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CM Chandrababu Faces Dilemma Over Waqf Amendment Bill Amid Muslim Community Concerns

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In light of the impending Waqf Amendment Bill set to be presented during the winter session of Parliament, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu finds himself at a crossroads. The bill, which is part of the NDA government's agenda, has sparked considerable opposition within the Muslim community, prompting local TDP leaders to urge Chandrababu to withhold support.

Recently, a delegation led by Maulana Mohammad Fazlur Rahim Mujadidi, General Secretary of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, met with Chandrababu to express their concerns. They cautioned that the Waqf Amendment Bill, if passed, could be detrimental to the interests of the Muslim community. The TDP, as a key ally of the NDA, faces the challenge of balancing its partnership with the central government and the sentiments of its constituents.

Chandrababu acknowledged the leaders' concerns and assured them that he would make an informed decision after consulting with other alliance partners. With TDP holding 16 seats in the Lok Sabha, their stance on the bill is crucial for its passage. Opposition to the Waqf Bill would signify a break from NDA support, potentially leading to political ramifications.

The TDP leadership has acted swiftly, sending party



vice-president VS Amir Babu to Delhi to engage with other Muslim leaders and gather broader community sentiments regarding the bill. This move underscores the party's intent to carefully navigate the complex political landscape while addressing the concerns of its Muslim constituents.

As discussions unfold, all eyes are on Chandrababu's forthcoming decision, which could significantly impact both TDP's standing within the NDA and its relationship with the Muslim community in Andhra Pradesh.

Allegations of Corruption Surface Against Former Superintendent of Vijayawada Government Hospital

TPN, V.V.S. MadhuBabu:

In Vijayawada, serious allegations of corruption have emerged against Dr. Venkateswara Rao, the former superintendent of the Government General Hospital (GGH) and Siddhartha Medical College (SMC). Reports indicate that numerous irregularities were committed in the name of development during his tenure, prompting ACB and vigilance officials to call for a thorough investigation into the hospital's operations.

Key issues include contracts related to CC cameras, oxygen plants, sewage treatment plants (STPs), and the maintenance of electrical substations. Allegations suggest that Dr. Venkateswara Rao manipulated the bidding process by obtaining three quotations from the same individual, ensuring that a low bid was favored to secure contracts for specific vendors.

Furthermore, it has been alleged that the normal procurement procedures were bypassed. When government organizations request quotations, they are supposed to mail them to various suppliers using government service postage. However, this protocol was reportedly not followed at GGH, lead-



ing to a lack of transparency. Hospital staff accused Rao of trampling on the established purchasing procedures to facilitate corruption.

Additional claims include the misappropriation of substantial government funds, including ₹11 crores spent in just two months since Rao took over as principal at SMC. Reports indicate that unnecessary expenditures, such as purchasing three generators for ₹15 to ₹24 lakhs each, further exemplify mismanagement.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) is expected to scrutinize any records manipulation or discrepancies at GGH and SMC. With the support of hospital staff, they believe a detailed investigation will uncover significant irregularities in the hospital's financial dealings.

DCM Pawan Kalyan Two-Day Visit to Pithapuram, Inaugurations and Meetings Planned

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is set to visit his Pithapuram constituency on November 4 and 5 for a series of inaugurations and meetings aimed at advancing local development initiatives.

On Monday, Pawan Kalyan will arrive at Rajahmundry Airport at 11:30 AM and proceed directly to the Gollaprolu Zilla Parishad School. There, he will inaugurate a new science lab and lay the foundation stones for the Gollaprolu Housing Colony and the Surampet Habitation Bridge. Following these events, he will hold a review meeting with officials to discuss ongoing development efforts in the constituency, followed by a meeting with Janasena leaders.

After a brief break from 1 PM to 3 PM at his resi-



dence in Chebrolu, Pawan will return to Pithapuram to inaugurate several key facilities, including the RR BHR Degree College, Badam Madhava Zilla Parishad High School, TTD Kalyanamandapam, and the repair works for the Social Welfare Hostel.

On Tuesday morning, the Deputy Chief Minister will lay foundation stones for the outpatient department at Kotapally Primary Health Centre and several schools in the U. Kottapalli mandal. He will return to Chebrolu for a short rest before heading back to Rajahmundry Airport at 3 PM to fly to Vijayawada.

Pawan Kalyan's visit underscores his commitment to fostering development in his constituency and addressing local needs through direct engagement with residents and officials.

