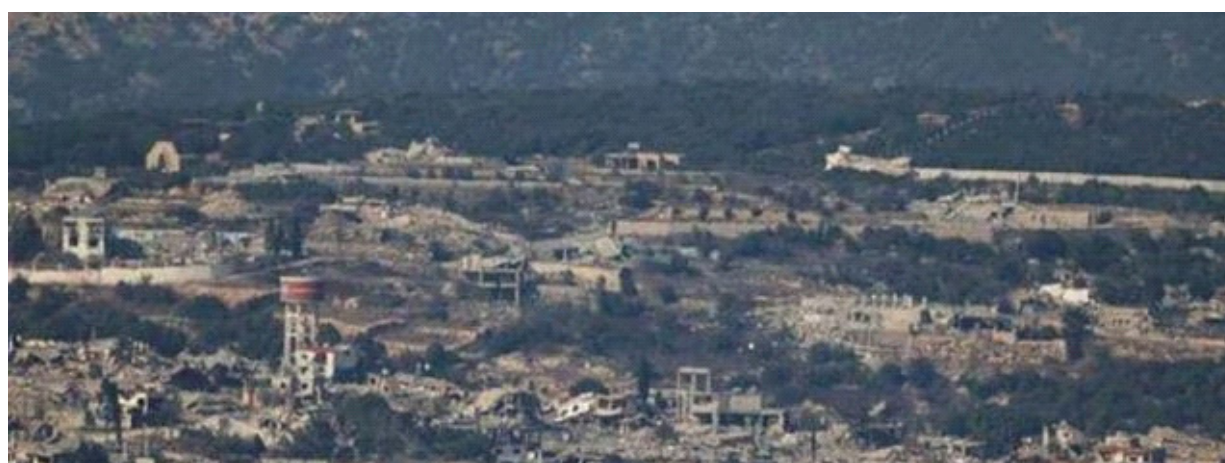
Amidst this backdrop of environmental degradation, it's ironic that India, a rapidly growing economy and aspiring global leader, leaves its citizens vulnerable to such hazards. The country's significant progress in reducing poverty and fostering economic growth contrasts sharply with the helplessness felt by Delhi's residents in the face of systemic pollution.

Authorities continue to respond with temporary measures, such as implementing Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which includes bans on coal and firewood use, as well as restrictions on diesel generator sets.

How India can secure its soldiers in UN forces amid Israel-Hezbollah escalation

Recent escalations in the Israel-Hezbollah conflict have drawn international attention to the safety of UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, particularly after two Sri Lankan soldiers and two Indonesian peacekeepers were wounded during Israeli strikes near Naqoura. India, which has maintained a significant peacekeeping presence in the region since November 1998, has expressed growing concerns about the deteriorating situation along the "Blue Line," the UN-recognized boundary between Lebanon and Israel.

India has contributed an infantry battalion to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), established to assist Lebanon in restoring authority and maintaining peace following the South Lebanon conflict. Following the 2006 Israel-Lebanon war, UNIFIL's mandate expanded to include clearing mines and preventing civilian casualties. Currently, about 903 Indian troops serve within a larger force of 10,000 personnel from 50 nations, making India one of the top contributors to the mission. India's recent condemnation of Israeli actions



marks a significant shift from its earlier position, where it refrained from supporting a joint letter signed by 104 countries condemning Israel for banning UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres from entering its territory. This ban followed Guterres' perceived failure to unequivocally condemn Iranian missile strikes on Israel. India's decision to remain silent was seen as a reflection of its cautious approach to the Israel-Palestine

conflict, traditionally opting for abstention rather than condemnation.

However, India's latest statement underscores a newfound urgency to address escalating tensions in West Asia. As a leading troop contributor, India faces increased pressure to ensure the safety of its forces while balancing strategic security interests with humanitarian concerns in the region.

This shift aligns with India's aspirations to take a more prominent role within the Global South, as it seeks to strengthen its position on international issues. Since mid-September, daily exchanges of drone and artillery fire between Hezbollah and Israel have resulted in significant civilian casualties and displacement. The peacekeeping forces have been actively engaging with both Lebanese and Israeli authorities to encourage restraint and maintain stability. The recent strikes on UNIFIL personnel highlight the perilous environment in which peacekeepers operate, caught between conflicting parties.

Moving forward, India must exercise caution in its peacekeeping endeavors and advocate for a renewed focus on stability in the region. Timely interventions are essential to safeguard both Indian troops and local civilians. Moreover, India should work towards establishing a comprehensive peace mechanism that encourages accountability for violence against UN personnel, as previously called for in a resolution presented at the UN Security Council in December 2022.

PM Slams Congress Over Unfulfilled Promises Amid 'Shakti' Scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lambasted the Congress Party for failing to deliver on its promises, claiming that its governance in various states has worsened. His comments came in the wake of Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's suggestion to revisit the 'Shakti' scheme, which allows free bus travel for women in the state.

Modi stated that Congress is "badly exposed" as its assurances have turned into unfulfilled guarantees. He pointed to the deteriorating developmental trajectory and fiscal health in Congress-ruled states, emphasizing that the true victims of such governance are the poor, young people, farmers, and women, who face diluted benefits from existing schemes.

In his remarks, Modi asserted that Congress is preoccupied with internal politics rather than focusing on development. "In Karnataka, they are busy in intra-party politics instead of delivering on development. They are even consider-



ing rolling back existing schemes," he said. He urged the public to remain vigilant against what he termed the "culture of fake prom-

ises" fostered by Congress.

In response, Congress General Secretary K.C. Venugopal rejected Mo-

di's claims, asserting that the party is effectively implementing its promises in Karnataka. He argued that the central government is failing to meet its commitments, such as generating two crore jobs, while blaming the opposition for its shortcomings. "The government of India is not delivering on what they promised," he stated, defending Congress's record in the state.

The controversy over the 'Shakti' scheme intensified after Shivakumar suggested that some women prefer to pay for their travel instead of relying on free rides. Although Chief Minister Siddaramaiah dismissed the idea of revisiting the scheme, Shivakumar later clarified that there would be no withdrawal of any of the five guarantee schemes, accusing the media of misrepresenting his comments.

As tensions rise, the debate continues over the effectiveness of Congress's promises and the future of its flagship welfare initiatives.



Not A Big Fan Of The House: Rahul Gandhi On His Janpath Residence

Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, recently shared his thoughts about the 10, Janpath bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi, where he has spent significant time. He revealed that he is "not a big fan" of the house, citing personal reasons tied to his family's history. Specifically, he mentioned that his father, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was living there when he was tragically assassinated in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991.

