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Unexploded Political Bombs in Telangana

Do all Ponguleti bombs explode?
 Bombs that don't explode even after Diwali
 Minister that political bombs will explode before Diwali
 Ponguleti who made sensational comments during his visit to Seoul
 Ponguleti that arrests will be made from No.1 to 8
 Minister that they have full evidence
 Did Ponguleti make those comments just for space in the media?
 Will there really be arrests in a few days?



TPN , Telangana : Diwali may be over, but Telangana politics remains heated as recent remarks by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy have sparked intense discussion across the state. During a recent visit to Seoul, Ponguleti made an intriguing statement, suggesting that "political bombs" would explode before Diwali, leading to the imminent arrests of high-profile leaders. Yet, with Diwali now behind, no such "bombs" have gone off, leaving citizens and political observers questioning what Ponguleti's comments truly meant.

Ponguleti's statement hinted at a forthcoming crackdown, saying that arrests of leaders ranked "No. 1 to 8" would occur soon and claiming he had solid evidence to support his claims. However, he refrained from naming any specific individuals, fueling further curiosity and speculation among Telangana's populace. While his statements captured public interest, they were met with skepticism from opposing parties. Leaders from the BRS quickly criticized Ponguleti's comments, alleging that they were

mere attempts to attract media attention without any substantive basis. BJP MP Raghunandan Rao also dismissed the remarks, calling them a publicity stunt.

A Counter to BRS's Social Media Campaign?

Some analysts believe Ponguleti's statements were an effort to counter BRS's recent negative allegations surrounding the minister's trip to Seoul. BRS social media channels suggested that Ponguleti and other ministers' overseas visit was a misuse of public funds, alleging they traveled for personal gain under the guise of a beautification project for Hyderabad's Musi River. Rumors circulated that Congress may have urged Ponguleti to make bold remarks as a strategic response to this criticism.

Are Ponguleti's "Bombs" a Hoax or Real Threat?

With no arrests occurring, many are left questioning whether Ponguleti's "political bombs" were merely a bluff. Despite a media frenzy suggesting imminent action against prominent figures such as KTR, none of these speculated events materialized. Adding to the suspense, rumors surfaced that KTR's brother-in-law had held a party where drugs were allegedly discovered, further fueling speculation.



CM Revanth Reddy Urges Complete Overhaul of Telangana Universities

- Universities should be cleansed one hundred percent
- Systems that have been damaged for decades should be restored
- CM's instruction to Council of Higher Education and Vice Chancellors

TPN , Hyderabad : Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has called for a major reform in Telangana's universities, emphasizing the need to restore educational standards and trust that he says have weakened over the past decade. At a recent meeting with the newly appointed Chairman of the Higher Education Council and university Vice-Chancellors, held at his Jubilee Hills residence, Reddy laid out a vision for revitalizing the state's higher education system.

The Chief Minister highlighted that Vice-Chancellor selections were based solely on merit and social inclusion, free from outside influence. He urged the Vice-Chancellors to "work diligently and uphold the government's reputation."

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Revanth Reddy Counters PM Modi, Highlights Major Reforms in Telangana

- There are many misconceptions and untruths in your statements about our government
- There is joy and hope in the entire state under the Congress government
- Revanth Reddy said that two promises were implemented within two days of coming to power

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KTR Condemns Telangana Police Act, Warns of Authoritarianism

- If questioned in Indiramma's kingdom, cases are filed
- If they ask for rights, they resort to threats
- Suspensions are being done if you fight... KTR is angry that this is a dictatorial state



TPN , Hyderabad - K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), the BRS Working President, has strongly criticized the implementation of the Police Act across Telangana, likening the current political climate to the oppressive emergency days of the past. In a post on the social media platform

X, KTR expressed concerns that the freedoms enjoyed by the citizens of Telangana for the last decade are under threat.

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Telangana's Voter Registration Surpasses 3.34 Crore

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However, excise officials later clarified that no drugs were found at the event, and Hyderabad Commissioner CV Anand imposed IPC Section 163 for stricter regulations across Hyderabad, which some interpreted as an indirect response to Ponguleti's statements.

Public Curiosity and Doubts

Political analysts are divided on the impact of Ponguleti's comments. While some see his statements as an indicator of genuine forthcoming actions, others dismiss them as mere political theater aimed at boosting Ponguleti's visibility. With no arrests yet, the public is left wondering if Ponguleti's comments were a calculated move to captivate voters or if they genuinely foreshadow an impending shake-up in Telangana's political landscape.

Whether Ponguleti's remarks were based on fact or strategy, they have undoubtedly stirred public interest. If arrests do follow, they could signal a major upheaval in Telangana politics. If not, his remarks will be remembered as a moment of heightened intrigue that, in the end, was only a political tactic.

CM Revanth Reddy Urges Complete Overhaul of Telangana Universities

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Reddy directed the universities to conduct a comprehensive assessment of current conditions and suggested hiring consultancies to prepare a report on necessary reforms. He pledged government support for initiatives to improve standards, though he cautioned that "surprising decisions" might be made if issues persist.

Addressing concerns about rising drug use on campuses, CM Reddy instructed officials to monitor the sale of drugs and marijuana in universities, urging them to counsel and support affected students.

The Chief Minister concluded by encouraging the Vice-Chancellors to lead with integrity, aiming to make a lasting impact on Telangana's educational landscape.

KTR Condemns Telangana Police Act, Warns of Authoritarianism

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"Emergency days seem to have returned to Telangana," KTR stated. "In our democratic state, people are once again hearing the sound of authoritarian footsteps. Under Indiramma's rule, questioning leads to legal repercussions, and demanding rights is met with intimidation." He condemned the government's tactics as dictatorial, noting that individuals who protest or advocate for their rights face suspensions and punitive measures.

KTR accused the Congress government of erecting "blockades" that hinder democratic expression and emphasized Telangana's history of resilience. "There is a spirit of struggle in every part of Telangana. We will fight to restore a democratic environment," he asserted.

He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to reconsider the extensive enforcement of the Police Act. KTR warned that if these repressive measures are not lifted, he will mobilize a movement against them. His remarks highlight the increasing political tensions in the state and the ongoing debate over civil liberties under the current administration.

Revanth Reddy Counters PM Modi, Highlights Major Reforms in Telangana

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issued a strong rebuttal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent comments on Telangana's governance, addressing them on the social media platform X. CM Revanth accused the Center of spreading misconceptions about his administration, asserting that Telangana has witnessed a new era of progress since the Congress took office on December 7, 2023, following nearly a decade of BRS rule.



In his response, Revanth highlighted the swift implementation of key promises by his government within days of assuming office. He noted that free bus

travel for women was introduced immediately, benefiting millions across the state. "Under Rajiv Arogyashri, we've provided health-

care coverage of up to Rs 10 lakh, with sisters and mothers of Telangana traveling without paying a single rupee in the past 11

months," he said. Over 101 crore free bus trips have reportedly been made statewide, resulting in savings of Rs 3,433.36 crore for women.

Revanth also emphasized his government's landmark farmer loan waiver, stating, "We implemented India's largest state-level farmer loan waiver, allowing 22.22 lakh farmers to live debt-free." All loans up to Rs 2 lakh were waived, with Rs 18,000 crore deposited directly into farmers' accounts within 25 days. Additionally, he highlighted free electricity up to 200 units for households, which he claimed has brought significant relief to families across Telangana.

Telangana Government Announces Selection Process for Indiramma Houses



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana government has officially unveiled the selection process for beneficiaries of the Indiramma Houses, confirming that the allotment will occur in four phases. Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Red-

dy announced the launch of a dedicated app to facilitate the selection process, ensuring that it is efficient and transparent.

The construction of each house will cover an area of 400 square feet, with the government providing Rs 5 lakh to beneficiaries who own land. Minister Ponguleti emphasized that the selection criteria will be unbiased, allowing eligible individuals access to Indiramma houses regardless of their political affiliations or regions. The scheme is expected to roll out soon, with final preparations underway.

To accommodate rural populations, the app will feature a Telugu version. Minister Ponguleti directed officials to leverage technology at every stage, from beneficiary selection to house completion. The government aims to provide an Indiramma house to ev-

ery homeless individual in Telangana, with plans to build between 3,500 and 4,000 houses in the first phase alone. Over the next four years, the target is to construct a total of 20 lakh houses.

Despite these advancements, tensions have emerged regarding the formation of Indiramma Committees, as BRS representatives in several villages are clashing with Congress leaders who demand their exclusion from the committees. This situation has created challenges for local authorities.

Responding to speculation about Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's potential replacement, Minister Ponguleti asserted that Revanth would remain in office for the entire term, dismissing opposition claims as unfounded and politically motivated.

Harish Rao Criticizes Revanth Reddy's Claims in Letter to Modi

TPN , Hyderabad : Former minister and BRS leader Harish Rao has launched a scathing counterattack against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy following Reddy's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting the schemes and development initiatives in Telangana. Rao criticized the Congress government for failing to deliver on numerous promises made to the electorate. In a detailed post on Twitter, Harish Rao pointed out that during the BRS's nine-year administration, 161,000 jobs were filled, contrasting this with the 50,000 jobs that Reddy claims were appointed after assuming office, which he argues were initiated while the BRS was still in power. He emphasized that the job appointment process was hindered by the Election Code, not by the BRS.



Rao also expressed concern over the Congress government's handling of loan waivers for farmers, claiming many are still waiting for the promised relief. Moreover, Rao highlighted Congress's failure to implement its commitments regarding pensions and financial support for women and students. He pointed out that several welfare schemes initiated under the previous BRS government remain unfulfilled. He tagged Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge in his post, accusing them of deceiving the people of Telangana.

Rao accused Reddy of misleading the public about job fulfillment and questioned the Congress party's commitment to its electoral promises, including the pledge to provide 200,000 jobs in the first year.

Telangana Schools Adjust Hours for Caste Census

TPN , Telangana : The Telangana government has announced new operating hours for primary schools in light of the upcoming caste census, which will begin on November 6. Under the new schedule, primary schools will operate from 9 AM to 1 PM, while high schools will maintain their usual hours.

This change is necessary to allow primary school teachers to participate in the census, which is expected to last for three weeks. The government has assured that midday meals will continue to be provided to students, even with the adjusted hours. Approximately 36,559 secondary grade teachers and 3,414 primary school principals will assist in the caste enumeration. An additional 50,000 employees from the School Education Department, including non-teaching staff, will also participate in the door-to-door survey.

The Planning Department has ordered Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) and Primary School Head Masters (PSHMs) to engage in enumerator duties throughout the day, including on holidays. However, teachers in upper primary and high schools will not be required to participate in the enumeration process, allowing them to continue their regular school activities.

Telangana's Voter Registration Surpasses 3.34 Crore

Final List to Be Announced in January

TPN , Hyderabad : Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy announced that Telangana's final voter count has reached 3,34,26,323, including 8 lakh newly registered voters. This update follows the release of the draft voter list on September 29. Reddy revealed that 4.14 lakh voters were removed from the list, while 4,73,838 youth voters were successfully registered. The number of polling stations across the state has increased to 35,907, with the addition of 551 new stations.

Reddy also clarified that Additional Staff for Temporary duties (ASTs) do not have the right to vote in the Upadhyaya MLC elections. This initiative reflects the Telangana Election Commission's commitment to ensuring a fair and accessible electoral process for all citizens.



Objections to the voter list will be accepted until October 27, with the final list scheduled for publication on January 6, 2025. In an effort to boost voter registration, a special campaign will be held on October 9 and 10, where Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be available at polling stations throughout the day.

Bandi Sanjay Criticizes Congress Guarantees, Claims Unfulfilled Promises

TPN , Hyderabad : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay has asserted that even 10,000 days would not suffice for the Congress party to implement its guarantees, criticizing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for what he termed as a platform of empty promises. Sanjay accused the Congress government of deceiving the people of Telangana with false assurances and alleged that it is demolishing the houses of the poor while purportedly building homes under the Prime Minister's Awas Yojana.



During his address, Sanjay expressed concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the state, highlighting a rise in attacks on temples and a troubling increase in crimes against women, in-

cluding rapes and murders. He further claimed that farmers were misled regarding the promised loan waivers.