AP Assembly Session Set to Commence on November 11 with Key Budget Presentation



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly is poised to begin its next session on November 11, with plans for a comprehensive 10-day agenda. This session will kick off with an address from the Governor, marking the beginning of critical discussions surrounding the state's fiscal policies and legislative measures.

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AP Education Minister Nara Lokesh Set to Release TET Results Today

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government is set to release the results of the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) today, with State Education Minister Nara Lokesh overseeing the announcement. The TET was conducted online from October 3 to October 21, attracting a total of 3.68 lakh candidates.



Pradesh government is also gearing up to announce a significant recruitment drive for teaching positions, with plans to fill 16,347 vacancies through a Mega DSC (District Selection Committee) exam. The release of the TET results is expected to pave the way for this upcoming recruitment initiative, which aims to enhance the teaching workforce in the state.

Originally scheduled for release on November 2, the results were postponed to today to accommodate the minister's return from a trip to the United States. With all preparations in place, the results will now be made public, providing clarity for candidates eager to learn about their performance.

The announcement marks an important step for the state in its efforts to strengthen educational standards and provide employment opportunities for aspiring teachers. Candidates and stakeholders alike are eagerly anticipating the results, which will play a crucial role in shaping the educational landscape of Andhra Pradesh.

In conjunction with the TET results, the Andhra

Minister Nimmala Accuses Jagan Govt of Fund Diversion and Public Welfare Failures

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has made serious allegations against former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing his government of diverting funds and failing to address public issues. Speaking at the launch of a free transport vehicle for residents of the NTR Tidco Housing Society Colony, Ramanaidu criticized the Jagan administration for its perceived shortcomings in public welfare.



The Minister highlighted that while 90 percent of housing projects were completed during the previous TDP government, the remaining 10 percent have stalled under Jagan's regime. He claimed that the Jagan government diverted Rs. 5,000 crores intended for public welfare, alleging that this misallocation has severely impacted the financial stability of poor families and women in the state.

to five lakh rupees in debt. "The current government has not only neglected the needs of the people but has also exacerbated their financial difficulties," he asserted.

During the event, Ramanaidu himself drove the newly launched vehicle, emphasizing the commitment of his government to invest heavily in public welfare initiatives moving forward. He vowed to prioritize the completion of housing projects and to alleviate the burdens placed on vulnerable populations in Andhra Pradesh, asserting that the TDP is dedicated to the welfare of its citizens.

Ramanaidu stated that many of these households have been forced to mortgage their homes to the bank, resulting in a burden of up

Chandrababu Naidu Was the "Public Chief Minister" – Union Minister Rammohan Naidu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Union Minister for Civil Aviation, K. Rammohan Naidu, praised Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's recent visit to Srikakulam district, calling it a groundbreaking initiative that reflects his commitment to addressing local issues. Naidu described the CM's approach as "simple" and "modest," emphasizing that such in-depth reviews of district problems had never been witnessed before.



instructions to expedite unfinished projects, particularly those related to the river linking initiative and the Vamsadhara water supply. He announced plans for the development of Moolapet port, which aims to prevent migration and foster industrial growth in the region, including the establishment of an airport nearby.

Additionally, Naidu assured that the famous Arasavelli temple would be developed to global standards under the central government's Prasadam

During the visit, CM Chandrababu engaged with district officials and addressed key concerns, demonstrating his willingness to listen to the community's needs. Rammohan Naidu noted the stark contrast between Chandrababu's visit and those of the previous Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, who he claimed often left the public facing difficulties.

scheme, and he encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to invest in Srikakulam, given its extensive land banks.

Chandrababu also launched the free gas cylinder scheme during his visit, reinforcing his government's commitment to public welfare. Following the launch, he shared tea with beneficiaries, further demonstrating his grassroots approach to governance.

The Union Minister highlighted the CM's in-

AP Govt Eases Housing Regulations for Poor Communities – Minister Narayana

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana announced significant relief for poor house builders, declaring that plan approval will no longer be required for houses constructed within 100 yards in urban areas. This decision aims to simplify the process for those looking to build homes under two cents, effectively eliminating the need for bureaucratic approvals.



In addition to the exemption for homes within 100 yards, the minister indicated that the government is also considering easing permit processes for houses up to 300 yards. Narayana emphasized the importance of addressing the building permit procedures, aiming to remove barriers for poor and middle-class families seeking to construct their homes.