In a Diwali video released on Friday, Gandhi was seen interacting with paint workers at the residence, where preparations were underway for the festive season. During a conversation with his nephew, Raihan Rajiv Vadra, he expressed his sentiments about the home: "My father died (while he was living) here, so I am not a big fan of this house."

The 10, Janpath bungalow was allocated to Rajiv Gandhi in 1990, and following his death, it was transferred to his wife, Sonia Gandhi, who has continued to reside there. Rahul Gandhi, previously living at 12 Tughlaq Lane since becoming a Member of Parliament, returned to 10, Janpath after he was disqualified from the Lok Sabha last year due to a conviction in a defamation case.

Despite his disqualification being later revoked, he remains at 10, Janpath, where he has lived during his new term as the Lok Sabha MP for Rae Bareilly. This return to the family home carries a mix of nostalgia and sorrow for Gandhi, as it holds painful memories intertwined with his father's legacy.



Karnataka Deputy CM Advocates for Kannada as the "Language of Life"

At the 69th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration held at Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar emphasized the government's dedication to making Kannada the "language of life." In his address, he underscored the cultural and historical importance of Kannada, reflecting on the progress of the state and urging citizens to honor their heritage.

Shivakumar articulated a vision of Kannada as a language that unites and inspires. "Our aim is to make Kannada a language of life. We must respect our motherland by raising the flag of our land high," he declared, calling for a collective commitment to preserving and celebrating their cultural identity.

Highlighting Karnataka's natural beauty, he referred to the state as "heaven," pointing out its sacred rivers, including the Tunga, Bhadra, Cauvery, and Krishna. He marked the 50th anniversary of the naming of the state, noting that Kannada pride transcends geographical boundaries and recognizing the contributions of Kannadigas globally. Reflecting on the historical richness of Kannada, Shivakumar stated that the language boasts a heritage of over 2,000 years. He encouraged all citizens to protect and celebrate this linguistic legacy. He also praised Karnataka's diversity and peaceful reputation, attributes that attract people from around the world.

The Deputy Chief Minister paid tribute to the celebrated poet Kuvempu, whose philosophy of "Vishwamanava" (universal human) continues to resonate with Kannadigas. "Kannada is our pride; it is our duty to respect and honor our Karm-abhoomi," he said. He announced that schools, colleges, and private firms had been directed to commemorate Kannada Rajyotsava on their premises, fostering a sense of unity and pride.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh slams NITI Aayog

Congress leader and former Union Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh expressed strong concerns on Friday regarding the impact of sulphur dioxide emissions from power plants on air pollution in India. His comments followed a media report suggesting that the NITI Aayog proposed halting the installation of equipment designed to reduce sulphur emissions at coal-fired power plants. As of now, there has been no official statement from NITI Aayog regarding this proposal.

In a post on social media platform X, Ramesh emphasized that India is the world's largest emitter of sulphur dioxide, and the emissions from power plants play a significant role in deteriorating air quality. He recalled that there had previously been a decision mandating the installation of flue gas desulphurization systems in power plants to mitigate these harmful emissions. Initially, a deadline for this installation was set for 2017, but it was later extended to 2026. Now, Ramesh claims that NITI Aayog may be advocating for the complete removal of this deadline.



"It is ridiculous to suggest that sulphur dioxide emissions are of no concern to public health in India, especially when the harmful effects of pollution are starkly visible in our cities," Ramesh stated. His remarks highlight the ongoing debate around air quality management and the responsibilities of regulatory bodies in addressing environmental issues.

The implications of such proposals are significant, as India grapples with severe air pollution challenges, particularly in urban areas where industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and other pollutants contribute to health crises. Ramesh's comments underscore the need for continued investment in cleaner technologies and regulatory measures to protect public health and the environment.

Bibek Debroy, PM Modi's Economic Advisory Council Chief, Passes Away

Bibek Debroy, Chief of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Economic Advisory Council, passed away at the age of 69, leaving a significant void in India's intellectual and public policy landscape. He was admitted to AIIMS on Thursday night with subacute intestinal obstruction and had underlying health issues, including hypertension and diabetes.

A recipient of the Padma Shri award, Debroy was known for his profound contributions across various fields, including economics, history, and cultural studies. He previously served as the Chancellor of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics in Pune and was a member of NITI Aayog until June 2019. His influential work in the railways played a key role in initiating vital reforms in India's largest public sector employer. Debroy authored and edited numerous books and articles, showcasing his commitment to making complex ideas accessible to the general public.



In response to his passing, President Droupadi Murmu expressed her condolences, highlighting Debroy's exceptional understanding of India's socio-economic landscape and his contributions to diverse fields, including the translation of significant scriptures. Prime Minister Modi also paid tribute, recalling Debroy's vast knowledge and passion for academic discourse, stating, "He left an indelible mark on India's intellectual landscape."

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman remembered Debroy's dedication to policy-making and his deep interest in ancient texts, emphasizing his skill in translating Sanskrit literature into English. Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh noted Debroy's ability to explain complex economic issues in an understandable way, marking him as a thought-provoking commentator who contributed significantly to public discourse.

ISRO Launches India's First Analog Space Mission In Leh

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched its inaugural analog space mission, aimed at studying the challenges posed by extraterrestrial conditions for future space explorations. This groundbreaking mission features a compact, inflatable habitat known as Hab-1, which simulates life in an interplanetary environment. It is taking place in Leh, Ladakh, an area chosen for its unique geological features that resemble Martian and lunar landscapes.



ISRO announced the mission with enthusiasm, stating, "India's first analog space mission kicks off in Leh!" The agency highlighted that the mission will help tackle the challenges of establishing a base station beyond Earth. Hab-1 is designed to be self-sustaining,

equipped with essential facilities such as a hydroponics farm, kitchen, and sanitation. This setup will provide valuable data for India's ambitions regarding long-duration missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond.

This mission is a collaborative ef-

fort involving the Human Spaceflight Centre, AAKA Space Studio, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council. Ladakh's cold, arid climate and high altitude offer an ideal testing ground for technologies and strategies essential for extended space missions.

During the mission, scientists will assess new technologies, robotic equipment, vehicles, habitats, and communication systems. They will also investigate power generation, mobility, infrastructure, and storage capabilities. Additionally, Hab-1 will examine the psychological impacts of isolation and confinement on human health and performance.

The insights gained from this analog mission are expected to be pivotal for the future of human-robotic exploration operations. Rajnagar Divisional Forest Officer Sudarshan Gopinath remarked, "This analog mission is a significant step towards understanding the complexities of living on other planets," emphasizing the importance of the findings for upcoming missions.



China's New Astronauts Begin Training for Lunar Exploration

China's fourth generation of astronauts, recently selected, commenced an intensive training program in Beijing this August, as confirmed by Lin Xiqiang, Deputy Director of the China Manned Space Agency. This new cohort includes ten recruits, notably featuring two astronauts from Hong Kong and Macao, enhancing the regional representation within the group.