Sanjay criticized the Congress for its financial commitments, stating that their unfulfilled promises are driving the state and its citizens deeper into debt. He likened the Congress's plan to give ₹2.5 lakh to every person in Telangana to KCR's previous promise of ₹1 lakh for newborns. He dismissed the Rythu Bharosa scheme and dairy bonuses as ineffective,

stating that many eligible beneficiaries have been left out of schemes such as ₹500 gas cylinders and 200 units of free electricity. Sanjay concluded with a sensational claim that the Musi River would be developed as an additional revenue source, akin to the Kaleswaram project.

Owaisi Critiques BRS Party and TTD Chairman's Remarks on Religious Representation



TPN , Telangana : MIM leader and MP Asaduddin Owaisi has made sensational comments regarding the Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) party, criticizing its lack

of initiatives for the beautification of the Musi River. He challenged the BRS leadership, stating that if they were to reveal their "horoscopes," it would be intolerable for others. Owaisi pointed out that while the BRS accuses him of collaborating with the Congress party, they have previously won significant elections with Congress's support.

In addition to his critique of the BRS, Owaisi responded to the remarks made by BR Naidu, the newly appointed chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board. Naidu claimed that all 24 members of the TTD board should be Hindus and that no non-Hindu workers should be employed at the temple. Owaisi vehemently opposed these statements, asserting that Tirumala is not the personal domain of

any individual. He questioned how it was acceptable to impose restrictions on religious representation in the TTD while simultaneously appointing other religions to positions within the Waqf Board.

Owaisi highlighted the inconsistency in these policies, arguing that if other religions are excluded from key Hindu institutions, it raises concerns about why Muslims should be allowed in the Waqf Board and Waqf Council. His comments underscore the ongoing debate over inclusivity and representation within Telangana's political landscape, reflecting broader societal tensions related to religion and governance. Owaisi's remarks are likely to fuel further discussions on these critical issues in the region.

KTR Emphasizes Telangana's Development Under BRS Government



TPN , Telangana : K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), the Working President of the Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS), has highlighted the significant progress Telangana has made over the past decade, urging citizens to recognize the achievements based on recent figures released by the Central government. He asserted that the accomplishments of the KCR-led administration have been misrepresented as scams.

KTR emphasized that the last ten years have been marked by prosperity, particularly in agriculture and livestock production. He stated that the KCR government has supported all communities, especially those facing caste discrimination, while striving to create employment opportunities and enhance wealth in rural areas. He pointed out the government's initiatives to boost meat and poultry production to meet state demand.

Moreover, KTR emphasized that each project is backed by thorough research and planning aimed at establishing a healthier Telangana. He criticized the Congress party for stopping crucial programs, such as the distribution of sheep and fish, once they came to power. KTR accused the opposition of trying to alter traditional caste professions, asserting that the BRS government will remain committed to promoting inclusive growth and development for all citizens in the state.

BJP MP Dharmapuri Aravind Criticizes Congress and BRS Amid Local Election Preparations

TPN , Telangana : BJP MP Dharmapuri Aravind has launched a scathing attack on both the ruling Congress party and the opposition Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) during his visit to Jagityala on Saturday. In statements to the media, he alleged that a 7% commission is being demanded for the release of bills, underscoring corruption within the government.

Aravind claimed that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) has severely degraded Telangana in various aspects and accused the newly formed Congress government of failing to deliver any tangible benefits to the populace. He mocked the idea of KTR's proposed padayatra, suggesting that if it were to happen, it would result in KTR receiving "kicks" from the people, reflecting widespread dissatisfaction with his leadership.

He criticized the Congress for its failure to complete any significant projects after a year in power and stated that the party's promises have only exacerbated the poverty created under KCR's administration. Emphasizing the BJP's position as the only viable alternative to Congress, Aravind expressed confidence that the BJP would secure victories in the upcoming local elections once the schedule is released.



TPCC Chief Responds to BJP's Chief Minister Comments: 'We Will Not Sit Still'



TPN , Telangana : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud has strongly rebuffed comments made by Telangana BJP Legislature Party Leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy, who suggested that the state would soon see a new Chief Minister. Reddy claimed that CM Revanth Reddy has been unable to secure meetings with Congress leaders, stating that Rahul Gandhi has not granted an appointment to Reddy in the past seven months, and that even Priyanka Gandhi declined a meeting when Reddy visited Kerala.

In response, Goud expressed anger over Reddy's remarks, asserting that such comments are unfounded, especially while Reddy is still in office. He emphasized that CM Revanth Reddy's government is functioning smoothly and effectively alongside senior ministers.

Goud questioned Maheshwar Reddy's understanding of the internal dynamics within the Congress party, suggesting he should reflect on the respect he commands within the BJP. He stated that the TPCC will not remain passive in the face of other parties' comments and affirmed that the priority of the Congress party is to deliver effective governance to the public, rather than focusing on who occupies the Chief Minister's position.

Mallu Ravi Defends CM Revanth Reddy Against BJP's Change Claims

TPN , Telangana : Congress party leader and Nagar Kurnool MP Mallu Ravi has responded strongly to comments made by BJP Legislative Assembly Party Leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy, who suggested that a change in Chief Minister is imminent in Telangana. Ravi firmly stated that CM Revanth Reddy is poised to remain in his position for another ten years, dismissing Reddy's remarks as a display of political ignorance.

Ravi criticized Maheshwar Reddy's allegations against the Congress gov-

ernment and emphasized that such claims reflect a lack of understanding of the political landscape. He suggested that Reddy's statements indicate his own insecurities within the BJP, a party he claims is grappling with increasing internal divisions.

In a pointed remark, Ravi stated that the mention of changing horoscopes regarding the Chief Minister is merely an attempt to distract from the growing discord within the BJP. He reinforced his confidence in Reddy's leadership and the Congress party's stability in Telangana.



Srinivas Goud Pledges Support for BC Reservations Legislation



TPN , Telangana : BRS leader and former minister Srinivas Goud expressed his full support for the Congress government if it enacts a law to secure reservations for backward classes (BCs). During a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Saturday, he highlighted that without legislative backing, the reservation for BCs cannot be increased. He noted that courts in Bihar and Maharashtra have overturned similar measures due

to a lack of proper legislation.

Goud emphasized that BC caste enumeration must adhere to Articles 242 and 343 of the Constitution. He criticized the Congress party for conducting a survey without establishing a legal framework, despite their promise of 42% reservation in local bodies.

He raised concerns about the potential divisions among lower classes and stated that the ongoing process should be treated as an MRI, which provides a deeper understanding of caste populations, rather than just an X-ray. Goud also called for accountability from District Collectors regarding the BC Commission's visits and urged the government to convene all-party meetings to discuss the caste system without obstacles. He warned that the state government would be responsible for any future legal complications arising from these issues.

Kapu Community Leaders Meet Minister Surekha to Discuss Development Initiatives

TPN , Telangana : On Saturday, leaders and representatives from 29 Kapu and Munnuru Kapu Sanghas in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad met with Konda Surekha, Secretary of Forest Environment Devadaya Dharmadaya, at her residence in Jubilee Hills. The meeting, guided by Munnuru Kapu Sangha State President Konda Devaiah, focused on the challenges faced by the Kapu community and the necessary gov-

ernment assistance for their development. During the meeting, Minister Surekha was praised for her contributions to the advancement of the backward classes and the Kapu society. She highlighted the government's efforts in establishing the Munnuru Kapu Corporation within just five months of assuming power.

Minister Surekha reaffirmed the government's commitment to the

development of the Kapu community, stating that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is dedicated to implementing various initiatives for the welfare of Kapus and Munnuru Kapus. She assured the leaders that the appointment of the Munnuru Kapu Corporation Chairman would happen soon, accompanied by a robust action plan to promote the welfare and development of the Kapu community.



Green Signal for Second Phase of Metro Rail Construction



TPN , Hyderabad : The state government has granted administrative approvals for the construction of the second phase of the metro rail project. This phase includes the development of five lines, totaling 76.4 kilometers of metro rail. The government has issued Government Order No. 196 to facilitate these works.

The construction will be carried out in partnership with both the central and state governments, with a total project cost of ₹24,269 crores. The state government is expected to contribute ₹7,313 crores, while funding from international sources like the Zika, ADB, and NDB will amount to ₹11,693 crores. Related works are set to commence soon.

The corridors planned for the second phase are as follows:

- Corridor 4 : Nagol to Shamshabad (36.8 km)
- Corridor 5 : Rayadurgam to Kokapet
- Corridor 6 : MGBS to Chandrayanagutta
- Corridor 7 : Miyapur to Pathan Lake
- Corridor 8 : LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar
- Corridor 9 : Lo Airport to Fourth City (40 km)

This initiative marks a significant step forward in enhancing public transport infrastructure in the region.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy Visits Megastar Chiranjeevi for Diwali Greetings



TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister Kishan Reddy made a special visit to the residence of Tollywood Megastar Chiranjeevi this Diwali, where the two friends warmly greeted each other. Upon his arrival, Chiranjeevi welcomed Reddy with a bouquet of flowers and honored him with a shawl, highlighting their close friendship.

The two shared moments of camaraderie during the visit, reflecting on their previous roles as Ministers of Tourism—Chiranjeevi in the UPA government and Reddy in the last term. Reddy took to social media after the meeting, expressing his admiration for Chiranjeevi and emphasizing his philanthropic contributions to the film industry, which inspire millions.

Chiranjeevi, who was recently honored with the prestigious Padma Vibhushan award by the Centre, also engaged in an interview with Kishan Reddy that gained significant attention and viewership. This friendly meeting underscores the bond between the film industry and politics, showcasing their mutual respect and shared commitment to public service.

Hyderabad Police to Implement Drunk Driving Tests on Outer Ring Road

TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant move to combat reckless driving and ensure road safety, the Hyderabad police have announced the introduction of drunk driving tests on the Outer Ring Road (ORR). This initiative comes as part of the Rachakonda police's ongoing efforts to prevent accidents attributed to drunk driving and other dangerous behaviors.

Following a thorough analysis of accident causes on the ORR, the police have identified reckless driving and alcohol consumption as primary factors contributing to numerous incidents. To address these issues, testing for intoxication will soon be conducted at key entry and exit points along the ORR.

In addition, the Rachakonda police have established accident analysis prevention teams to monitor and manage traffic effectively. Commissioner Sudhir Babu has indicated that proposals aimed at enhancing road safety have been submitted to the central government.



To further improve accountability, police officials have acquired 100 body cameras to monitor interactions between traffic police and the public. This comprehensive approach underscores the commitment of the Rachakonda police to creating a safer driving environment for all road users.

Governor Chairs Meeting to Enhance Support for Ex-Servicemen in TG

TPN , Hyderabad: On November 2, 2024, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, chaired the fourth meeting of the State Managing Committee of the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund at Raj Bhavan. The meeting was attended by key officials from various government departments and representatives from the Ministry of Defence.

Col. P. Ramesh Kumar, Director of Sainik Welfare and Secretary of the Fund, provided an overview of the fund's status, key activities, and beneficiaries. He expressed gratitude to contributors, including government employees and staff from the State Bank of India.

During the meeting, the committee approved several significant measures to enhance support for Ex-Servicemen and their families. Immediate financial assistance was sanctioned for widows of Ex-Servicemen, with Rs. 2 lakh for those with one dependent child under 25 years, and Rs. 3 lakh for widows with two dependent children. The marriage grant for daughters of Ex-Servicemen was increased from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000, while financial assistance for parents of unmarried soldiers was set at Rs. 3 lakh.

Additionally, the committee raised monthly support for 100% disabled soldiers from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 15,000, and increased assistance for special children of Ex-Servicemen. Enhanced funeral grants and reimbursements for hostel fees and computer purchases were also approved.

HYDRA Team Visits Bengaluru for Pond Revival Study

TPN , Hyderabad : HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath, accompanied by his team, is set to embark on a four-day visit to Bengaluru, Karnataka, to assess the revival of ponds in the city. This trip follows a recent meeting between Ranganath and Anandmalli Gawad, an expert in Indian lake management, where they discussed successful strategies for restoring ponds filled with sewage and lacking water.

In Bengaluru, the team plans to engage with non-profit organizations focused on pond restoration and sewage management. HYDRA officials aim to study the methods employed in Bengaluru's restored ponds and gather insights on how to adapt these policies for implementation in Hyderabad.