Minister Narayana made the announcement during a review meeting with GVMC and VMRDA officials, alongside Visakhapatnam district in-charge minister Dola Bala Veeranjanyaswamy and Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat. The initiative is part of the government's broader effort to alleviate housing challenges faced by low-income families and promote affordable housing solutions.

During the meeting, various issues were discussed, and several suggestions were made to improve the housing approval process. Key officials, including MLC Duvwarapu Rama Rao, GVMC Commissioner P. Sampath Kumar, and VMRDA Commissioner Viswanathan, participated in the discussions. The minister's proactive approach signals a commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for housing development in the state.

AP Govt Appointed New IAS Officer for NTR and YSR Districts

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has once again undertaken a significant reshuffle of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, as detailed in an order issued by Chief Secretary Nirab Kumar Prasad on Sunday. This latest transfer order, referenced as GORT No. 1884, aims to enhance oversight and efficiency within the state's administrative framework.



Notable changes include the transfer of Cherukuri Sridhar, who has been appointed as the Collector for YSR Kadapa District. G. Lakshmisha has been designated as the new Collector for NTR District. Additionally, Abhishikta Kishore has been tasked with the responsibilities of Director of the Industries Department, with instructions to retain these duties

until further notice.

The government has also directed the appointment of in-charge officials for the positions of VC and MD of the Andhra Pradesh Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation and the CEO of the NTR Vaidya Seva Scheme until further orders from the Special Chief Secretary of the Health Department.

These transfers are part of a broader strategy to strengthen governance and control over the state's administrative machinery. This follows a recent wave of transfers involving both IAS and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers, reflecting the government's on-going commitment to enhancing the effectiveness of public administration in Andhra Pradesh.

Cyclone Threat Looms Over AP Amid Flood Recovery Efforts

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh faces a new challenge as a cyclone threat looms over the state, which is still recovering from recent floods. The Meteorological Department has indicated that a low-pressure system is expected to form in the Bay of Bengal within the next two weeks, potentially leading to normal to moderate rainfall in several districts.



Last month, a series of low-pressure systems caused significant disruption across Andhra Pradesh, particularly impacting Uttarandhra and the coastal regions of Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. In Vijayawada, severe flooding occurred as the Budameru River overflowed, submerging half of the city. While conditions are improving, the government has been providing compensation to those affected by the recent deluge.

existing flood conditions. Authorities have advised evacuating residents from low-lying areas to ensure their safety.

In response to the looming threat, the Andhra Pradesh government has mobilized National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams to assist affected populations promptly. The disaster management agency is prepared for all necessary relief measures, especially for the fishing communities, as the state braces for possible severe weather. Meanwhile, light showers are also expected in parts of Telangana on Sunday, according to the Meteorological Center.

According to the latest forecasts, moderate rainfall is expected in Palnadu, Guntur, Krishna, Eluru, and Visakhapatnam districts. The low-pressure system is anticipated to strengthen into a storm, potentially bringing heavy rains that could exacerbate

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On the first day, the government is expected to present the state budget, which has been referred to as the "Otan account" budget, set to conclude at the end of this month. This budget presentation is highly anticipated, as it outlines the financial roadmap for the upcoming year, detailing allocations for various sectors and initiatives aimed at driving economic growth and development across the state.



ing needs of the citizens of Andhra Pradesh.

The upcoming session is crucial, as it provides an opportunity for lawmakers to debate and deliberate on essential policies that impact the lives of residents in the state. With various stakeholders keenly watching, the assembly's discussions are expected to set the tone for the government's priorities in the coming year.

In addition to the budget, the assembly will also introduce several bills aimed at addressing key legislative issues. The introduction of these bills is seen as a significant step toward implementing necessary reforms and responding to the press-

As the session approaches, anticipation grows among legislators, government officials, and the public alike, highlighting the importance of this assembly meeting in shaping the future direction of Andhra Pradesh.



Home Minister Anitha Condemns Political Exploitation of Rape Cases

Assures Justice for Vadamalapet Victim's Family

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home Minister Vanagalapudi Anita has condemned the political exploitation of recent tragic incidents involving women and children, particularly by YSRCP leaders. Speaking on the murder and assault of a young child in Vadamalapet, she expressed anger at leaders using such sensitive cases for political gains, accusing them of acting like "political vultures."

The Home Minister visited the family of the three-and-a-half-year-old victim on Sunday, offering them condolences and support.

During her visit, Anita delivered a relief cheque of Rs.10 lakh, provided by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and assured additional assistance, including housing and employment for the child's father, in response to the family's needs.