The training regimen is designed to be comprehensive, incorporating various elements such as physical conditioning, lectures on manned spaceflight, and cultural activities. These components aim to facilitate a smooth transition into their roles while promoting team integration and resilience among the trainees. Over the course of their training, the astronauts will engage in more than 200 programs spanning eight distinct categories. This rigorous preparation is essential for mastering critical lunar surface operations, which are pivotal for China's ambitious plans for manned lunar exploration.

Particular attention is being given to



the astronauts from Hong Kong and Macao. According to a report by China Daily, since their entry into the Astronaut Center of China on August 8, these recruits have undergone specialized sessions focusing on the history of China's space program, as well as language training in Mandarin. Lin Xiqiang highlighted their high levels of enthusiasm and noted that they are successfully integrating with the larger team.

This initiative marks a significant

step in China's ongoing space endeavors, which aim to establish a permanent human presence on the Moon by the end of the decade. As the training progresses, the focus will be on ensuring that all astronauts are well-prepared for the challenges of space travel and the specific demands of lunar missions. With the inclusion of astronauts from diverse regions, China is not only strengthening its space program but also promoting unity within its broader national narrative.



Donald Trump Unstable, Obsessed With Revenge: Kamala Harris

In a bold and unprecedented critique, Vice President Kamala Harris attacked former President Donald Trump during a rally in Las Vegas on Friday, emphasizing his alleged obsession with revenge and desire for unchecked power. With just days to go before the November 5 election, Harris's remarks highlighted a stark contrast between her vision for America and Trump's approach.

Harris, the Democratic leader of Indian heritage, characterized Trump as a figure driven by "hate" and division. She claimed that if re-elected, he would bring an "enemies list" to the White House, while she would arrive with a "to-do list" focused on improving the lives of Americans. "We all know who Donald Trump is," she stated. "He is increasingly unstable, obsessed with revenge, and out for unchecked power."

Joined by singer Jennifer Lopez at the rally, Harris underscored her commitment to prioritizing the needs of the people. She declared that her top focus would be reducing the cost of living, asserting, "If I am elected, I will walk in with a 'to-do list' on behalf of you."

Harris positioned herself as a leader who values dialogue and inclusion, contrasting sharply with Trump's rhetoric. "Unlike Donald Trump, I do not believe that people who disagree with me are the enemy. He wants to put them in jail. I want to give them a seat at the table," she stated, pledging to prioritize the country over party interests.

Addressing economic issues, she promised to make housing more affordable, cut taxes for small businesses, and lower healthcare costs. "I see the promise of America in everyone here," she emphasized, reinforcing her vision for a united nation.

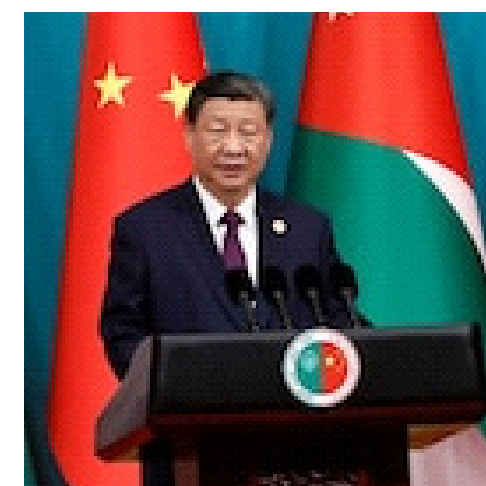
Harris also criticized Trump's comments regarding women, stating that his assertion about protecting women "whether they like it or not" demonstrated a fundamental misunderstanding of women's rights. "He does not understand women's rights to make decisions about their own lives, including their own bodies," she said.

With the election approaching, Harris's remarks reflect the intense and closely contested nature of the race, particularly in key battleground states.

China's Expanding Influence in Africa: Economic and Security Dynamics

China's engagement in Africa is largely driven by economic goals, primarily through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). However, these economic pursuits are closely intertwined with security considerations, highlighting the complex political landscape of the region.

Traditionally, China has participated in UN peacekeeping operations within Africa, but its recent security initiatives have broadened significantly. One of the key methods for this engagement is the use of private security companies (PSCs). Although these companies were legalized in China in 2009, their presence in Africa dates back to the 1990s. With the expansion of the BRI, particularly in infrastructure development,



Chinese PSCs have gained prominence, especially following attacks on Chinese nationals involved in BRI projects in unstable regions like the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic.

By 2021, around 20-30 PSCs were operating in BRI countries, with Africa hosting the largest number. These companies primarily aim to protect Chinese investments and personnel, distinguishing their role from that of military operations like those of Russia's Wagner Group. Despite being private entities, Chinese PSCs remain

closely linked to the People's Liberation Army, reflecting China's broader military ambitions under Xi Jinping.

China has established its first overseas military base in Djibouti, highlighting its strategic interests in Africa. The country is reportedly considering the development of military bases in up to 13 African nations, indicating Africa's significance in China's global security strategy.

Additionally, China's security cooperation with African countries includes professional military education (PME) programs and participation in multilateral security forums. This initiative aims to stabilize the region while securing access to markets and resources. Reports suggest that over 50 African nations have engaged in Chinese-led PME, enhancing military ties and promoting Chinese governance models.

China's Global Security Initiative (GSI) seeks to create a new security framework in Africa, focusing on military cooperation, counterterrorism, and peacekeeping, but it notably lacks emphasis on human rights. Concerns are growing about the potential for increased Chinese military influence in Africa, which may undermine regional sovereignty and empower authoritarian regimes. As China rises as a key defense partner in Africa, its security strategies are poised to have lasting implications for the continent's stability and governance.

"Israel's Attacks Suggest Rejection Of Ceasefire": Lebanon Prime Minister



Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati has condemned Israel's recent escalation of military actions against his country, characterizing it as a blatant rejection of ongoing efforts to negotiate a ceasefire amidst a protracted conflict. In a statement made on Friday, Mikati pointed to the expansion of Israeli attacks as clear indicators of Israel's unwillingness to engage in diplomatic resolutions.

"The Israeli enemy's renewed expansion of the scope of its aggression on Lebanese regions, its repeated threats to the population to evacuate entire cities and villages, and its renewed targeting of the southern suburbs of Beirut with destructive raids are all indicators that confirm the Israeli enemy's rejection of all efforts being made to secure a ceasefire," Mikati asserted.

His remarks came shortly after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held discussions with visiting U.S. officials regarding potential terms to end the ongoing conflict. Mikati emphasized that Israel's recent diplomatic maneuvers appeared to undermine prospects for peace. "Israeli statements and diplomatic signals that Lebanon received confirm Israel's stubbornness in rejecting the proposed solutions and insisting on the approach of killing and destruction," he stated.