Additionally, the HYDRA team previously met with the former director of disaster management in Bangalore, reviewing a PowerPoint presentation on effective management practices. This upcoming study will help them evaluate procedures related to disaster management and plan the revival of specific ponds in Hyderabad, including Erragunta Pond in Bachupally, Sunnan Pond in Madhapur, Nalla Pond in Kukatpally, and Appa Pond in Rajendranagar.

The initiative is part of a broader effort by HYDRA to focus on revitalizing a hundred ponds across Hyderabad, with plans to fund some projects through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and others through HMDA funding. Commissioner Ranganath has already shared this list with the Chief Secretary of Municipal Administration, Danakishore.



TGSRTC Launches Special Bus Services for Kartika Devotees

TPN , Hyderabad : In anticipation of the holy month of Kartika, TGSRTC Managing Director V.C. Sajjanar has announced the arrangement of special bus services aimed at facilitating devotees traveling to renowned Shaivite temples. These services will operate from Hyderabad to popular destinations such as Srisailem, Vemulawada, Dharmapuri, and Keesaragutta.

During a high-level virtual review meeting focused on RTC performance and upcoming events, Sajjanar emphasized the importance of ensuring smooth operations during Kartika and the Sabarimala pilgrimage. He noted that Sundays and Mondays typically see an increased influx of devotees, and as such, additional special buses will be deployed on these days to accommodate the rush.

Additionally, Sajjanar revealed that TGSRTC is offering a special package to Arunachal in Tamil Nadu for Kartika Poornami on the 15th of this month. Special buses will also operate every Monday to Pancharamala in Andhra Pradesh. Devotees are encouraged to make advance reservations through the TGSRTC website at tgsrtcbus.in or contact the RTC call center at 040-69440000 or 040-23450033 for further information.

Lawyer Files Complaint Against Controversial Aghori Speaker in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad: Advocate Rajesh has formally lodged a complaint with the Director General of Police (DGP) against a woman Aghori who has been making provocative statements regarding Sanatana Dharma over the past two weeks. Rajesh claims that her speeches are inciting communal hatred, particularly her recent comments about self-immolation at the Secunderabad Mutyalamma temple, which he argues violate traditional orthodoxy.



In his complaint, Rajesh questioned how someone who appears unable to control her own actions could be entrusted with protecting orthodox beliefs. He expressed concern about the influence behind her statements and called for a thorough investigation into the matter.

While he believes counseling may be necessary, Rajesh emphasized he is not requesting that the

DGP confine her to a state home. The case highlights ongoing tensions surrounding religious discourse in the region, reflecting broader societal concerns over communal harmony and traditional values.

Hyderabad Plans Installation of Grand Mahatma Gandhi Statue at Bapu Ghat

TPN , Hyderabad: The government is currently studying the designs of notable Mahatma Gandhi statues located in Texas, USA, and Patna, Bihar, to finalize plans for one of the largest Gandhi statues at Bapu Ghat in Hyderabad. The eight-foot bronze statue in Houston, Texas, uniquely depicts Gandhi during the Dandi march, symbolizing peace and harmony, and is considered the largest Gandhi statue outside India.



Additionally, the government is examining the impressive 72-foot statue of Gandhi in Patna. Officials have stated that the design for the Hyderabad statue will be finalized only after a thorough study of Gandhi statues both within India and abroad.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy aims to install India's largest Gandhi statue, drawing

inspiration from the 182-meter Sardar Patel statue in Gujarat. The civic authorities are expediting the design process for the statue, which will be located at the confluence of the Esa and Musa rivers. Plans also include the establishment of a Gandhi Ashram as an educational hub to promote communication skills, ethics, values, and an ideology center reflecting Gandhi's teachings and aspirations.

Deputy CM Bhatti Stresses Importance of Congress Alliance Victory in Jharkhand Elections



TPN , Jharkhand: AICC Senior Observer and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu emphasized that the victory of Congress alliance candidates in the upcoming assembly elections is vital for the preservation of the Constitution in Jharkhand. During his extensive tour of the Ramgad constituency on Saturday, he engaged with key party workers in the Dulmi, Chitarpur, and Golas blocks, discussing strategies for house-to-house

campaigns, booth-level meetings, and social media outreach.

Vikramarka urged local Block Congress leaders to support Congress candidate Mamata Devi, aiming for a significant electoral victory. He highlighted that the Constitution aims to ensure equality in social, economic, political, and legal opportunities for all citizens, underscoring the importance of the Congress alliance's success in

achieving these goals.

In the days leading up to this meeting, the Deputy CM met with local PCC leaders and participated in discussions with senior Congress figures, including AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, to refine the alliance's manifesto. The meeting was attended by notable Congress leaders, including Sudhakar Reddy and Tariq Anwar, who contributed to the party's election strategy.

Kartikmasa Deepotsava Celebrations Set to Shine Across Telangana



Assistant Commissioners to organize these celebrations in all temples under the Devadaya Department. Daily events will take place from 6 PM to 8 PM, where participants will receive two clay lamps, oil, and wicks at no cost.

Additional highlights of the celebrations include:

- Provision of yellow saffron and blouse pieces for women devotees attending the festivities.
- Distribution of special Prasadam every evening.
- Cultural programs featuring local artists, with special events on Kartika Mondays and the Full Moon day.
- Promotion of the celebrations through Bhakti Channel, FM Radio, and other media outlets.
- Special transport facilities in collaboration with T-RTC.
- Conduct of rituals like abhishekams and homams during the month.

On November 4, 2024, the first Kartika Monday, Minister Surekha will participate in the evening celebrations at the Sri Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple in Keesara, reinforcing the ministry's commitment to honoring this sacred time.

TPN , Telangana: Minister Konda Surekha, in charge of the Debt and Charities Department, has announced the commencement of the 'Collective Kartikmasa Deepotsava Celebrations' from November 2 to December 1, 2024. This initiative aims to highlight the spiritual significance of the Kartika month and will be observed in temples throughout the state.

Minister Surekha has directed Executive Officers and

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Promotes Caste Enumeration and Community Engagement in Telangana

TPN , Karimnagar: In a significant meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, along with PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, outlined the Congress party's strategy for the upcoming caste enumeration in Telangana. Emphasizing the need for community engagement, Prabhakar highlighted the importance of this initiative, as promised in the Kamareddy Declaration.



this initiative to families. He emphasized the party's commitment to justice for all communities and called for unity among members.

He noted that the cabinet approved the caste enumeration resolution on February 4, with the legislative assembly passing it on February 15. An allocation of ₹150 crores has been designated for this project, alongside the formation of a BC Commission to oversee its execution. The survey aims to reach approximately 80,000 households statewide, collecting detailed information from each. Minister Prabhakar urged Congress leaders to actively engage in the enumeration process, encouraging them to communicate the significance of

Additionally, Prabhakar reassured attendees of the government's dedication to addressing community issues, particularly for farmers, and highlighted ongoing transparency in schemes such as loan waivers and housing initiatives. He encouraged Congress workers to maintain strong connections with constituents, gathering feedback to relay to the government. With a focus on empowerment and justice, Prabhakar's efforts aim to create a positive environment as the Congress party prepares for the upcoming elections.

Tahsildar Arrested for Bribery in Komurambheem Asifabad District



TPN , Asifabad : The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Dusihetti Thirupathi, a Tahsildar in Jainoor mandal of Komurambheem Asifabad district, on Saturday for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹12,000. The bribe was facilitated through Madishetti Shekar, a Panchayat Secretary working on an outsourcing basis.

The ACB's investigation revealed that Thirupathi, who also serves as the Special Officer for the Gram Panchayat of Pochamloddi, requested the bribe from a complainant in exchange for issuing a cheque worth ₹9.10 lakh related to the construction of CC roads in Pochamloddi. The case highlights ongoing efforts to combat corruption in government offices.

Telangana Tourism Launches Scenic Boat Journey from Nagarjuna Sagar to Srisailem

TPN , Hyderabad : In a delightful gift to nature enthusiasts, Telangana Tourism has inaugurated a spectacular boat journey during Kartikamasam, traversing the stunning landscapes of the Nallamalla forest. The launch from Nagarjuna Sagar to Srisailem, covering approximately 120 kilometers, marks the beginning of a long-awaited adventure that was initially planned five years ago but delayed due to various factors, including insufficient water levels and the pandemic.

With recent monsoon rains raising

the Krishna River to optimal levels, the Telangana Tourism Department has finally commenced this enchanting boat journey. On its first day, a significant number of tourists from Telangana and neighboring states flocked to experience the picturesque ride. Starting from Nagarjuna Sagar, the journey takes visitors through Nandikonda, showcasing the scenic beauty of Eleswaram, Saleswaram, the Eastern



Ghats, and the lush Nallamalla forest. Additionally, an AC launch service has been introduced from Somashila

to Srisailem, accommodating 120 passengers.

The boat trip lasts approximately seven hours, with ticket prices set at ₹2,000 for adults and ₹1,600 for children, covering one-way travel only. Passengers are advised that accommodations and transport in Srisailem are their responsibility. As long as the water level at Nagarjuna Sagar dam remains at 575 feet, the launch services will continue, ensuring that tourists can enjoy this remarkable experience for the foreseeable future, as explained by tourism officer K. Venkataramana.

KTR Criticizes HMDA's Ban on GP Layout Registrations: A Call for Justice for the Poor

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has condemned the recent decision by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) to ban registrations in Gram Panchayat (GP) layouts, labeling it a "foolish move." He questioned the implications of such a ban on poor and middle-class individuals who have invested in these plots, emphasizing that it unfairly targets those least able to absorb the loss.

KTR raised concerns over the demolition of houses under the guise of Musi river rejuvenation, asking if the authorities intended to leave the impoverished without a place to call home. He expressed frustration over

the inconsistency of policies, pointing out that hundreds of GP layouts were approved during the Congress government, and questioned why similar approvals cannot be granted now.

He further criticized the notion that individuals purchasing plots should suffer due to alleged mistakes made by others, urging the government to consider the impact of its decisions on vulnerable populations. KTR's remarks underscore the need for a more equitable approach to urban planning and regulation, as he seeks answers from political opponents regarding their stance on these pressing issues.

Farmers Demand Change in Alignment for Regional Ring Road in Tripular



districts around Hyderabad, has sparked protests in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. Farmers are concerned about the significant loss of agricultural land and residential areas due to the current alignment, which violates the original guideline requiring a 40-kilometer distance from the Outer Ring Road (ORR). Residents claim the altered alignment has reduced this distance to just 28 kilometers in some areas, resulting in the loss of valuable land.

Although over 70% of the required land—1,927 acres—has been acquired, farmers argue that the compensation offered (between ₹30 lakh and ₹40 lakh per acre) is far below the market value, which can reach up to ₹4 crore per acre. Complaints have been filed with central ministers, and 32 farmers have approached the courts regarding the construction of an interchange junction at Rayagiri, claiming that the realignment has unjustly affected their livelihoods.

TPN , Telangana : A peculiar situation has emerged in the northern part of Tripular, where farmers are insisting on altering the alignment for the construction of the Regional Ring Road (RRR). Many have boycotted inquiry meetings organized by revenue officials, expressing frustration over the land acquisition process. The RRR, which spans 352 kilometers and connects 181 villages across seven

Tragic Accident Claims Lives of Four Family Members in Medak District



ing to the tragic loss of life.

The deceased have been identified as members of the Anjaney family, including Lata and two other girls. The family was traveling on their bikes when the accident occurred, highlighting the dangers faced by two-wheeler riders on the roads.

TPN , Telangana : A devastating accident in Potaram, located in the Manoharabad Mandal of Medak district, resulted in the deaths of four family members. The incident occurred when a tractor collided with two two-wheelers, lead-

Local authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident, and calls for increased road safety measures are likely to follow this tragic event. The community mourns the loss of the family, and support for the grieving relatives is being organized. Further details are awaited as the investigation continues.

Vijay's Political Journey: Navigating Tamil Nadu's Complex Landscape

Nearly eight months after launching his political party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), actor Vijay held his inaugural political rally on October 27 in Vikravandi, Tamil Nadu. Drawing an impressive crowd of nearly 300,000 supporters, Vijay underscored his ambition for the 2026 assembly elections, positioning himself within the state's dynamic political arena.

In outlining his party's values, Vijay invoked revered figures like Periyar, Ambedkar, and Kamaraj, signaling his intent to establish a distinct ideological identity. He identified the BJP as his ideological opponent and the DMK as his political rival. However, his simultaneous reverence for Periyar—known for challenging orthodox Hindu beliefs—while promoting respect for all religions raises questions about his political coherence.