Describing the incident as "heartbreaking," Anita stated that the government will take strict action against the accused. She announced that the case would be fast-tracked in a special court to ensure swift justice within three months. "Strong witness reports will be provided by the police to secure a stringent punishment," she asserted.

Anita also highlighted the deteriorated state of law enforcement and surveillance systems during the previous YSRCP regime, blaming them for weakened police presence and CCTV systems. She called



out YSRCP leaders for allegedly visiting victims' families only to fuel political narratives, questioning their selective support in cases affecting women.

The incident, which has shaken the state, involved the brutal murder of a young girl by a relative named Sushant. The accused lured the child, promising her a treat, before committing the heinous act and discarding her body. The child's disappearance on Friday evening led her parents to seek police help, uncovering the crime during the investigation.

Anita also mentioned that the government is implementing drone surveillance to curb ganja cultivation across AP and will soon introduce specialized kits to detect cannabis use.

Jayaprakash Narayana Criticized the YSRCP Govt Debt Crisis in AP, Calls for Economic Reforms

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh is in the midst of an unprecedented debt crisis, according to Lok Satta Party Founder and President, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayana. Speaking on the state's financial turmoil, Narayana criticized the previous YSRCP government for "criminal neglect," revealing that Andhra Pradesh currently holds debts totaling Rs.9.64 lakh crore, the highest in the country.

Narayana expressed deep concern over the debt situation, highlighting that over half of the state's income goes toward paying interest alone. "Two-thirds of the revenue generated by both central and state governments is now allocated to cover interest costs. No other state faces a situation like this," he said, adding that while an ideal debt-to-GDP ratio should be around 20 percent, Andhra Pradesh's has surged to 68 percent.

He attributed the crisis to the previous government's failure to focus on wealth creation, stating, "The YSRCP government simply 'pushed the button' without creating assets, neglecting financial discipline and the condition of roads." Narayana emphasized the need for a strategic roadmap to restore Andhra Pradesh's economy, underscoring that many citizens have faith in Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's ability to steer the state out of this crisis.

The Lok Satta leader also raised concerns about education in the state. He noted that while the government spends approximately one lakh rupees per student, educational outcomes remain poor,



with 80 out of 100 students in government schools unable to read a simple letter. Narayana called for efforts to improve both the educational standards and skill levels of students, emphasizing that AP's teacher-student ratio of 1:16 is sufficient, suggesting no immediate need to hire additional teachers.

He also stressed the importance of developing Amaravati as the capital and investing in smaller towns, road transport, and public infrastructure. Narayana urged state leaders to abandon divisive factionalism, cautioning that certain groups taking the law into their own hands is harmful to the state's progress.

"Leaders must prioritize the future of Andhra Pradesh, ensuring the safety and stability of society," he concluded.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's recent inspection of the Rushikonda Palace, YSRCP leader Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy reacted strongly, accusing the CM of misrepresenting the purpose of the building and criticizing his track record on constructions.

Sajjala asserted that Chandrababu seemed "pleased" with the Rushikon-

da buildings constructed under Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration. He expressed frustration that these buildings were being inaccurately portrayed as luxurious private accommodations for Jagan. "If Rushikonda Palace belongs to Jagan, then write it to him," Sajjala stated sarcastically, challenging the CM's stance.

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YSRCP leader has never engaged in illegal construction practices. In contrast, Sajjala pointed to Chandrababu's alleged stay in an "unauthorized residence" in Karakatta, and highlighted that the government complex at Rushikonda was built legally and intended for official use, not personal luxury.

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a YSRCP event in Tirupati where Bhupama Karunakar Reddy was sworn in as the YSRCP president of Chittoor and Tirupati districts. Prominent YSRCP figures, including YV Subbareddy and Minister RK Roja, were also present at the event, where they reiterated support for Jagan's governance model and criticized TDP's approach to public infrastructure.

YSRCP Confident of Victory in 2027 Elections Amid Push for Jamili Polls – MP Vijaya Sai Reddy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: With the Union government's renewed push for simultaneous elections, or "Jamili polls," the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is gearing up for a decisive showdown in Andhra Pradesh's 2027 elections. Recently, Prime Minister confirmed the government's commitment to Jamili elections, and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has expressed support for the plan. YSRCP leader and former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also endorsed Jamili during his previous tenure.