Since hostilities flared up on September 23, the conflict has resulted in at least 1,829 fatalities in Lebanon, according to an AFP tally based on health ministry data. The humanitarian toll has raised international concerns about the escalating violence and its impact on civilians.

Mikati's concerns were echoed in a recent communication from U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein, who indicated during a phone call that a ceasefire could potentially be reached before the upcoming U.S. elections on November 5. However, the situation remains tense, with the Lebanese Prime Minister calling for urgent action to secure peace and protect the lives of Lebanese citizens amid the ongoing conflict.

The volatile situation in Lebanon underscores the complex dynamics of the region and the challenges faced in achieving lasting peace. As diplomatic efforts continue, the plight of civilians caught in the crossfire remains a pressing concern for both Lebanese officials and the international community.

Iran Plans 'Harsh, Unimaginable' Retaliation Against Israeli Airstrikes

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has instructed military officials to ready forces for a potential retaliatory attack against Israel following recent airstrikes that targeted Iranian military installations. This escalation marks a significant increase in hostilities between the two nations, which have been engaged in a series of reciprocal strikes.

Last week, the Israeli Air Force conducted operations aimed at neutralizing anti-aircraft batteries and radar installations within Iran, asserting that these strikes effectively diminished key military capabilities. In response, Iranian officials have issued stern warnings, describing any future actions by Israel as likely to provoke "harsh" and "unimaginable" retaliation. The heightened rhetoric reflects a growing resolve within Iran to respond decisively to perceived threats.



Military analysts suggest that Iran's response may be strategically timed to follow the upcoming U.S. elections on November 5. This timing could be intended to capitalize on any shifts in U.S. foreign policy or to gauge the international community's reactions in the wake of the electoral outcomes.

Will Stand With Hindu Canadians: PM Trudeau

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offered warm Diwali wishes to the Hindu community on Thursday, emphasizing solidarity amid ongoing diplomatic tensions between India and Canada related to the rise of Khalistani extremism. In his message, Trudeau highlighted the importance of Diwali and its celebrations among one of Canada's largest and most diverse diasporas.

"Happy Diwali! Today, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain families will celebrate the triumph of light over darkness with festivities, candles, diyas, and fireworks," Trudeau wrote on X. He extended his best wishes for joy and prosperity during this significant time, acknowledging the cultural richness that the various communities bring to Canada.

Trudeau's message comes at a time when relations between India and Canada are strained, following allegations of increasing Khalistani extremism in Canada, which the Indian government has criticized. Despite these tensions, Trudeau's Diwali wishes reflect an effort to maintain ties with the Indo-Canadian community, which plays a vital role in the multicultural fabric of the nation.

The Prime Minister's remarks resonate with the spirit of Diwali, a festival symbolizing hope, renewal, and the victory of good over evil.





India's coal production rises 7.4% in October

New Delhi: India's coal production witnessed a robust increase of 7.4% in October 2024, reaching 84.45 million tonnes (MT), up from 78.57 MT in the same month last year. This surge in production reflects the government's ongoing efforts to bolster domestic coal supply amidst rising energy demands.

The cumulative coal dispatch from April to October 2024 also reported a notable rise, climbing to 571.39 MT compared to 541.51 MT during the same period in 2023-24. This increase in dispatch underscores the resilience of the coal sector, which remains a critical component of India's energy infrastructure.

The growth in coal production and dispatch is



essential for meeting the country's energy requirements, especially with the approaching winter season, when demand for heating and electricity typically spikes. The government has been prioritizing coal production to ensure

that power plants have adequate fuel supplies to avoid shortages and maintain stable energy delivery.

Several factors contributed to this growth in coal output, including improved operational efficiencies in coal mines and enhanced logistics. The Ministry of Coal has emphasized the importance of increasing production capacity and streamlining supply chains to support the growing energy needs of the nation.

Furthermore, initiatives aimed at ramping up exploration and investment in the coal sector are beginning to yield results. The focus on sustainable mining practices and the integration of technology in coal extraction and management

have also played a role in boosting production levels.

As India continues to navigate its energy transition, the coal sector remains pivotal in providing a reliable energy source while balancing environmental considerations. The recent growth in coal production and dispatch illustrates the sector's critical role in supporting the country's economic development and energy security.

Overall, the positive trends in coal production and dispatch are encouraging signs for both the industry and the broader economy, indicating a solid foundation for continued growth in the coming months.

Surge in Fuel Consumption Reflects India's Economic Growth



India's fuel consumption saw significant growth in October 2024, with petrol, aviation turbine fuel, and LPG usage all increasing compared to the same month last year. Petrol sales surged by 7.3%, while LPG consumption jumped 7.5%, and jet fuel demand rose by 2.5%. These trends are indicative of rising demand in a rapidly growing economy, particularly during the festive season.

According to data from public sector oil companies, petrol sales from Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum—together accounting for over 90%

of the market—rose by 3.1 million tonnes, up from 2.87 million tonnes in October 2023. This increase aligns with the growing popularity of cars, SUVs, and two-wheelers across both urban and rural sectors.

The uptick in air travel, driven by a burgeoning middle class enjoying higher economic growth, contributed to a rise in jet fuel consumption, which reached 647,700 tonnes in October. Domestic airlines reported flying 13 million passengers in September, reflecting a 6.38% increase from the previous year.

In the cooking gas sector, LPG sales climbed to 2.82 million tonnes, marking a 7.5% year-on-year increase. The rise in LPG consumption is largely attributed to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), which has provided over 103 million deposit-free LPG connections to women from disadvantaged households.

Launched in 2019, PMUY aimed to enhance access to cleaner cooking fuel, and its success has led to the introduction of Ujjwala 2.0, which continues to expand LPG availability. Efforts to promote LPG usage through awareness campaigns have also contributed to increased per capita consumption among beneficiaries. Overall, these trends highlight a growing demand for fuels amid India's economic expansion.



SEBI Proposes Changes to NFO Filing Procedures for Mutual Funds

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has put forth new proposals aimed at enhancing the regulatory filing process for new fund offers (NFOs) by mutual funds. This move is designed to safeguard the innovative concepts presented by fund houses in their new schemes.

Under the proposed changes, if a fund house introduces an innovative scheme with unique features, SEBI will allow it to keep certain details confidential. Specifically, the scheme information document (SID) will only be made public five working days prior to the scheme's launch. According to the consultation paper released on Wednesday, asset management companies (AMCs) will now be required to submit the initial draft of the SID exclusively to SEBI. This adjustment addresses concerns that the current system facilitates competitors in replicating investment ideas. Presently, AMCs must upload a draft SID before launching an NFO, which contains crucial details about the new fund. SEBI observed that once a draft SID is published on its website, other AMCs often follow suit, leading to a situation where a competitor's NFO may launch

before the original innovator's fund. Consequently, the AMC that conceived the idea risks losing its first-mover advantage.