The transition from film to politics is often facilitated by the celebrity's inherent mass appeal. Unlike professionals from other fields, actors command a unique reach, making their voices resonate with a vast audience. This phenomenon can be likened to Karl Marx's assertion that religion is the "opium of the masses," a sentiment that applies to cinema and cricket in India as well.

Despite the advantages enjoyed by film stars, the political landscape is fraught with challenges. Successful transitions, like those of M.G. Ramachandran and Jayalalithaa, contrast sharply with the struggles faced by others like Vijayakanth and Kamal Haasan, who failed to capture the public's



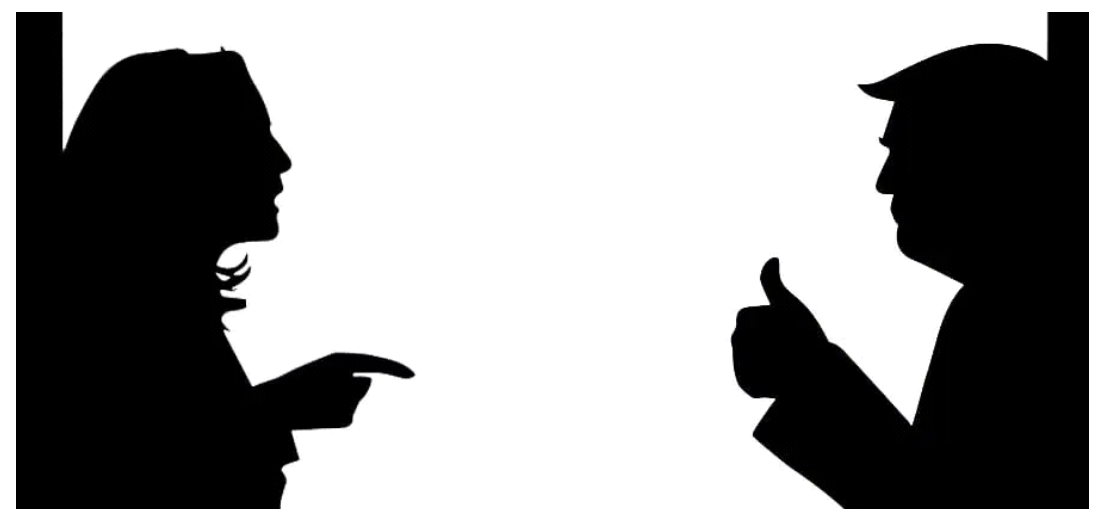
political imagination. This highlights the unpredictability of political success, even for those with a significant fan base.

The history of regional parties in India is mixed. While Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress has thrived in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu's political scene is dominated by the DMK and AIADMK, both of which have ruled for decades. Here, the Dravidian movement continues to influence politics, making it difficult for newcomers to gain traction. Rajinikanth's decision to step back from politics serves as a cautionary tale for Vijay, who, despite his youth and ambition, faces a steep uphill battle.

The 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly

elections promise to be contentious, with Vijay and BJP's Annamalai vying to disrupt the entrenched Dravidian parties. While the BJP has articulated a distinct economic vision, it has struggled to resonate in Tamil Nadu. Vijay, meanwhile, must establish a clear identity amidst the state's established freebie culture, which appeals to many voters.

As Tamil Nadu stands as India's second-largest economy with a strong industrial base and a high human development index, Vijay's challenge lies not in stoking discontent, but in offering a compelling vision that moves beyond rhetoric. His ability to navigate this complex landscape will determine his political fate in the coming years.



U.S.-India Relations: A Strong Alliance Regardless of Election Outcomes

Washington's increasingly warm relations with New Delhi are expected to endure, regardless of the outcome of the upcoming U.S. presidential election on November 5. Whether it is Kamala Harris or Donald Trump taking the reins, the strategic partnership between the United States and India is likely to remain robust and vibrant.

In recent years, the U.S.-India relationship has evolved significantly, marked by increased diplomatic engagement, economic cooperation, and military collaboration. The shared values of democracy and a commitment to a rules-based international order have further solidified their partnership. Both countries recognize the importance of working together to address global challenges, such as climate change, terrorism, and economic stability.

The current administration has placed a strong emphasis on strengthening ties with India, viewing it as a critical player in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad alliance, comprising the U.S., India, Japan, and Australia, exemplifies this strategic alignment. This partnership aims to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific while countering rising Chinese influence in the region. Regardless of who occupies the White House, this strategic framework is unlikely to change significantly.

Moreover, both Kamala Harris and Donald Trump have shown a keen interest in fostering ties with India. Harris, with her Indian heritage, has often highlighted the importance of the U.S.-India relationship. Her approach may focus on enhancing cultural and people-to-people ties while promoting collaboration in technology and climate initiatives. On the other hand, Trump has previously championed the defense partnership and trade relations, advocating for policies that benefit both nations economically.

The resilience of U.S.-India relations can also be attributed to the strong Indian diaspora in the United States, which continues to play a vital role in fostering connections between the two nations. This community not only contributes to the U.S. economy but also serves as a bridge, advocating for mutual interests and collaboration.

While election outcomes can influence specific policies and priorities, the broader strategic interests of both countries are likely to remain aligned. The U.S. recognizes India as a crucial partner in its efforts to promote stability and security in the Indo-Pacific, and India views the U.S. as an essential ally in its pursuit of economic growth and regional influence.

The Swachh Bharat Mission: A Decade of Challenges and Unmet Goals

Last month marked the tenth anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), a significant initiative aimed at improving sanitation across India. Alongside the urban version of the mission, the country has made strides in promoting cleanliness and hygiene. However, each monsoon season reveals the persistent inadequacies in sanitation, sewage, and drainage systems in Indian cities and towns. Poorly constructed toilets, septic tanks, and drainage

systems frequently choke or overflow, creating hazardous conditions that particularly impact vulnerable populations, including low-income residents, migrants, and sanitation workers.



In India, the challenge is further complicated by the fact that centralized and capital-intensive sanitation systems are primarily confined to mega-cities, leaving smaller towns and cities disconnected from adequate waste management infrastructure. As a result, managing sanitation and waste effectively in urban areas has emerged as one of India's most pressing challenges.

The 2024-2025 budget reflects a lack of urgency regarding sanitation improvements. The allocation for drinking water and sanitation stands at Rs 77,390.68 crore, representing a meager increase of just 0.5 percent from the previous year. Notably, 90 percent of this budget is directed towards the National Rural Drinking Water Programme, with flagship initiatives like SBM Urban and SBM

Grameen receiving no additional funding. Furthermore, funding for the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the Smart Cities Mission has been slashed from Rs 13,200 crore to Rs 10,400 crore.

While India has made progress in reducing open defecation—once the highest in the world with about 600 million people defecating outdoors—reports indicate that significant issues persist, especially in rural areas. Even towns and cities that have achieved "Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus" status still struggle with inadequate infrastructure for sewage and wastewater treatment, leaving many residents vulnerable to unsafe excreta disposal. The journey towards a truly clean and sanitary India remains fraught with challenges that require urgent attention and action.

The stark reality is that only 28 percent of India's urban sewage is treated; the rest is released untreated into rivers, seas, and streams. This environmental neglect exacerbates public health risks, leading to disease outbreaks, especially during the rainy season when urban wastewater hazards become more pronounced. Access to proper sanitation is not merely a matter of convenience; it is a fundamental human right, essential for health, dignity, and productivity. Alarming, sanitation remains one of the most off-track Sustainable Development Goals globally, with 43 percent of the world's population lacking access to safe sanitation facilities.

Reevaluating Trade Ties: Pakistan's Shift Towards India

During his recent visit to Washington for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, Pakistan's Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb highlighted the importance of trade with neighboring countries, stating that not trading with one's neighbors is "illogical." This comment comes on the heels of Pakistan's decision to sever trade relations with India in 2019, following the abrogation of Article 370, which revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. However, both Pakistan's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have recently indicated a willingness to explore the possibility of resuming trade ties with India.

The media is now weighing in on the potential benefits of revitalizing trade between the two nations. The Express Tribune, in its October 31 edition, pointed out a noticeable gap between government rhetoric and action. While the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has historically emphasized the advantages of trade with India—advocating for a separation of trade from the Kashmir dispute—there remains skepticism about genuine governmental intent. The publication notes that just a few years ago, the PML-N criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government for similar proposals, reflecting a complex political landscape where trade discussions often become entangled with nationalistic sentiments.

The News International took a broader perspective on Pakistan's trade dynamics in its October 29 edition, highlighting that Pakistan's overall trade relationships in the region are significantly underdeveloped. The report points out that Pakistani exporters frequently favor Western markets, which, despite their value, incur high logistical costs. This focus on distant markets may not serve Pakistan's economic interests in the long run.

The overarching message from the media is clear: enhancing trade relations with regional neighbors, including Afghanistan and Iran, as well as exploring opportunities with Southeast Asian nations, could offer Pakistan a pathway to reduce costs and establish a more diversified trade network. By re-engaging with India, Pakistan could not only bolster its economic prospects but also contribute to greater stability and growth within South Asia as a whole.

In conclusion, as discussions around trade normalization with India gain momentum, the challenge remains for the Pakistani government to align its actions with its rhetoric. Emphasizing regional cooperation could pave the way for more sustainable economic growth, helping Pakistan leverage its geographic position to foster beneficial trade relationships in a rapidly changing global economy.



"Harassment, Intimidation": India On Surveillance Of Officials In Canada

India's diplomatic relations with Canada have reached a new low, as the Indian government revealed on Saturday that some of its consular officials have been informed by the Canadian authorities of being under audio and video surveillance. The Ministry of External Affairs characterized this action as a "flagrant violation" of diplomatic conventions and protocols.

During a press briefing, Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "Some of our consular officials were recently informed by the Canadian government that they have been and continue to be under audio and video surveillance. Their communications have also been intercepted. We have formally protested to the Canadian government, as we deem these actions to be a flagrant violation of relevant diplomatic and consular conventions."

Jaiswal emphasized the challenging environment in which Indian diplomatic and consular personnel operate, stating that they already face threats from "extremism and violence." He further criticized Canada's justification of these actions, asserting that "by citing technicalities, the Canadian government cannot justify the fact that it is indulging in harassment and intimidation." He added that such actions only exacerbate tensions between the two countries and violate established diplomatic norms.

The revelation comes amid ongoing tensions and accusations between the two nations, highlighting the fragile state of their diplomatic ties. India has expressed its commitment to safeguarding the integrity and security of its diplomatic staff, insisting that Canada's actions are unacceptable and detrimental to international relations.

As the situation unfolds, both countries will need to navigate these complex diplomatic waters carefully, with the potential for further escalation if grievances are not addressed satisfactorily.



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Visit Australia and Singapore

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is set to embark on a visit to Australia and Singapore from November 3 to 8, where he will engage with leaders from both nations and participate in significant diplomatic discussions. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that during his trip, Jaishankar will co-chair the 15th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD) alongside Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong in Canberra.

Jaishankar's itinerary includes delivering the keynote address at the inaugural session of the 2nd Raisina Down Under, which will take place at the Australian Parliament House. The minister is also expected to have interactions with various stakeholders, including Australian leadership, parliamentarians, members of the Indian diaspora, business leaders, media representatives, and think tanks.

A highlight of Jaishankar's visit will be the inauguration of India's fourth consulate in Australia, which will take place in Brisbane. This move underscores the strengthening ties between India and Australia, particularly in light of the increasing momentum of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP).

The partnership has been a focal point for both countries, aimed at enhancing security and prosperity in the region. This commitment was emphasized during the second India-Australia 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue held in Delhi in November of the previous year, where both sides acknowledged the positive trajectory of their bilateral relations.

In addition to formal meetings, Jaishankar's visit reflects India's broader strategy to engage with key regional players in the Indo-Pacific, reinforcing collaborative efforts in areas such as trade, security, and cultural exchange. As India continues to expand its diplomatic footprint globally, Jaishankar's discussions in Australia and Singapore are anticipated to further solidify these strategic partnerships.

Overall, this visit represents a significant opportunity for India to enhance its diplomatic engagement and address various regional challenges in collaboration with Australia and Singapore.