YSRCP MP Vijaya Sai Reddy, who recently attended the swearing-in ceremony of Bhumana as YSRCP in-charge for Chittoor and Tirupati districts, highlighted the party's strategies for the upcoming polls. Speaking on Jamili elections, he expressed confidence that elections will occur in 2027 and noted the party's plans to counter past issues of factionalism by uniting all groups under the YSRCP banner.

According to Sai Reddy, public opposition to the coalition government has strengthened YSRCP's position, and he firmly asserted that Jagan Mohan Reddy is set to return as Chief Minister.

In light of these developments, Andhra Pradesh's ruling government has been expediting the implementation of various welfare schemes, signaling its preparations for a potential early election cycle. Senior YSRCP leaders, confident of a win, are mobilizing the party to address growing public dissent toward the current coalition government.

"The YSRCP will secure victory in the 2027 elections, despite expectations," Sai Reddy stated, underscoring the party's preparedness and renewed unity. With Jamili elections on the horizon, the YSRCP leadership believes it has the momentum needed to lead Andhra Pradesh once again.

RK Roja Criticizes CM Chandrababu for Failing to Fulfill Promises

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress Party leader RK Roja has openly criticized Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, alleging that the CM has deceived the public with empty promises. Speaking at a recent rally, Roja asserted that citizens were misled by Chandrababu's assurances, which have failed to materialize into tangible benefits.



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Roja's remarks highlight growing frustration among opposition leaders regarding the current administration's inability to deliver on its promises. She accused the government of prioritizing political gains over the welfare of the people, undermining public trust in the process.

"People were fooled by Chandrababu's false promises, and now they are not receiving the benefits of various schemes," Roja stated. She further emphasized the lack of credibility in the CM's commitments by drawing a parallel: "Just as there's no Mysore in the 'Mysore buses,'

This criticism comes amid increasing calls from YSRCP for greater transparency and accountability in the state's governance. As the 2027 elections approach, such statements are likely to resonate with voters disillusioned by unmet expectations.

Gudivada Amarnath Challenges CM Naidu Over Rushikonda Structure, Dismisses Allegations of Private Residence

TPN, Visakhapatnam: Former Minister and Visakhapatnam District YSRCP President Gudivada Amarnath made strong statements concerning the recent controversies surrounding the Rushikonda building, dismissing allegations that it was constructed as a private residence for YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Instead, Amarnath clarified that the structure was built following recommendations for a Chief Minister's camp office in Visakhapatnam, refuting claims that it served personal interests.



The former minister alleged that previous TDP administrations had spent exorbitant amounts for personal luxuries, with Naidu reportedly using Rs. 1000 crore for non-public expenses over the years. Amarnath pointed out that TDP has been vocal about the Rushikonda project, claiming it to be a palace for Jagan. However, he argued that the building, covering 1,46,784 sq. ft and costing Rs. 451.67 crore, was intended to accommodate Jagan's needs as CM when visiting Uttarandhra.

Amarnath challenged Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, questioning if any structure like Rushikonda's had been constructed elsewhere. "Was it not stated earlier that Rushikonda is a magnificent structure? Show me where else such a building has been made," he demanded, emphasizing that this project was built to serve the state and suggested thinking carefully about its utilization.

Amarnath also questioned TDP's silence on the Visakha Steel Plant issue, urging them to advocate more strongly. He concluded by noting that the Rushikonda complex, inaugurated on February 29, 2024, was approved by a three-member committee and authorized for use as a camp office in December 2023, making it clear that it was not a private residence.

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CM Chandrababu Naidu Leader of Religious Democracy - MP Keshineni Sivanath



TPN, Vijayawada: In a recent gathering at the Bhavanipuram Eidga Maidan, Vijayawada, MP Keshineni Sivanath of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) emphasized the need for the Waqf Board Amendment Act to be referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee. He credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's proactive stance and leadership within the TDP for this initiative, describing him as a leader of religious democracy.

The event, organized by Jamaate Islami Hind Andhra Pradesh, saw participation from several prominent figures, including Narasaraopet MP Lau Srikrishnadevarayalu, former minister Vadde Shobhanadriswara Rao, and former Legislative Council Chairman Mohammad Sharif.

MP Keshineni Sivanath assured attendees that CM Chandrababu Naidu would engage in comprehensive discussions with various Muslim organizations regarding the Waqf Amendment Act and make decisions that reflect the community's interests. He reiterated TDP's commitment to protecting the rights and properties of the Muslim community, highlighting CM Naidu's continuous efforts to support their development.