Furthermore, SEBI noted that the processing time for SIDs has significantly improved, with observation letters typically issued within 21 working days from the application's receipt.

In a separate proposal, SEBI also emphasized that AMCs must outline achievable timelines in the SID concerning the deployment of funds according to the specified asset allocation of the scheme. It suggested that AMCs should aim to deploy the funds raised during the NFO within 30 business days following the allotment of units. If an AMC is unable to meet this timeline, they must provide written explanations, including details of the efforts made to deploy the funds, to their Investment Committee.

These proposed changes reflect SEBI's commitment to fostering innovation in the mutual fund industry while ensuring fair practices and transparency for investors.

Adani Power Suspends Half of Supply to Bangladesh Over Unpaid Bills

Adani Power Jharkhand Limited (APJL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Power, has significantly reduced its power supply to Bangladesh due to outstanding bills totaling USD 846 million. Reports from local media indicate that the company cut its supply by half on Thursday night, leading to a considerable power shortfall in Bangladesh, which experienced a deficit of over 1,600 megawatts (MW) as a result.

According to data from Power Grid Bangladesh PLC, the Adani plant, which has a capacity of 1,496 MW, is now generating only 700 MW from a single unit. This drastic reduction has raised concerns about the reliability of power supply in the region.

Earlier, Adani Power had communicated with the Bangladesh Power De-

velopment Board (PDB), demanding that outstanding dues be cleared by October 30. In a letter dated October 27, the company warned that failure to settle the bills would force them to take "remedial action" under the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which could include suspending power supply altogether after October 31. The letter pointed out that the PDB had not provided a letter of credit (LC) for USD 170.03 million from Bangladesh Krishi Bank, nor had it cleared the total outstanding amount.

A PDB official explained that while they had previously settled a portion of the dues, Adani Power had raised its charges since July. The PDB has been making weekly payments of approximately USD 18 million, while the current charges exceed USD 22 million. This discrepancy has caused

the outstanding payments to balloon once again. Additionally, the official noted that a payment submitted to Krishi Bank last week was hindered by a dollar shortage, preventing the bank from opening a letter of credit.

The situation has been further complicated by a supplementary agreement signed last year, which initially required Adani to charge coal prices lower than those of other coal-fired plants. With the expiration of this one-year agreement, Adani has reverted to charging according to the original PPA, exacerbating the financial strain on the PDB.

As this issue unfolds, it remains to be seen how both parties will navigate this critical financial impasse and its implications for power supply stability in Bangladesh.

India's Gross GST Collection in October 2024 Jumps 8.9%



India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection for October 2024 reached Rs 1,87,346 crore, marking an impressive 8.9% increase compared to the same month last year. This figure represents the highest collection in the past six months, highlighting a positive trend in economic activity and tax compliance.

On a month-to-month basis, GST collections rose by 8.1%, further underscoring the growing strength of the economy. In October 2023, the GST collection stood at Rs 1,72,000 crore, showcasing a consistent upward trajectory in tax revenues.

Experts attribute this increase to enhanced economic activities across various sectors. Abhishek Jain, the indirect tax head and partner at KPMG,

commented that nearing Rs 1.9 lakh crore in GST collections, along with a more than 10% rise in collections from domestic supplies, signifies the resilience of the Indian economy. He noted the encouraging growth in the processing of GST refunds during this month, which indicates improved efficiency in tax administration.

The rise in GST collections is a positive indicator for the government as it strives to maintain fiscal health and fund various developmental initiatives. Enhanced compliance measures and better monitoring of tax submissions have likely contributed to this improvement.

The data suggests that businesses are increasingly adapting to the GST framework, reflecting a broader accep-

tance of this indirect tax system.

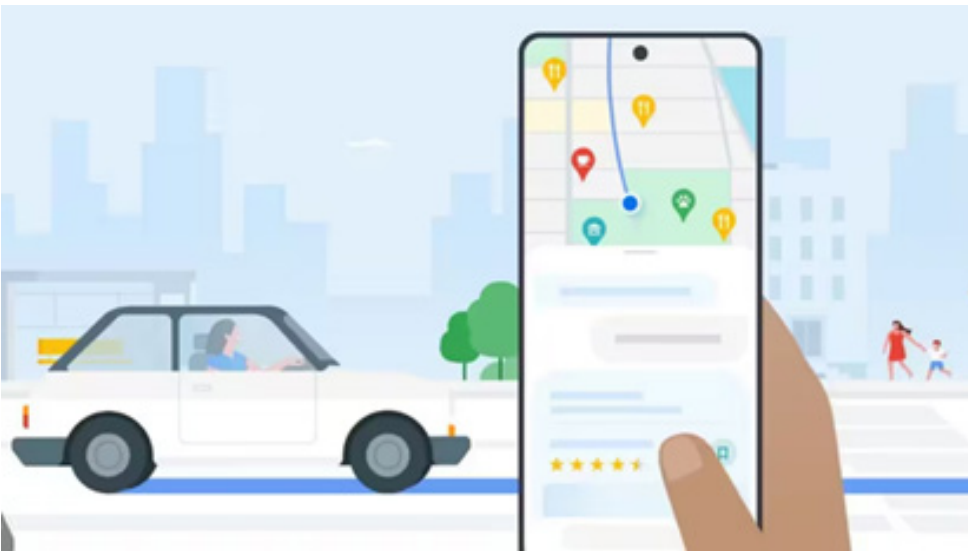
The robust GST figures are also crucial as the government prepares for upcoming financial policies and budgetary allocations. With the festive season approaching, sustained economic activity is essential for further revenue growth. As businesses ramp up operations to meet seasonal demands, GST collections may continue to rise in the coming months.

In conclusion, the surge in GST collections for October 2024 is a promising sign for the Indian economy, reflecting improved tax compliance and economic vitality. Continued monitoring and support for businesses will be vital to sustaining this momentum and ensuring long-term fiscal stability.



Google Maps Introduces New AI-Powered Features with Gemini

Google Maps is rolling out several exciting new features enhanced by Gemini AI, aimed at providing users with more relevant navigation information and curated local experiences. Announced recently, these updates are set to improve how users explore their surroundings and plan their travels.



One of the standout features is called **Inspirations**, which allows users to ask Google Maps for recommendations on activities in a specific area. For example, a user might inquire about “things to do with friends at night,” and the AI will generate a list of options, highlighting venues with live music, special events, and more. Each suggestion appears in an easy-to-digest card format, making it simple to browse through various activities.