Vijay to embark on statewide tour in Dec

Tamil superstar Vijay, founder of the Tamilaga Vettri Katchi (TVK), is set to embark on an extensive statewide tour beginning December 2 in Coimbatore, culminating with a significant public rally in Tirunelveli on December 27. This initiative aims to foster direct engagement with the public across Tamil Nadu as he prepares his party for the upcoming 2026 Assembly elections.

Launched in February 2024, TVK has made it clear that it will not participate in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, focusing instead on securing all 231 Assembly seats in Tamil Nadu in the next electoral cycle. Vijay's approach signals a strategic build-up to strengthen the party's grassroots presence.

During his tour, Vijay plans to appoint district-level office bearers and booth committee heads, emphasizing the importance of local leadership in the party's structure. Insiders report that he will also



acknowledge and elevate key figures responsible for the impressive turnout at a recent rally in Vikravandi, Villupuram district, which attracted over 300,000 attendees.

The political landscape has taken notice of Vijay's foray into politics, particularly with endorsements from veteran actor

Rajinikanth. Praising Vijay's well-organized debut rally, Rajinikanth expressed his congratulations during a recent media interaction, highlighting the significance of the event. However, he chose not to comment on specific allegations made by TVK leaders at the rally.

Vijay's entry into politics marks a pivotal moment, reminiscent of the late M.G. Ramachandran (MGR), the founder of AIADMK and a former Chief Minister. His involvement is expected to reshape the political dynamics in Tamil Nadu significantly.

While Rajinikanth previously considered entering politics and aimed to contest the 2021 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, he ultimately decided to keep his fan club, Rajini Makkal Mandram (RMM), as a charitable organization, stepping back from political ambitions. As Vijay steps into this arena, all eyes are on how his journey will unfold in the coming years.

Kejriwal Promises to Waive Inflated Utility Bills in Delhi Election Push

In a bold campaign pledge, Arvind Kejriwal, the national convenor of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has vowed to waive inflated water and electricity bills if his party regains power in the upcoming Delhi assembly elections scheduled for next year. This announcement comes as part of AAP's broader strategy to connect with voters by addressing their financial concerns, particularly in light of rising living costs.

During a public address on Saturday, Kejriwal criticized the past practices of previous administrations, asserting that many residents have faced unjustly high utility bills. He expressed his commitment to ensuring that essential services remain affordable and accessible to all citizens of Delhi. "We will not allow inflated bills to burden our people. If AAP is elected, we will take immediate steps to rectify these issues," he stated, highlighting the party's focus on consumer protection.

Kejriwal's promises resonate with many Delhi residents who have raised concerns over excessive charges and billing inaccuracies in recent years. The AAP has positioned itself as a champion of the common man, emphasizing transparency and accountability in governance. This latest pledge reinforces the party's ongoing narrative of being responsive to the needs of the electorate.



Congress seeks probe into BJP 'blackmail' to win Ajit Pawar for NDA

The Congress party has called for a thorough investigation into the alleged coercion and blackmail tactics used to persuade Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in charge of communications, highlighted Pawar's recent comments to support claims that the BJP resorted to unethical methods in Maharashtra.

Ramesh emphasized that the BJP's so-called "washing machine," a term he used to describe the party's efforts to clean up its image by absorbing rival politicians, is particularly potent in Maharashtra. He noted that during its opposition days before 2014, the BJP accused Ajit Pawar of massive corruption, alleging a staggering Rs 70,000 crore involved in irrigation and water resources projects.

Recently, Ajit Pawar admitted that coercive measures were employed to bring him into the NDA fold, raising questions about the integrity of the political process. Ramesh pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had previously labeled the NCP a "Naturally Corrupt Party," only to now welcome Ajit Pawar as an ally.



CM Siddaramaiah Orders Withdrawal of Notices to Farmers Regarding Waqf Land

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has directed officials to immediately withdraw all notices issued to farmers concerning disputes over Waqf land. This decision was made during a high-level meeting involving senior officials from the Revenue department, the Minority Welfare department, and the Karnataka Board of Waqfs.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) released a statement emphasizing Siddaramaiah's strong directive to retract all notices sent to farmers, highlighting the importance of

not disrupting their lives or livelihoods. The decision comes in light of dissatisfaction expressed by Siddaramaiah regarding the recent actions of certain officials, as well as concerns that opposition parties, namely the JD(S) and BJP, were using the Waqf issue for political gain, potentially destabilizing the peace in the state.

In the statement, Siddaramaiah urged the public to dismiss any misinformation regarding the situation and instructed officials to handle the matter with the ut-

most sensitivity. The directive underscores a commitment to protecting farmers from harassment related to land under their possession, particularly in relation to properties associated with Waqf.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister mandated that any unauthorized alterations made to land records, known as Pahani or RTC, without appropriate legal procedures or prior notice, be nullified immediately. This move is aimed at restoring clarity and fairness in land ownership and administration.

Canada Labels India a 'Cyber Adversary'; New Delhi Rejects Claims

The Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, has recently categorized India as a "cyber adversary," stirring diplomatic tensions between the two nations. This designation comes as part of Canada's latest cyber security report, which suggests that India is actively enhancing its cyber capabilities for purposes such as espionage and counter-terrorism. The report, titled "National Cyber Threat Assessment 2025-2026," has been met with strong criticism from India, which views the allegations as unfounded and politically motivated.

In a press conference, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi expressed its disapproval of Canada's actions, labeling them as part of a broader strategy to malign India on the interna-



tional stage. Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the MEA, stated that senior Canadian officials have indicated an intention to manipulate global opinion against India, further asserting that such allegations lack credible evidence.

Jaiswal emphasized that these claims echo previous

accusations made by Canada, which have similarly been dismissed by India as baseless. He reiterated that the country would not tolerate attempts to tarnish its reputation and sovereignty.

The Canadian report claims that India is striving to build a modernized cyber program

with domestic capabilities aimed at supporting its national security objectives. It suggests that India's cyber initiatives may also involve commercial cyber vendors to bolster its operations.

This latest development adds another layer of complexity to the already strained relations between India and Canada, especially following recent controversies involving Canadian allegations related to India's involvement in the killing of a Sikh separatist leader.

As both nations navigate this challenging diplomatic landscape, the implications of such accusations on bilateral ties remain to be seen. India's response underscores its commitment to safeguarding its national integrity against what it perceives as unjustified attacks.



White House Modifies Transcript of Biden's Remarks on Trump Campaign

The White House recently revised the official transcript of President Joe Biden's remarks concerning the Trump campaign, specifically a comment in which he referred to it as "garbage." This alteration came as the administration sought to clarify that Biden's words had been misinterpreted in the context of the ongoing political discourse.

During a public appearance earlier this week, Biden made remarks that seemingly criticized the former president's campaign strategies and policies. His use of the term "garbage" sparked significant media attention and prompted immediate reactions from political opponents and commentators alike. Some interpreted his comments as a direct attack on Trump, while others suggested that the president was dismissing broader political discourse.

In response to the ensuing confusion and media coverage, the White House took swift action to revise the transcript. The updated version aimed to provide clarity on Biden's intent and to ensure that the context of his comments was accurately represented. White House officials stated that the changes were necessary to avoid any potential misinterpretation of the president's stance.

The decision to modify the transcript reflects the delicate nature of political communication in an era of heightened scrutiny and divisive rhetoric. With both sides of the political spectrum quick to capitalize on any perceived misstep, the Biden administration is keen to maintain control over the narrative surrounding the president's comments.

As the presidential campaign heats up, such incidents are likely to become more frequent, with both major parties closely monitoring each other's statements for opportunities to gain an advantage. Biden's remarks about the Trump campaign are just one example of how language can become a focal point in the larger political narrative.

Jennifer Lopez Tears Up, Condemns Trump's Rally as "Offensive to Humanity"

In a fervent appearance in Nevada alongside Vice President Kamala Harris, Jennifer Lopez delivered a powerful speech addressing recent derogatory comments made about Puerto Rico. Referring to a rally led by Donald Trump at Madison Square Garden, where comedian Tony Hinchcliffe insultingly labeled Puerto Rico as a "floating island of garbage," Lopez expressed that the offense transcended ethnic lines, impacting "humanity and anyone of decent character."



Lopez, proudly identifying as Puerto Rican and an American, emphasized her deep connection to her heritage. "I am Puerto Rican, and yes, I was born here, and we are Americans," she asserted, reinforcing her identity in the face of disparagement. Her remarks resonated with many, as she articulated the collective indignation felt by Puerto Ricans and supporters of human dignity everywhere.

In her address, Lopez also highlighted the critical role women play in shaping the political landscape. "Women have the power to make the difference in this election," she proclaimed, underscoring the importance of female

voices and votes. This was a direct rebuttal to Trump's claim of protecting women "whether the women like it or not," which she critiqued as dismissive of women's autonomy and intelligence.

Lopez asserted that Trump's rhetoric reflects a lack of respect for women's rights to make their own choices regarding their lives and bodies. Her comments served not only to defend her heritage but also to rally women to take an active role in the upcoming election, reinforcing the idea that their voices and votes are essential for change.

As the election season heats up, Lopez's speech stands as a call to action, advocating for unity, empowerment, and respect for all individuals, particularly in the face of divisive and derogatory remarks. Her passionate advocacy emphasizes the vital intersection of cultural pride and women's rights in the contemporary political discourse.

North Korea Boosts Defense Amid U.S. and South Korea Tensions

North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, reiterated on Saturday that the country has no option but to bolster its self-defense capabilities. This statement comes in the wake of increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula, which North Korea attributes to aggressive actions by the United States and South Korea.

In remarks delivered during a meeting with senior military officials, Kim emphasized that the current security environment necessitates continued efforts to enhance the nation's military strength. He accused the U.S. and South Korea of exacerbating the situation through joint military exercises and ongoing military cooperation, which he claims threaten North Korea's sovereignty and security.

Kim's comments reflect a long-standing narrative within the North Korean regime, portraying itself as a victim of foreign aggression while justifying its military developments as necessary for national defense. The leader stressed that these enhancements are crucial for deterring what he views as imminent threats from the U.S. and its allies.

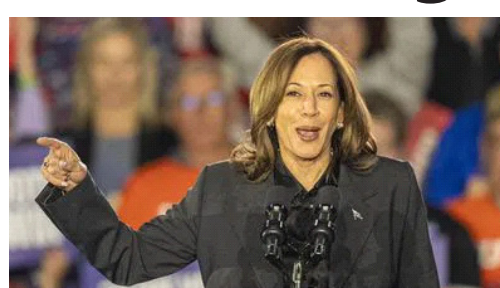


The meeting was marked by discussions on military strategies and the need to modernize North Korea's armed forces. Kim's insistence on self-defense comes at a time when North Korea has conducted a series of missile tests, which have drawn international condemnation and heightened fears of further escalation in military tensions.

The United States and South Korea have responded to North Korea's military activities with their own defense drills, arguing that such exercises are essential for maintaining regional stability. However, Pyongyang views these actions as provocative and a direct challenge to its security.

America deserves better than what Trump is offering: Harris

Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Kamala Harris has sharply criticized her Republican rival, Donald Trump, claiming that he fosters division among Americans. During her campaign in Wisconsin, she emphasized her commitment to pursue common-sense solutions and to serve as a President for all citizens, contrasting her approach with Trump's divisive rhetoric.



"America deserves better than what Donald Trump is offering," Harris stated, asserting the need for a leader who prioritizes both the nation and its role in the world. As the presidential race intensifies in key swing states, both candidates are making their final appeals to voters.

Harris underscored her belief that the role of a President should include listening to diverse viewpoints, including those who may disagree with her. "My pledge to the American people is to pursue common-sense solutions," she declared, aiming to unify rather than divide.

In her remarks, Harris accused Trump

of encouraging Americans to turn against one another and fixating on revenge against his political adversaries. She pointed out that Trump's recent statements suggest he would delegate healthcare policy to someone who has historically promoted misleading information and conspiracy theories, making the case that such choices would harm American families.

She described Trump as increasingly unstable and focused on a personal vendetta against his opponents, stating, "His enemies list has grown longer, and his rhetoric has become more extreme." Harris stressed that this attitude distracts from the real issues facing the American people, undermining the presidency's responsibilities.

Iran's Supreme Leader Warns of "Crushing Response" to U.S. and Israel Actions

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, issued a stern warning on Saturday, stating that the United States and Israel will "undoubtedly receive a crushing response" for their actions against Iran. This declaration comes amid escalating tensions in the region, exacerbated by recent military and political maneuvers by both nations.