The gathering included notable leaders from Jamaat Islami Hind, such as National President Syed Sadatullah Hussaini and Andhra Pradesh President Abdul Rafiq, alongside TDP officials like Minority Cell General Secretary Fataullah and State Organizing Secretary M.S. Baig, all advocating for the welfare of the Muslim community in the state.

NTR District Police Implement High-Tech Surveillance to Combat Illegal Sand Storage and Transport

TPN, Vijayawada: In a bid to curb the illegal storage and transportation of sand, the NTR District Police, under the leadership of Police Commissioner S.V. Raja Shekhara Babu, IPS, have launched a comprehensive technology-based surveillance initiative. This operation targets brokers diverting sand from the state's free sand policy to other states and selling it at inflated prices.

To enforce this initiative, a Task Force and several special teams comprised of law enforcement officers have been formed. Multiple check posts have been established across key locations to monitor activities related to sand storage and transport.

Utilizing cutting-edge technology, the police are employing drone cameras and CCTV installations at stockyards and check posts. These surveillance systems are linked to the com-



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mand control center, enabling real-time monitoring of activities. Additionally, GPS devices installed on tippers allow officials to track their movements continuously, ensuring compliance with the regulations regarding sand handling.

Police Commissioner Raja Shekhara Babu has been actively overseeing operations from the command control center, providing directives to ensure that illegal sand storage and movement are effectively managed. He emphasized that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found storing or transporting sand without proper authorization.

This proactive approach by the NTR District Police highlights their commitment to maintaining law and order and safeguarding the resources of the state against illegal activities. The police are urging the community to report any suspicious activities related to sand storage or transportation to assist in their ongoing efforts.

Guntur District Police Take Firm Action Against Rowdyism Following Diwali Incident

TPN, Guntur: Guntur District Superintendent of Police, Shri Satish Kumar, IPS, has issued a stern warning against rowdyism and illegal activities following an incident that occurred in the Nallapadu police station area on the night of October 31, 2024. During a media conference held at the district police office, the SP detailed the case and the police's response.



Four individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident, which began when a resident, Sonia, reported that her son Avinash and his friend Jayadev were celebrating Diwali by burning firecrackers.

The firecrackers inadvertently fell onto the premises of a nearby residence, leading to a confrontation between Avinash and the owner of the house, Varagani Venkatesh.

During the altercation, Kankara Narender Reddy (A-1) allegedly drove his vehicle, a white Creta, at high speed and ran over Avinash. Following this, a group of youths, including Narender Reddy's son Rishikesh Reddy, confronted and physically assaulted Avinash and his companions, using tree branches as weapons. The attack escalated, resulting in significant damage to Sonia's property, including broken CC cameras and windows, and further physical assault on both Sonia and Avinash, who suffered injuries and was subsequently hospitalized.

The police acted swiftly, registering a case based on Sonia's complaint. Four suspects were apprehended, while efforts continue to locate the remaining individuals involved in the attack. The SP reiterated that any individual engaging in bullying, violence, or disrespecting women would face legal repercussions.

Shri Satish Kumar affirmed that strict measures will be enforced to prevent such crimes in the future. Officers involved in the arrests, including P. Mallikarjuna Rao, I/c DSP South Sub Division, K. Vamsidhar, Inspector of Police at Nallapadu PS, and SI Ch. Vasu, were commended for their efforts in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

G. Lakshmisha Appointed as District Collector of NTR District



TPN, NTR Dist: The Andhra Pradesh government has officially appointed G. Lakshmisha as the District Collector of NTR District. In a recent order, he has been transferred from his previous position as Managing Director of the Andhra Pradesh Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) to assume this significant role.

G. Lakshmisha brings a wealth of experience to his new position. His first posting as an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer was as Sub Collector in the Joint Krishna District, specifically in Nujiveedu. This background gives him a solid understanding of the local dynamics in both Nujiveedu and Mylavaram constituencies.

Prior to this appointment, Lakshmisha served as the District Collector of Tirupati, where he gained valuable insights into district administration and governance. His extensive experience and familiarity with the region are expected to greatly benefit the development and administration of NTR District.

AP JAC Calls for Justice for Working Class, Urges Govt to Address Employee Issues

TPN, Vijayawada: In a recent press conference held at Vijayawada, leaders of the Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (AP JAC) emphasized the need for justice for the working class, which has endured significant hardships during the previous government's tenure. AP JAC Amaravati State Chairman Bopparaju Venkateshwarlu and State Secretary General Palishetti Damodar Rao called on the current government to take decisive steps in addressing long-standing issues faced by employees.