Moreover, users can engage with the app to ask specific questions about the recommended places, such as whether they are wheelchair accessible or family-friendly. This inter-

active feature ensures that users get tailored information that meets their needs, enhancing the overall experience of discovering new locations.

In addition to Inspirations, Google is expanding its **Immersive View**, which provides users with a 3D visualization of nearby structures and real-time weather updates. This feature is being rolled out to 150 cities worldwide, enabling users to get a clearer picture of their destination while planning trips.

According to Google, AI is already playing a crucial role in the app's functionality, enabling more than 100 million updates to the map each day. This capability ensures that users have access to the most current information while navigating.

Meta's AI-Driven Boosts User Engagement on Facebook and Instagram

Meta has announced a notable increase in user screen time on its platforms, Facebook and Instagram, following the implementation of a new AI-driven algorithm. According to a recent report by the Independent, this enhancement has resulted in an eight percent rise in time spent on Facebook and a six percent rise on Instagram. While the report did not specify the exact amount of additional time users are logging, prior data from Statista indicated that Indian users were averaging just under 20 hours per month on Facebook and over 13 hours on Instagram between 2019 and 2021.

Meta's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, is placing significant emphasis on this AI technology. During a recent earnings call, he hinted at plans to introduce a new content feed focused solely on AI-generated material. “I think we're going to add a whole new category of content which is AI-generated or AI-summarized,” he stated, underscoring his commitment to leveraging AI for content creation.

Despite some industry leaders expressing caution regarding the implications of AI, Zuckerberg is advocating for its potential. He has urged the U.S. government to engage actively with AI to foster innovation, emphasizing the need for a collaborative approach. “This is an emerging technology, and there are important equities to balance here,” he noted, suggesting that it would be preferable for American companies to help shape AI standards in collaboration with the government.

Interestingly, Meta opted not to sign a recent AI



Pact that included over 100 companies pledging to prioritize trustworthy AI development, highlighting a divergence in approach within the tech community.

In addition to the focus on AI, Instagram's head, Adam Mosseri, revealed that the platform is intentionally lowering the quality of less popular videos. This strategy, aimed at enhancing user engagement, has faced backlash from users frustrated by the reduced video quality. “If something isn't watched for a long time... we will move to a lower-quality video,” Mosseri explained.

OpenAI Enhances ChatGPT with New Chat History Search Feature



OpenAI, the company led by Sam Altman that developed the widely popular ChatGPT, has introduced several exciting features to both the app and web version since its launch in 2022. Among the most notable additions earlier this year was the ‘Memory’ feature, which allows the AI chatbot to retain and store information from discussions across all chats. While this functionality proved useful, it lacked a crucial aspect: the ability to search through past conversations.

In a recent blog post, OpenAI announced that users of ChatGPT on the web can now enjoy a new chat history search feature, enabling them to quickly and efficiently locate previous discussions. This addition is set to enhance the user experience significantly, allowing for easier navigation of past interactions.

To utilize this new feature, users can simply open ChatGPT in their preferred web browser. From the

left sidebar, they need to click on the search icon, represented by a magnifying glass. Alternatively, users can take advantage of keyboard shortcuts: pressing ‘Ctrl+K’ on Windows or ‘Cmd+K’ on Mac will bring up the search functionality.

Once activated, users can type in keywords or phrases from their past conversations. ChatGPT will then search for the best matches, although it's important to note that, for now, only exact matches are supported. This means users should be specific with their search terms to yield relevant results.

Upon retrieving the search results, users can click on the conversation they wish to revisit, allowing them to read or continue from where they left off. Notably, even if users choose to archive conversations, those chats remain searchable, albeit not visible in the sidebar. However, if a chat is deleted, it will be permanently removed from the chat history.

Indonesia Bans Google Pixel Phones Over Local Rules

Indonesia has announced a ban on the sale of Google Pixel smartphones, citing non-compliance with regulations that require a minimum of 40% of a smartphone's components to be locally manufactured. This decision follows a similar move just days earlier, when the country blocked the sale of Apple's iPhone 16 for the same reason.

Febri Hendri Antoni Arief, spokesperson for Indonesia's Ministry of Industry, emphasized that the government is committed to enforcing these rules to ensure fairness for all investors in the country. “Google's products have not adhered to the scheme we set, so they can't be sold here,” he stated on Thursday.

Currently, Google has indicated that its Pixel phones are not officially distributed within Indonesia. This lack of compliance with local content requirements has led to the prohibition of these devices in the domestic market. While consumers can still purchase Google Pixel phones from overseas, they must adhere to local tax regulations. Additionally, the government has warned that it may deactivate phones that are sold illegally within the country.

The recent ban highlights Indonesia's push to encourage local manufacturing and ensure that international tech companies



contribute to the local economy. By requiring a significant portion of smartphone components to be sourced domestically, the government aims to bolster its manufacturing sector and create a more equitable market for both local and foreign investors.

WhatsApp Launches Custom Lists Feature for Chat Organization

WhatsApp has recently rolled out an exciting new feature that allows users to create and manage custom lists for quicker access to their favorite contacts and groups. This addition follows the introduction of a favorites categorization system, which made it easier for users to filter chats and access important conversations.

In a blog post released on Thursday, WhatsApp announced that the **Custom Lists** feature will be available to users worldwide in the coming weeks. This functionality enables users to group their contacts into personalized lists—such as family, work, or neighborhood—making it easier to find and communicate with specific groups of people. Each custom list can include both one-on-one chats and group conversations, providing a streamlined way to organize and access chats.



To create a custom list, users simply need to click on the “+” icon located within the filter tab. They can then name the list and add any combination of groups

or contacts to it. These lists will be conveniently displayed alongside the existing filters, such as All, Unread, and Groups, enhancing the overall chat experience.

This new feature is particularly beneficial for users with extensive contact lists, as it allows for quicker navigation and more efficient communication. By categorizing contacts and groups, users can swiftly locate important conversations without having to scroll through their entire chat history.

WhatsApp continues to focus on enhancing user experience by introducing features that promote better organization and ease of use. The Custom Lists feature represents a significant step forward in helping users manage their chats more effectively, ultimately improving the overall functionality of the app.



India Struggles as New Zealand Takes Control on Day 1 of 3rd Test

On an eventful Day 1 of the third Test in Mumbai, India found themselves in a precarious position, ending the day at 86/4 and trailing New Zealand by 149 runs. After a disappointing batting performance, India's batsmen faltered dramatically, losing four wickets in just 20 minutes, following New Zealand's dismissal for 235.