Khamenei's remarks were conveyed through state media, where he emphasized Iran's resolve to respond decisively to what he described as provocations from its adversaries. He characterized the U.S. and Israeli actions as aggressive and unjust, reinforcing a narrative of victimization that resonates with many within Iran.

The Supreme Leader's statements reflect a broader sentiment among Iranian officials who have long criticized U.S. policies in the Middle East, particularly its support for Israel. This

has been a consistent theme in Iranian rhetoric, especially in light of ongoing conflicts and perceived threats to Iran's sovereignty.

Khamenei's comments come against a backdrop of heightened military tensions, with both the U.S. and Israel conducting exercises and operations that Iran views as direct threats. The Supreme Leader did not specify what form the "crushing response" might take, but past Iranian responses have included missile strikes and support for proxy groups in the region.

The timing of Khamenei's statement also coincides with international discussions surrounding Iran's nuclear program, which has drawn widespread criticism and concern from Western nations. Iran's leadership has repeatedly insisted that its nuclear ambitions are peaceful, yet suspicions remain high, fueling tensions further.



Surge in LPG and Jet Fuel Demand Reflects India's Economic Growth



In October 2024, LPG consumption experienced a significant rise compared to the same month last year, indicating strong demand driven by a growing economy. According to data released by public sector oil companies, LPG consumption surged by 7.5 per cent year-on-year during the festive period. Additionally, jet fuel demand also saw a modest increase of 2.5 per cent.

Petrol sales from the major oil companies—Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum, which collectively hold over 90 per cent of the market share—climbed to 3.1 million tonnes in October 2024, compared to 2.87 million tonnes in October 2023. This growth is supported by the rise in car, SUV, and two-wheeler sales across both urban and rural regions, reflecting increased consumer spending and mobility in a prospering economy.

The uptick in jet fuel consumption, which reached 6,47,700 tonnes in October 2024, aligns with a surge in air travel. This increase is propelled by the expanding middle class that is reaping the benefits of robust economic growth, leading to greater disposable income and

more frequent travel. The aviation sector has seen consistent growth, evidenced by domestic airlines carrying 1.30 crore passengers in September 2024, marking a 6.38 per cent rise from the same period the previous year.

On the other hand, diesel sales experienced a downturn, falling by 3.3 per cent. This decline is attributed to the extended monsoon season, which delayed the sowing period and, consequently, reduced diesel demand in the agricultural sector. The impact of monsoon rains on farming activities often directly influences the consumption of diesel, as it is a key fuel for farm machinery and irrigation.

The data indicates a mixed picture for fuel consumption trends in India. While the demand for petrol and LPG has grown significantly, reflecting a thriving economy and increased consumer activity, the diesel segment faced challenges due to weather-related disruptions in the agricultural sector. Overall, the rise in fuel consumption, especially for petrol and jet fuel, showcases India's ongoing economic growth and the increasing mobility of its population.

India's power consumption rises amid strong growth



India's power consumption reached 140.47 billion units (BU) in October, reflecting a modest one percent increase compared to the same month last year, which had seen a substantial rise of over 22 percent. The consumption spike in October 2023, up from 113.94 BU in October 2022, was primarily driven by heightened demand from the industrial and agricultural sectors of the rapidly growing economy.

Despite this increase in consumption, peak power demand decreased to 219.22 gigawatts (GW) in October, following a record high of approximately 250 GW in May, largely due to summer heat. The International Energy Agency (IEA) noted that India is projected to experience one of the highest increases in energy demand globally over the next decade, driven by its economic size and escalating demands across all sectors.

India was the fastest-growing major economy in 2023, with a 7.8 percent increase in output, and is expected to become the world's third-largest economy by 2028. The IEA's World Energy Outlook forecasts that iron and steel production will grow by 70 percent by 2035, while cement output is anticipated to rise nearly 55 percent. Moreover, the stock of air conditioners is expected to grow more than fourfold, with electricity demand from these units projected to exceed Mexico's total consumption by 2035.

The IEA report also highlights that coal will continue to play a significant role in India's energy mix, with an addition of nearly 60 GW of coal-fired capacity by 2030, resulting in a 15 percent increase in coal-generated electricity. This growth occurs despite a significant expansion of solar PV capacity, as coal generation remains over 30 percent higher due to lower capacity factors for solar installations.

Concurrently, India is pushing forward with its green energy initiatives. The recently launched National Electricity Plan aims to achieve 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and over 600 GW by 2032. This plan includes the development of storage systems and an extensive transmission network to support green hydrogen and ammonia production at coastal hubs.

Overall, the National Electricity Plan anticipates adding over 191,000 km of transmission lines and enhancing inter-regional transmission capacity, while also establishing cross-border interconnections with several neighboring countries, indicating a comprehensive strategy for addressing India's growing energy demands while transitioning to renewable sources.

GST collection rises 9% on domestic demand

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for October exceeded ₹1.87 lakh crore, marking the second-highest monthly collection since the implementation of the tax regime in July 2017. This impressive figure, recorded at ₹1,87,346 crore, reflects robust domestic demand and improved compliance measures, suggesting a promising start to the second half of the fiscal year 2025.

The October collection represents an 8.9% year-on-year increase, surpassing the previous second-highest monthly collection of ₹1,87,035 crore achieved in April 2023. Notably, this growth comes despite facing global economic challenges and a slowdown in some key states, including Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Karnataka. Chhattisgarh, on the other hand, reported a slight contraction of 1% year-on-year, collecting ₹2,656 crore.

The highest GST collection to date was recorded in April 2024, amounting to ₹2.10 lakh crore. For October 2024, net GST revenue also saw a healthy



growth of 7.9% year-on-year, reaching ₹1,68,041 crore, despite overall refunds totaling ₹19,306 crore. This translates to an annualized growth of 18.2%. Technological advancements have contributed significantly to this efficiency, with domestic refunds increasing by 42.8% from ₹7,352 crore in October 2023 to ₹10,498 crore in October 2024.

Experts suggest that the strong GST collection in October underscores the resilience of domestic demand. However, they caution that while GST revenues from domestic supplies demonstrated robust growth of

10.6% on an annualized basis, revenue growth from imports has diminished to less than 4%. This decline indicates the negative impact of global economic headwinds on the overall GST revenue landscape.

In conclusion, the strong performance of GST collections in October highlights the strength of India's domestic market while also signaling the need to navigate potential challenges posed by external economic factors. As the fiscal year progresses, maintaining this momentum will be crucial for sustaining economic growth.

Crude Oil Prices Rise Amid Iran-Israel Tensions and Record US Production

International crude oil prices saw a modest uptick in the previous session, buoyed by reports of Iran preparing a potential retaliatory strike against Israel from Iraq. Despite this geopolitical tension, record crude production levels in the US continue to weigh on prices ahead of upcoming US elections and a Federal Reserve meeting.

Brent crude futures increased by 29 cents, or 0.4 percent, closing at \$73.10 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose by 23 cents, or 0.3 percent, to settle at \$69.49. Both benchmarks experienced a brief surge of over \$2 a barrel during the session. However, both Brent and WTI recorded weekly declines of approximately four percent and three percent, respectively. In India, crude oil futures settled 2.71 percent higher at ₹5,981 per barrel on the multi-commodity exchange (MCX).

The uptick in oil prices comes amid reports from Axios indicating that Israeli intelligence believes Iran is poised to launch an attack on Israel from Iraq within days. Experts suggest that any Iranian response may be limited, akin to Israel's restrained actions in recent weeks, suggesting a focus on demonstrating strength rather than

escalating into full-scale warfare.

The ongoing hostilities between Iran and Israel have been part of a larger conflict in the Middle East, intensified by recent fighting in Gaza. Previous Iranian air attacks on Israel, including incidents on October 1, 2024, and in April, have largely been repelled, causing minimal damage.

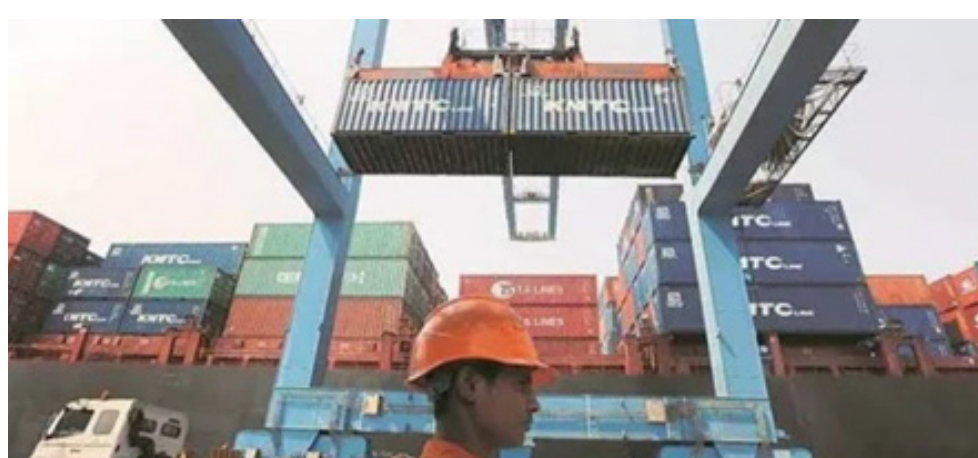
Iran, a key member of OPEC, produced about four million barrels per day (bpd) in 2023 and is projected to export approximately 1.5 million bpd in 2024, a slight increase from 1.4 million bpd in 2023. Iran's influence in the region is significant, as it supports several groups engaged in conflict with Israel, including Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

Additionally, US officials have urged Lebanon to declare a unilateral ceasefire with Israel to facilitate stalled discussions aimed at ending hostilities with Hezbollah, although both sides have denied these claims. As the geopolitical landscape evolves, the interplay between production levels and regional tensions will continue to shape crude oil market dynamics.

Machines for India delayed, German firm flags bottleneck at Chinese customs

German tunneling giant Herrenknecht is currently grappling with significant customs clearance issues in China that are affecting its ability to deliver tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to India. This situation has garnered attention following a discussion between Indian Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck, during which Goyal highlighted the delays in the procurement of TBMs from Herrenknecht, which are manufactured in China.

In a statement addressing inquiries from The Indian Express, a Herrenknecht spokesperson noted, "For several months now, we have been observing extraordinary circumstances in



the customs clearance processes for machines to be delivered from China to India. These issues are hindering us from fulfilling our delivery obligations as expected and, in some cases, entirely." The company has refrained

from commenting on specific projects or the status of individual machines due to contractual agreements with its customers.

The conversation between Goyal and

Habeck, which took place during a Metro train ride in Delhi, emphasized the urgency of the situation, as Goyal expressed concerns over the stalled delivery of TBMs essential for various infrastructure projects in India. Habeck, who also serves as Germany's economic affairs minister, was in India as part of a high-level delegation led by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, further highlighting the importance of this issue in bilateral discussions.

As a family-owned enterprise, Herrenknecht is recognized globally for its expertise in mechanized tunneling and TBM manufacturing. The company operates in India through its subsidiary, Herrenknecht India, based in Chennai. Its machines are crucial for

numerous civil infrastructure projects across the country, including hydroelectric facilities, railways, roads, and sewerage systems, as well as the expansion and construction of metro networks in major cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai.

The ongoing customs challenges pose significant risks to the timely completion of these critical infrastructure projects, raising concerns about the broader implications for India's development and the effectiveness of its partnerships with international firms. As the situation evolves, both Indian officials and Herrenknecht are likely to seek solutions to mitigate these delays and enhance collaboration.

Flipkart charges different amount for same product in iOS and Android

A user on X has recently stirred up controversy by posting a collage of images suggesting that Flipkart charges different prices for the same product based on the operating system of the user's device. Saurabh Sharma shared the post, highlighting a significant price difference for the same cabin suitcase, claiming that iOS users are charged more than their Android counterparts.



In his post, Sharma included screenshots showing the product listed at varying prices on the Flipkart app, depending on whether it was accessed from an iOS or Android device. This sparked a flurry of reactions, with many users expressing disbelief and concern over the potential price discrimination. The collage quickly went viral, prompting discussions about fairness in pricing strategies among online retailers.

Sharma's findings drew attention to a common practice in the e-commerce industry, where companies sometimes use dynamic pricing strategies based on various factors, including user demographics and device types. However, the notion that consumers could be charged differently for the exact same product based solely on the operating system raises ethical questions and consumer protection concerns.