The leaders reiterated the coalition government's commitment, as outlined in their manifesto, to appoint an interim post and the 12th Pay Revision Commission (PRC) Commissioner without delay. They highlighted that the employees and pensioners had suffered serious setbacks, including the loss of benefits under the 11th PRC, during the previous



administration.

Venkateshwarlu noted that the coalition government has provided hope to the working class since coming to power, and he urged the Chief Minister to respond positively to their appeals, especially after the recent festivals. They welcomed the government's decision to ensure that salaries and pensions are paid on

the first of every month, a move that they believe protects the sentiments and dignity of employees.

The AP JAC leaders presented 18 key points to the Chief Minister's Principal Secretary, outlining various concerns, including the urgent need for the appointment of the 12th PRC Commissioner and the restoration of pension benefits that were reduced under the previous government. They also called for improvements to employee health cards, an extension of childcare leave for women employees, regularization of contract and outsourced workers, and the timely payment of dues, including arrears from the 11th PRC.

The AP JAC reiterated its commitment to ensuring justice for employees and pensioners, urging the government to take immediate action on these pressing issues.

Traffic Awareness Program in Vijayawada Police Educate Public on Road Safety

TPN, Vijayawada: In a proactive initiative to promote road safety, the Vijayawada City Police, under the leadership of Commissioner S.V. Raja Shekhara Babu, conducted a traffic awareness program at Metro Mall. The event featured insights from Circle Inspector Ravi Kumar and Sub-Inspector G.V. Kumar, who emphasized the severe

consequences of traffic violations. During the program, attendees were informed about the dangers of drunk driving, the implications of allowing minors to operate motorcycles, the hazards of signal jumping, triple riding, and rash driving. The officers highlighted that such reckless behavior not

only endangers the lives of the offenders but also poses significant risks to other road users.

The traffic awareness initiative aims to educate the public and instill a sense of responsibility among drivers and riders. It serves as a reminder that, under the new BNS (Bharat New Safety)

Act, stringent legal action will be taken against those who violate traffic rules.

The Vijayawada Police encourage all citizens to adhere to traffic regulations, reinforcing that road safety is a shared responsibility vital for the well-being of the entire community.

MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy Insulted at Dist Development Committee Meeting in Nellore



TPN, Nellore: Tensions flared at the district development committee review meeting in Nellore, where MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy reportedly faced an unexpected insult. During the welcome ceremony, officials presented bouquets only to the attending ministers, overlooking MP Vemireddy, who was present on the stage. The apparent snub led to the MP stepping down from the platform and leaving the meeting.

The event took place as part of a coordination meeting at the TDP office, attended by alliance members, including Ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Ponguru Narayana, AP Minorities Minis-

ter Mohammad Farooq, and local MLAs. Following the incident, Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy publicly apologized to MP Vemireddy, expressing his discontent with the officials' conduct.

Minister Anam, visibly upset, took swift action, directing the district collector to ensure that such oversights do not occur in future events. He emphasized the importance of respecting all dignitaries present, irrespective of their titles. This incident has sparked discussions around protocol and respect for elected representatives, particularly in official events involving high-level coordination.

MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy Advocates for Agricultural Revitalization at Nellore DRC Meeting

TPN, Nellore: In a recent District Review Committee (DRC) meeting held at the ZP meeting hall, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy voiced critical concerns regarding the agricultural and infrastructural development in Nellore. The meeting was chaired by district in-charge minister NND Farooq, alongside district ministers Dr. Ponguru Narayana and Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, and collector O. Anand.



During the meeting, Somireddy highlighted the urgent need for the rehabilitation of the container terminal at Adani Krishnapatnam Port. He emphasized that reviving this terminal would significantly benefit local farmers involved in rice, cotton, tobacco, chili, shrimp, and fish farming. "The renovation of the container terminal should be prioritized, as both agricultural and aquaculture products can fetch good prices in the market," he stated.

The MLA expressed satisfaction over the storage of over 117 TMC of water in district reservoirs, noting the potential for flooding if not managed properly. "If every drop of water is utilized efficiently, it could support the cultivation of a second crop," he added. He also remarked on the ongoing operation and maintenance work on canals,

which is being conducted transparently with farmer participation.

Criticizing the previous YCP regime, Somireddy called for a comprehensive investigation into the execution of bills made without proper work. He raised concerns over the 375 ongoing works funded by Rs. 24 crores, questioning why previous funds of Rs. 18.50 crores were mismanaged.