The day began with Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar dominating the New Zealand batting lineup, with Jadeja claiming 5/65 and Sundar 4/81. Their efforts ensured that New Zealand crumbled from a promising 159/3 to all out for 235, showcasing their proficiency on a spin-friendly pitch.

Will Young (71) and Daryl Mitchell (82) were the standout performers for New Zealand, but Jadeja's skill in exploiting the conditions turned the tide in India's favor. Young's innings came to a close when Jadeja managed to induce an edge, leading to an easy catch for Rohit Sharma at slip. Mitchell, though he fought valiantly, struggled with the heat and hu-

midity, often needing hydration breaks, yet he played a crucial role in holding the innings together.

In response, India began their innings with high hopes but quickly faced disaster. Rohit Sharma (18) fell victim to a delivery that surprised him, leading to a catch at slip. The team seemed rattled as they lost three wickets in just eight balls. Yashasvi Jaiswal's reckless reverse slog sweep was particularly disappointing, while Virat Kohli's run-out further compounded India's woes.

Jaiswal and Shubman Gill (31 not out) had briefly attempted to stabilize the innings with a 53-run partnership, but the collapse was swift and alarming. With India facing a daunting challenge to keep their World Test Championship hopes alive, the pressure will be on the remaining batsmen to turn things around in the coming days. As the match progresses, India must find a way to rebuild and respond to the mounting pressure from the Kiwis.



KKR to Use Narsingarh Stadium as Second Home Ground in IPL 2025

The Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) are set to play some of their home games at an under-construction international cricket stadium in Narsingarh, Tripura, during the 2025 IPL season. This decision comes as the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata prepares for a significant renovation next year.

According to a Tripura Cricket Association (TCA) official, the international stadium at Narsingarh has been under construction since 2017, with an estimated cost of ₹185 crore. However, it is not yet completed. IPL chairman Arun Kumar Dharmal recently visited the site and indicated that if the stadium is ready by February 2025, it could serve as a secondary home ground for KKR, or another state team may benefit if the timeline is met.

Subarta Dey, secretary of the TCA, emphasized the importance of this opportunity for Tripura, stating, "It's a golden chance to host IPL matches at the proposed stadium." The association has enlisted a reputable construction agency to expedite the project's completion. Dey mentioned that the TCA will closely monitor the progress and will replace the current agency if they fail to meet the deadline, which has already seen the project 80% complete over the past seven years, despite an initial 22-month timeframe.

During a recent TCA general body meeting, members discussed the urgency of completing the stadium. Dey expressed optimism, stating, "If we could finish the stadium's work by February next year, I am confident we can host at least two IPL matches for KKR at the Narsingarh international cricket stadium."

As the IPL season approaches, the focus remains on ensuring the new venue is ready to accommodate fans and players alike, allowing KKR to maintain a strong home-field advantage even during renovations at their traditional home ground.



Alcaraz Upset at Paris Masters as Humbert Advances

World number two Carlos Alcaraz suffered a surprising defeat at the Paris Masters, losing to 18th-ranked Ugo Humbert in the third round. Humbert triumphed with a score of 6-1, 3-6, 7-5, marking his first victory over Alcaraz after two earlier losses this year. Alcaraz, who struggled to find his rhythm, acknowledged that he "was not up to the level" of his opponent.

The match was challenging for Alcaraz, who found himself trailing 0-5 in the opening set before finally securing a game. "It was a very intense match. I started with some doubts about my game," he said. He praised Humbert's aggressive playing style, noting, "Ugo's performance was really high. The way he hits the ball is incredible."

Humbert, proud of his performance, expressed excitement about the match atmosphere, stating, "It was a crazy match, a crazy atmosphere." The Frenchman, who has claimed titles in Marseille and Dubai this year, now advances to face Australia's Jordan Thompson for a chance to reach the semi-finals.

Alcaraz's recent performances have been tumultuous, highlighted by a disappointing second-half of the season following his loss in the Paris Olympics final to Novak Djokovic. He faced early exits at both the US Open and Shanghai Masters, and this latest defeat raises questions about his form heading into the end of the season.

India Falls to Pakistan in Thrilling Hong Kong Sixes Match



The Indian team, led by Robin Uthappa, faced a tough defeat against arch-rivals Pakistan, losing by six wickets in the Hong Kong Sixes 2024 tournament on Friday. The match, held at the Tin Kwong Road Cricket Ground in Hong Kong, showcased a high-scoring affair filled with explosive batting from both sides.

Batting first, the Men in Blue set a formidable target, amassing 119 runs in their six overs. Bharat Chipli was the standout performer, smashing 53 runs off just 16 balls, demonstrating his aggressive style of play. Uthappa himself contributed significantly, scoring 31 runs from a mere 8 deliveries, helping to propel India to a competitive total.

In response, Pakistan's chase was nothing short of sensational. Asif Ali was the star of the innings, blasting an impressive 55 runs off just 14 balls, displaying incredible power hitting. His quick-fire knock set the tone for the chase, and he was well supported by Muhammad Akhlaq, who added 40 runs from 12 balls. The partnership proved crucial as they kept the run rate soaring.

Faheem Ashraf then stepped in to seal the deal for Pakistan, finishing off the innings with an over to spare. The combination of swift runs and strategic batting ultimately led to Pakistan's victory, much to the delight of their supporters.



Historic Welcome for New Zealand Women's Team After World Cup Triumph

The New Zealand women's cricket team, known as the White Ferns, received an extraordinary welcome upon returning home as the shortest World Cup champions in history. Their remarkable achievement of clinching the World Cup trophy has ended a long wait for the team and its fans, and the homecoming was nothing short of celebratory.

The team, led by captain Sophie Devine, arrived back in New Zealand on Friday after a challenging ODI series against India, where they faced significant defeats. However, the focus of their return was on their historic World Cup victory, and the New Zealand cricket board organized a grand reception to honor the champions. Fans turned out in large numbers to applaud the White Ferns, creating an atmosphere filled with pride and joy.

During the reception, Sophie Devine and her teammates interacted with young fans, sharing insights about their journey and the significance of their success. Devine took the time to engage with children, making them feel part of this monumental achievement. Videos from the event quickly went viral on social media, showcasing the warm and enthusiastic reception the team received.

The historic win has not only elevated the status of women's cricket in New Zealand but has also inspired a new generation of players and fans. The White Ferns' triumph serves as a reminder of the hard work and dedication that goes into achieving such milestones in sports. As they bask in the glory of their victory, the team is also looking ahead to future challenges and opportunities to build on this success.

The overwhelming support from fans and the cricketing community reflects the impact of their achievement, and the White Ferns are now seen as role models for aspiring athletes.