In response to the claims, some users took to the comments section to share their own experiences,

noting that they had observed similar discrepancies in pricing on different devices. Others urged Flipkart to clarify their pricing policies to maintain transparency and customer trust.

The incident has prompted a broader conversation about pricing practices in the digital marketplace, with many calling for increased regulation and oversight to ensure fairness for all consumers, regardless of their device preference. As e-commerce continues to grow, the importance of equitable pricing strategies is becoming more crucial for maintaining consumer loyalty.

While Flipkart has yet to officially respond to the allegations, the situation underscores the need for transparency in pricing and the impact of technology on consumer experiences. As consumers become more aware of such discrepancies, companies may need to reevaluate their pricing strategies to avoid backlash and protect their reputation.

Apple Acquires Pixelmator: A Leap into High-End Photo Editing

Apple Inc. has announced its acquisition of Pixelmator, the creator of a popular high-end photo-editing app, further enhancing its software offerings. In a blog post published Friday, Pixelmator revealed that its Lithuania-based team would be joining Apple as part of the deal. Founded 17 years ago by brothers Saulius and Aidan Dailide, Pixelmator develops applications for Mac, iPad, and iPhone users.



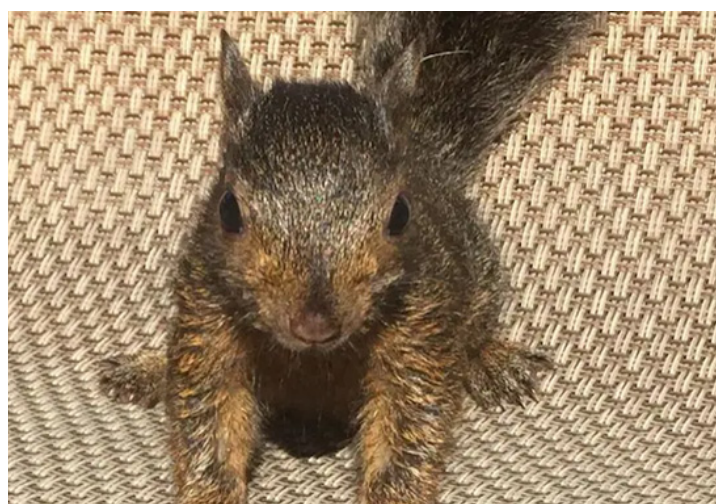
The partnership between Apple and Pixelmator has been strong, with Apple frequently showcasing Pixelmator's software in its marketing campaigns, including a recent iPad event. The design of Pixelmator's applications closely mirrors Apple's own user interface, reinforcing their compatibility and appeal to Apple customers. In their announcement, Pixelmator expressed excitement about the acquisition, stating, "We've been inspired by Apple since day one. Now, we'll have the ability to reach an even wider audience."

Pixelmator Pro, the company's flagship app, features advanced editing tools similar to those found in Adobe's Photoshop and Illustrator, including functionalities like layers and vector editing. The software is also integrated with various Apple technologies such as iCloud, Shortcuts, and the iPad's Pencil, making it a powerful tool for creatives.

This acquisition marks a significant move for Apple, as it has not offered a high-end photo editing app since discontinuing Aperture nearly a decade ago. With a growing portfolio of professional applications—including Final Cut Pro and Logic Pro—available on the iPad via subscription, the addition of Pixelmator aligns perfectly with Apple's strategy to cater to professional users.

While Pixelmator Pro is priced at \$50 for Mac users, a standard version for iPad and iPhone costs \$10. The company also offers a separate Photomator editing app compatible across Apple devices. Pixelmator has assured its users that there won't be any immediate changes to its applications, but further updates will be announced in the future, leaving many eager to see how this new chapter unfolds.

Peanut, The Squirrel With 537,000 Followers On Instagram



Peanut, a beloved squirrel who rose to internet fame with 537,000 Instagram followers, has been euthanized, according to New York authorities. The news comes after Peanut reportedly bit a government staffer during an intervention.

Rescued by New Yorker Mark Longo, Peanut was saved as a baby after his mother was killed by a car. Longo bottle-fed the young squirrel and attempted to release him into the wild, but after losing part of his tail, Peanut returned to Longo's care. Over the past seven years, Peanut became a social media star, captivating fans with adorable antics like nibbling on waffles and wearing tiny costumes, all shared on the Instagram account peanut_the_squirrel12.

In a heartfelt Instagram post following Peanut's death, Longo expressed his devastation, stating, "Internet, you WON. You took one of the most amazing animals away from me because of your selfishness." He lamented the loss of his "best friend," describing his shock, disbelief, and disgust at the situation.

The Chemung County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) confirmed in a statement that both Peanut and a raccoon residing with Longo were euthanized to test for rabies. The DEC had seized the animals on October 30, citing the potential risk of rabies exposure from keeping wild animals as pets. The statement revealed that a person involved in the investigation was bitten by Peanut, necessitating the euthanasia for rabies testing.

The DEC urged anyone who had come into contact with the animals to seek medical advice. In response to the tragic turn of events, Longo vowed to continue his fight for animal rights and called on his supporters to contribute to his legal fees and plans to establish an animal sanctuary. The loss of Peanut has sparked an outpouring of grief and outrage from his fans, highlighting the complex issues surrounding the ownership of wild animals and the consequences that can arise.

Delhi Man Burning Currency Notes On Diwali Leaves Internet Fuming

As the much-anticipated Diwali festival comes to a close, a fascinating clip has captured the attention of social media users. The video depicts an individual setting fire to crisp Rs 100 and 500 notes, raising eyebrows and prompting discussions about the seemingly reckless act of burning hard-earned money. The footage shows the notes engulfed in flames, with bystanders remaining indifferent and no efforts made to extinguish the fire, suggesting a deliberate act of destruction.



Initially, many viewers were astonished by the act, questioning the reasoning behind such a display. The sight of burning currency, especially during a time when families are celebrating and exchanging gifts, struck a nerve among those who value money as a means of livelihood. However, an intriguing twist emerged as keen-eyed social media users began to examine the footage more closely.

Upon closer inspection, it became apparent that the currency notes were not genuine. Beneath the denomination printed on the notes, the phrase "FULL OF FUN" was visible, a clear indicator that these were fake notes. Such wording is not found on real currency, leading to the conclusion that the clip was

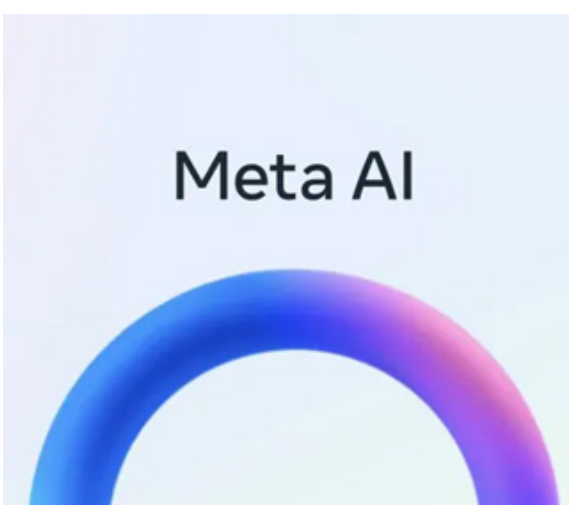
staged using prop money for entertainment purposes. This revelation transformed the narrative, turning what was initially perceived as an outrageous act into a clever piece of content.

The video, which features the song "Bewafa Se Pyar Ho Gaya" by Rishu Babu as its soundtrack, has amassed over 1 million views on Instagram, captivating a wide audience with its unique concept. The exact location of the video remains unknown, adding an air of mystery to the whole affair.

This viral sensation not only highlights the creativity of content creators but also sparks conversations about the value of money and the humorous ways in which people engage with social media trends. As the clip continues to circulate, it serves as a reminder of the thin line between reality and staged performances in the digital age.

Chinese researchers develop AI model for military use

This week, Washington announced it is finalizing rules to restrict U.S. investment in artificial intelligence and other technology sectors in China that may pose a threat to national security. This announcement comes in light of new developments indicating that top Chinese research institutions, some linked to the People's Liberation Army (PLA), have utilized Meta's publicly available Llama model to create an AI tool for potential military applications.



According to three academic papers reviewed by Reuters, researchers from six Chinese institutions, including two under the PLA's Academy of Military Science (AMS), reported using an early version of Meta's Llama to develop a military-focused AI tool known as "ChatBIT." In a paper published in June, the researchers detailed how they took the Llama 13B large language model (LLM) and incorporated their own parameters to design ChatBIT, which is intended to gather and process intelligence and provide

reliable information for operational decision-making.

ChatBIT has been fine-tuned specifically for dialogue and question-answering tasks within the military context, as stated in the paper. Notably, the AI tool reportedly outper-

formed other models that were around 90% as capable as OpenAI's ChatGPT-4. However, the researchers did not clarify how they measured performance or whether ChatBIT has been deployed in active service.

Sunny Cheung, an associate fellow at the Jamestown Foundation specializing in China's emerging technologies, commented, "It's the first time there has been substantial evidence that PLA military experts in China have been systematically researching and trying to leverage the power of open-source LLMs, especially those of Meta, for military purposes."

The implications of this research are significant, prompting U.S. officials to reassess the potential risks associated with investments in AI technologies that could bolster military capabilities in China. As the geopolitical landscape evolves, the intersection of AI and national security remains a critical area of concern for policymakers.



India Trails New Zealand by 40 Runs at Lunch on Day Two of Final Test

India reached 195 for 5 at lunch on day two of the third and final Test against New Zealand, trailing by 40 runs. Resuming play at their overnight score of 86 for 4, Rishabh Pant and Shubman Gill emerged as key contributors to the Indian innings. Pant played a counter-attacking knock, bringing up his half-century with flair, while Gill remained solid at the crease, finishing the session on 70 not out.

Pant's aggressive approach was a highlight of the morning session. He quickly accelerated the scoring and was instrumental in rebuilding India's innings. However, his innings came to an abrupt end when he was trapped leg before wicket by Ish Sodhi in the 38th over, leaving India at 165 for 5. Despite the setback, Pant's score of 60 showcased his intent and ability to counter the New Zealand bowling attack.

Shubman Gill, meanwhile, displayed a composed batting performance, complementing Pant's aggression with stability. He reached his half-century with a mix of solid defense and timely boundaries, ensuring India stayed in the contest. The Indian batsmen capitalized on a few missed chances by the New Zealand fielders, who dropped critical catches that could have altered the course of the innings.

New Zealand, having scored 235 in their first innings, aimed to capitalize on their lead. Daryl Mitchell and Will Young were the top scorers for the visitors, with Mitchell making 82 and Young contributing 71 runs. India's bowlers, led by Ravindra Jadeja, who took 5 wickets for 65 runs, and Washington Sundar, who claimed 4 for 81, managed to bundle out New Zealand for 235 in 65.4 overs. As the teams head into the next phase of the game, India will be looking to build a solid partnership and take control of the innings, while New Zealand will aim to exploit any weaknesses and secure a commanding position.

Mohun Bagan SG's Withdrawal Recognized as Force Majeure



Kolkata-based Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) announced on November 2 that the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has officially recognized the club's withdrawal from their AFC Champions League 2 match in Iran as a case of force majeure. The decision to forgo their scheduled match against Tractor FC on October 2 was made to ensure the safety and security of the players amid escalating tensions in the region.

The AFC acted swiftly after the club's withdrawal, initially pulling MBSG from the tournament while assessing the situation. The club communicated that, following their appeal, the AFC Competitions Committee acknowledged the legitimacy of their concerns regarding player safety

during a time of heightened political unrest in Iran.

In a statement, Mohun Bagan SG clarified that on November 2, they received confirmation from the AFC that "penal consequences, as per clause 5.7 of AFC Champions League 2 Competition Regulations, shall not apply to Mohun Bagan SG." However, the club emphasized that despite this recognition, they would remain withdrawn from the ongoing tournament due to clauses 5.5 and 5.6 of the competition regulations.

The decision to avoid travel to Iran was influenced by the volatile conditions following missile strikes launched by Iran on Israel, which heightened security risks. The situ-

ation was exacerbated by the death of a prominent general of the Revolutionary Guard, leading to widespread mourning and unrest in the country. Players voiced their concerns about the risks associated with traveling to Iran during this turbulent period.

In response to the overall security climate, the AFC had already begun rescheduling matches across its tournaments, indicating a proactive approach to ensure the safety of all teams involved. Following their withdrawal, Mohun Bagan SG accused the AFC of "unequal treatment," highlighting the challenges clubs face in navigating international competitions amid political instability.



Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden Exit Paris Masters in Quarterfinals

Veteran Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna, alongside his Australian partner Matthew Ebden, faced a tough quarterfinal defeat at the Paris Masters in the men's doubles competition. The third-seeded duo battled for one hour and 46 minutes before succumbing to the Dutch-Croatian pair of Wesley Koolhof and Nikola Pietrangeli, losing 6-7, 5-7 in a closely contested match on Friday.

The first set was fiercely competitive, with both teams showcasing their skills. Bopanna and Ebden fought hard, but despite having several opportunities, they couldn't convert on crucial points. The set ultimately went to a tiebreak, where Koolhof and Pietrangeli displayed resilience, saving set points to clinch the set and take a 1-0 lead in the match.

The second set continued in the same vein, with neither team able to gain a significant advantage. However, the turning point came in the 12th game when Bopanna and Ebden suffered a setback due to a double fault, allowing Koolhof and Pietrangeli to break serve and seal the match.

Despite the disappointment of the quarterfinal exit, the week had its positives for Bopanna and Ebden, as they secured a spot in the prestigious season-ending ATP Finals earlier in the week. Their performance throughout the tournament has been commendable, but they will be looking to regroup and address the missed opportunities in their match against Koolhof and Pietrangeli.

Ravindra Jadeja Reaches 50 Wickets in WTC Cycle



Star Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has etched his name in history by becoming the second Indian, after Ravichandran Ashwin, to take 50 wickets in a World Test Championship (WTC) cycle. Jadeja achieved this milestone during the third and final Test against New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, where he delivered a stunning performance with a four-wicket haul on Day 2.

Returning to form, Jadeja dismantled the New Zealand middle order, claiming the crucial wickets of Daryl Mitchell, Tom Blundell, Ish Sodhi, and Matt Henry. His efforts left India in a favorable position, enabling them to set a target after enduring defeats in the first two matches of the series, marking their first series loss on home soil in 12 years.

Notably, Jadeja's impressive wicket tally surpassed his previous WTC cycle performance, where he concluded with 47 wickets from 13 matches. As of now, he stands as the third-leading wicket-taker in the ongoing WTC cycle, trailing only Ashwin, who tops the list with 62 wickets, and Australian fast bowler Josh Hazlewood, who has taken 51 scalps.

Jadeja's bowling form comes as a significant boost for the Indian team as they prepare for their next assignments following the New Zealand series. He previously showcased his prowess in the first innings with a five-wicket haul, bringing his total for the match to nine wickets, putting him on the cusp of achieving his third 10-wicket haul in Test cricket.

As India eyes a redemption in the Test match, they find themselves facing a New Zealand lead of 143 runs. With ample time remaining in the match, confidence is high within the Indian camp to chase down the target. However, the visitors' bowling attack, particularly in spinning conditions, poses a significant challenge, testing India's batting resilience.



IPL 2025 : CSK Keeps MS Dhoni, Fans and Experts Urge for His Return as Captain

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 retentions were announced on Thursday, with all ten franchises revealing the players they have opted to keep ahead of the upcoming mega auctions, expected to take place by the end of November. One of the most talked-about decisions was Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) retention of MS Dhoni, the legendary wicket-keeper-batter, who was retained for Rs 4 crore under the uncapped player category.

In addition to Dhoni, CSK also retained key players, including captain Ruturaj Gaikwad at INR 18 crore, Matheesha Pathirana at INR 13 crore, Shivam Dube at INR 12 crore, and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja at INR 18 crore.

Dhoni stepped down from the captaincy in 2024, passing the baton to Gaikwad. However, CSK struggled under Gaikwad's leadership, failing to secure a playoff spot last season. This has led to speculation about Dhoni's potential return as captain, a move that former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar supports. He believes that having Dhoni lead CSK again would add excitement to the tournament, stating, "Even if Dhoni doesn't bat, he can make a more significant impact as captain and wicketkeeper."

Another former star, Mohammad Kaif, praised CSK's decision to retain Dhoni at a lower price, considering it a savvy move. "By retaining him at such a low cost, CSK has saved 10-15 crores," Kaif noted. He added that this strategy allows CSK to pursue high-profile players in the auction, enhancing their chances for the next season.



Varun Tej Shines In Matka Trailer

Mega Prince Varun Tej is poised for a spectacular return in the PAN-Indian film "Matka," directed by Karuna Kumar, known for his work on "Palasa 1978." Set to release on November 14, the film promises an immersive experience, thanks to a significant budget dedicated to authentically recreating the bygone era.

In "Matka," Varun Tej takes on the role of Vasu, a charismatic ringmaster in a circus who has a unique talent for controlling animals. The trailer, recently unveiled by Megastar Chiranjeevi, opens with striking visuals that delve into the film's central theme—Matka gambling. Running for two minutes and forty-eight seconds, the trailer

er showcases Varun's impressive range as he transitions through various avatars, illustrating the dramatic rise and fall of his character. Early reactions suggest that this performance could mark a major comeback for the mega actor.

Inspired by the life of Ratan Khatri, a figure who rose to prominence as a Matka King by betting on cotton rates from the New York Stock Exchange, Varun's character grapples with the darker side of gambling. The trailer emphasizes the theme of addiction and the consequences of greed, resonating deeply with middle-class audiences who may relate to the struggles depicted.

The film features Meenakshi Chaudhary as the female lead, supported by a talented ensemble cast including Nora Fatehi, Naveen Chandra, Ajay Ghosh, Kannada Kishore, Ravindra Vijay, and Ravi Shankar in key roles. Produced by Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala and Rajani Thalluri under the banners of Vyra Entertainments and SRT Entertainment, "Matka" is set to captivate viewers with its compelling storyline and rich visuals. The film's soundtrack, composed by GV Prakash Kumar, is also anticipated to enhance the overall cinematic experience. With its intriguing premise and Varun Tej's dynamic performance, "Matka" is gearing up to be a must-watch this November.



"Pushpa 2" Item Song Buzz: Sree Leela Emerges as Top Contender

The hype surrounding "Pushpa 2: The Rule" continues to grow, particularly due to the anticipation of a chart-topping item song that has already captured the imagination of fans. One of the key elements contributing to the film's buzz is Samantha's electrifying performance in the previous installment, which left a lasting impression on audiences.

As the shooting for "Pushpa 2" progresses, speculation has been rife about who will feature in the upcoming item number. Various names have surfaced, including popular actresses like Tripti Dimri, known for her role in "Animal," and Disha Patani. However, the latest contender gaining momentum is Sree Leela.

Initially, Shraddha Kapoor was thought to be a confirmed choice for the song, but her high fee and limited availability prompted the filmmakers to explore other options. Reports indicate that Sree Leela has emerged as a top contender for the coveted role, and her selection is expected to be finalized soon. Renowned for her impressive dance skills, Sree Leela's collaboration with Allu Arjun promises to be a visual delight for fans. The two previously shared the screen in an advertisement for Aha App, and their chemistry is eagerly anticipated.

With the clock ticking down to the shoot, the production team is racing to finalize the heroine's selection within the next week. Insiders suggest that Sree Leela is poised to be the chosen one, and the excitement is palpable as fans await confirmation.

Adding to the thrill, there are whispers that Samantha may also make an appearance in the item song alongside Sree Leela and Allu Arjun. The possibility of this trio coming together for what promises to be a spectacular number has fans on the edge of their seats.

As the film gears up for its release, attention turns to composer Devi Sri Prasad, who is expected to deliver another infectious beat and captivating lyrics. The anticipation for this special number is reaching fever pitch, and all eyes are on who will ultimately dazzle in the spotlight of "Pushpa 2."



Shah Rukh Khan's Fauji 2 Trailer Unveiled

The trailer opens with Gauahar Khan portraying Lieutenant Colonel Simarjeet Kaur as she rides a bicycle, setting the tone for the action-packed sequences to follow. It then introduces a new generation of soldiers, showcasing actors like Aashish Bhardwaj as Daksh Desai, Utkarsh Kohli as Rangrez Phogat, Udit Kapur as Arjun Negi, and Rudra Soni as Harun Malik. Vikas Jain, who plays Colonel Sanjay Singh, also makes an appearance in the trailer, hinting at the leadership dynamics within the squad.

One of the standout elements of the trailer is the return of Shah Rukh Khan's iconic character, Lt. Abhimanyu Rai. In a nostalgic nod to the original series, Suvansh Dhar will portray Abhimanyu Rai, reflecting the legacy of Shah Rukh's role while introducing new narratives. Other notable cast members include Priyanshu Rajguru as Subbu Balakrishnan, Ayaan Manchanda as Aakash Chhetri, Aman Singh Deep as Vikram Singh Bagga, and Niel Satpuda as Vijay Sachan.

"Fauji 2" is generating buzz not only for its stellar cast but also for its connection to a beloved classic. As the trailer unfolds, it teases themes of camaraderie, bravery, and the challenges faced by modern-day soldiers, aiming to resonate with both new viewers and fans of the original show.

As Shah Rukh Khan celebrates his birthday, "Fauji 2" serves as a perfect gift to his fans, promising an engaging blend of nostalgia and contemporary storytelling. With the release of the trailer, anticipation continues to build for what is sure to be an exciting addition to the Indian television landscape.



Title Reveal Delayed for NBK109

After the success of "Bhagavanth Kesari," Nandamuri Balakrishna is gearing up for another action-packed entertainer, currently referred to as #NBK109, directed by Bobby Kolli. The buzz around the film has been building, particularly due to Balakrishna's stylish look showcased in various posters and sneak peeks, which has excited fans across social media platforms.

In recent weeks, there has been much speculation regarding the film's title, with several rumored options floating around, including "Asurudu" and "Veera Mass." However, new reports indicate that the makers have narrowed it down to three contenders: "Daaku Maharaj," "Sarkar Sitharam," and "Asurudu." Each title carries its own unique flair, contributing to the anticipation surrounding the film.

Initially, fans were eagerly expecting the official title and teaser to be released during the Diwali festival. However, due to delays in the graphics work, the announcement has been pushed back. Producer Naga Vamsi recently confirmed that the title teaser will now be unveiled in the second week of November, much to the delight of eager fans.

Among the potential titles, "Sarkar Sitharam" and "Daaku Maharaj" seem to be resonating most with the audience. Fans have expressed their preferences and are passionately discussing which title they believe would best suit Balakrishna's powerful screen presence and the overall theme of the movie. The excitement is palpable, as each title suggestion hints at the film's tone—be it action-oriented or laced with traditional elements.

As the November release date for the title teaser approaches, the anticipation continues to grow. Fans are not only eager to see which title will ultimately be chosen but are also looking forward to the film's first glimpses, which are sure to showcase the high-octane drama that Balakrishna films are known for. With expectations running high, NBK109 is poised to be another significant addition to Balakrishna's illustrious career.



Squid Game Season 2 Teaser Unveiled

The highly anticipated second season of Netflix's original series "Squid Game" is on the horizon, and fans are buzzing with excitement following the release of the teaser on November 1. This gripping survival thriller took the world by storm when it debuted in 2021, quickly becoming the most-watched series of the year.

The teaser offers a tantalizing glimpse into the return of Seong Gi-hun, portrayed by Lee Jung-jae, who is back as Player 456. Having emerged as a victor in the deadly games, Gi-hun returns with a new mindset, taking on a mentor-like role. His experiences from the first season have given him valuable insights into the perilous nature of the games and the heavy costs involved for those who participate.

Alongside Lee Jung-jae, fan favorites Lee Byung-hun, Wi Ha-jun, and Gong Yoo are reprising their pivotal roles, promising to deliver the same intense performances that captivated audiences in the first season. The return of these characters adds depth to the storyline, as their journeys intertwine once more within the brutal world of "Squid Game."

Directed by Hwang Dong-hyuk, the new season is expected to explore deeper themes of morality, survival, and the psychological toll of competition. As viewers gear up for the continuation of this thrilling narrative, questions abound about how the returning characters will navigate the dangerous challenges ahead and what new twists await them in the game.