Venkatesh Sankranthiki Vasthunnam First Look

The success of "Bhagavanth Kesari" has solidified director Anil Ravipudi's reputation for skillfully handling unique concepts while delivering engaging entertainment. His next venture, "Sankranthiki Vasthunnam," marks a continued collaboration with actor Venkatesh, promising yet another distinctive cinematic experience.

The film's intriguing title, "Sankranthiki Vasthunnam," sets the stage for a story that melds festive elements with darker themes. The first look poster, which features vibrant Rangoli designs alongside a gun, perfectly encapsulates this balance, hinting at a narrative that is both celebratory and intense.

In the poster, Venkatesh is seen in a white lungi, sporting a serious expression while wielding shades and a gun, suggesting a layered character. He is joined by Aishwarya Rajesh, who embodies traditional grace, and Meenakshi Chaudhary, who brings a modern flair to the ensemble. The detailed crime board in the backdrop hints at a complex storyline, capturing the audience's attention right from the start.

In "Sankranthiki Vasthunnam," Venkatesh portrays an ex-cop, adding depth to his character as he navigates a world filled with challenges. Aishwarya Rajesh and Meenakshi Chaudhary will play pivotal roles as his wife and former lover, respectively, further enriching the narrative with their dynamic interactions. The film is produced by Shirish and presented by Dil Raju of Sri Venkateswara Creations.

Set to release during the festive season, "Sankranthiki Vasthunnam" promises to blend celebration with suspense, making it a highly anticipated project. With Anil Ravipudi at the helm and a talented cast, audiences can expect a captivating film that pushes the boundaries of conventional storytelling.



'Kubera' Teaser Date Announced

Shekhar Kammula's latest venture, 'Kubera,' is generating significant buzz in Tollywood, especially with its star-studded cast. Featuring the talents of Akkineni Nagarjuna and Dhanush as the leading men, alongside national crush Rashmika Mandanna as the heroine, the film has captured the audience's attention. The striking posters released so far have only heightened anticipation for the movie.

In a recent announcement, the film unit revealed that the much-awaited teaser for 'Kubera' will be released on November 15. Along with this exciting news, a new poster was unveiled, showcasing Nagarjuna, Dhanush, and Rashmika Mandanna, which has impressed fans and sparked curiosity about the film's storyline and tone.

As the production approaches its final stages, the audience is keenly awaiting the teaser to get a glimpse of what Kammula has in store. Known for his engaging storytelling and unique narratives, the director's approach to 'Kubera' is one of the many aspects that has piqued interest. Fans are eager to discover how this film will unfold and what themes it will explore.

Moreover, the film is being positioned as a Pan-India release, aiming to reach a wider audience across different regions. The music, composed by the talented Devisree Prasad, adds another layer of excitement, as his previous work has been well-received in various films.

With all these elements in play—an impres-



sive cast, a revered director, and promising music—the expectations for 'Kubera' are soaring. As the teaser release date approaches, fans are left wondering about the film's potential success at the box office and the kind of story Kammula aims to tell. The countdown has begun, and the excitement continues to build!



New Romantic Poster from 'Pushpa-2' Unveiled

Fans of Allu Arjun are eagerly awaiting the release of 'Pushpa-2,' directed by Sukumar, with the film now set to hit theaters worldwide on December 5. This announcement comes as a delightful surprise, as it was initially slated for a December 6 release. To mark the festive occasion of Diwali, the makers unveiled a romantic poster featuring Rashmika Mandanna and Allu Arjun, which has since gone viral among fans.

Following the massive success of 'Pushpa: The Rise,' which established itself as a blockbuster on a Pan-India scale, expectations for 'Pushpa-2: The Rule' have skyrocketed. The film is poised to make history as one of the biggest releases in Indian cinema, with plans to showcase it in 11,500 screens across six languages. This includes an impressive 5,000 screens overseas and 6,500 screens within India, signaling the film's expansive reach.

Rashmika Mandanna reprises her role as the

female lead, joined by a talented ensemble cast featuring Fahadh Faasil, Rao Ramesh, Anasuya Bharadwaj, and Jagapathi Babu in pivotal roles. The music for the film is being composed by Devi Sri Prasad, a collaboration that fans are particularly excited about. Cinematography is being handled by Kuba, a Polish cameraman, adding a fresh perspective to the visual storytelling.

In addition to the main cast, there are rumors of Bollywood beauty Shraddha Kapoor making a special appearance in a song, with filming for this sequence set to begin on November 4. Following this, fans can look forward to a new trailer releasing in the second week of November, as promotional activities ramp up.

With all these elements in place, 'Pushpa-2' is shaping up to be a major cinematic event. The excitement surrounding the film is palpable, and fans are counting down the days to its highly anticipated release.

Odela 2 Poster : Rakshas Arrives

Director Sampath Nandi is at the helm of "Odela 2," the much-anticipated sequel starring Tamannaah Bhatia. Following the success of the prequel, which was directed by Ashok Teja, this new installment promises to build on the original's popularity. Early glimpses of Tamannaah as Shiva Shakthi have garnered an enthusiastic response, showcasing her in a powerful and captivating light.

In a thrilling reveal timed for the Diwali festivities, the filmmakers also unveiled the first look of Vasishtha N Simha, who takes on the character of Rakshas. The imagery presents him in a striking and eerie manner, with his face partially obscured by a skull, making him almost unrecognizable. This haunting



first look sets the tone for what appears to be a truly frightening portrayal, raising excitement for the character's role in the film.

The project is being produced collaboratively by Madhu Creations and Sampath Nandi Teamworks, signaling a significant investment in its development. The music is being

composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, while Soundar Rajan handles the cinematography, both of whom are expected to elevate the film's overall impact.

With its compelling characters and the creative minds behind it, "Odela 2" is shaping up to be a remarkable addition to the genre. Tamannaah's transformation into Shiva Shakthi, alongside Vasishtha N Simha's chilling portrayal of Rakshas, promises an engaging narrative filled with suspense and drama. As the release date approaches, fans are eagerly anticipating what this talented team has crafted, hoping to deliver a sequel that captures the essence of the original while venturing into new, thrilling territories.

Mohanlal's "L2: Empuraan" Set for Theatrical Release in 2025

Superstar Mohanlal's highly anticipated sequel, "L2: Empuraan" (L2E), directed by Prithviraj Sukumaran, is generating buzz as it moves closer to its release. This film marks a significant milestone, as it will be the debut venture of the renowned production house, Lyca Productions, in the Mollywood industry.

The filmmakers have officially announced that "L2: Empuraan" will hit theaters on March 27, 2025. As the second installment in the "Lucifer" franchise, this sequel is set to be released in multiple Indian languages, including Telugu, broadening its appeal across the country and reaching a diverse audience. Currently in production, the team is gearing up for an exciting promotional campaign that will build anticipation leading up to the release.