He further advocated for the revival of agricultural mechanization and the distribution of micronutrients with full subsidy, stating, "The previous distribution program should be resumed to support farmers."

Addressing the plight of tribal communities in the district, Somireddy announced a special grievance program scheduled for November 8 in Venkatachalam mandal. He stressed the importance of both public representatives and officials focusing on improving the lives of tribals, stating that their welfare should be a priority in the district's development agenda.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Visited Tirumala Temple With His Family

TPN, Tirumala: State Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, along with his family members, visited Tirumala to seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara. The visit was marked by a warm welcome from the officials of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), who facilitated their experience at the sacred site.



them with the tirthaprasad of the Lord, symbolizing divine blessings and goodwill.

The minister's visit attracted a large gathering of fans and Janasena leaders, who showed their enthusiasm by flocking to meet him. Many fans took the opportunity to capture selfies with Minister Manohar, highlighting his popularity and the connection he shares with the community. The visit underscored the importance of faith and tradition while reinforcing Minister Manohar's engagement with the people he represents.

Following the darshan, Vedic scholars blessed Minister Manohar and his family at the Ran-

ganayakula Mandapam, presenting

Nidavole MLA Kandula Durgesh Faces Criticism Over Absence from Constituency

TPN, Nidavole: Kandula Durgesh, elected as the MLA for Nidavole on behalf of the Janasena Party in the 2024 elections, has also taken on the role of Minister of Tourism and Cinematography. However, his tenure has drawn criticism from constituents who feel neglected, raising concerns over his commitment to local issues.



Residents of Nidavole are expressing their frustration over Durgesh's perceived lack of involvement in the constituency since taking office. Many believe he has been primarily focused on affairs in Rajamahendravaram rather than addressing the needs of his own community. This disconnect has led to growing dissatisfaction among the local population and party members, who feel their voices are not being

heard.

In a recent statement, the minister acknowledged the discontent, suggesting that after four months in office, people were beginning to notice his absence. In an effort to reconnect with his constituents, Durgesh opened a party office in Nidavole on Sunday, hoping to demonstrate his commitment to serving the community. Despite this gesture, many locals remain skeptical about his intentions and dedication to addressing the challenges they face.

The anger among constituents is evident, with calls for the minister to prioritize his own constituency over his responsibilities in the broader government framework. As Kandula Durgesh navigates the complexities of his ministerial role, he faces the critical task of regaining the trust of his constituents and proving that he is dedicated to the well-being of Nidavole. How he responds to the concerns of the community in the coming months will be crucial in determining his political future.

Bhumana Karunakar Reddy Assumes Leadership as YSRCP President for Chittoor and Tirupati Dists

TPN, Tirupati: Bhumana Karunakar Reddy has officially taken charge as the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president for the Chittoor and Tirupati districts. Addressing party members and supporters, Reddy emphasized his commitment to the people, especially workers, and vowed to lead with strength and determination.



In a rallying statement, Reddy underscored his readiness to face challenges, declaring, "I have fought many battles. For me, courage is an investment, and struggle is my breath. I am a worker's man, for workers." Expressing confidence in the party's capabilities, he assured supporters that YSRCP would demonstrate its strength in the upcoming elections.

Reddy's appointment comes at a critical time, with YSRCP mobilizing efforts to solidify its support base across the districts of Chittoor and Tirupati. Party leaders and activists have welcomed his leadership, expecting his experience and resolve to bring renewed vigor to the party's mission in the region.

Cryptocurrency Scam Exposed Over ₹25 Crores Collected

TPN, Nandyala: The gang has come under scrutiny for allegedly orchestrating a massive cryptocurrency scam in the Nandyala district. The scam came to light in Doan, where a con artist named Ramanjaneyulu reportedly collected around ₹25 crores from unsuspecting victims under the guise of cryptocurrency investments. Utilizing popular trading platforms like Binance and Oke-X, Ramanjaneyulu promised investors returns of ₹10,000 per month for an investment of ₹1 lakh, leading to significant losses for many individuals.

Investigations reveal that more than 300 victims from Kurnool, Nandyala, and Mahbubnagar districts have fallen prey to this scheme. Authorities have detained Ramanjaneyulu for questioning, as they delve deeper into the operations of the gang. Notably, Ramanjaneyulu had previously operated under the name Keva-Industries Organic Herbal Company since 2021, attracting investments before being accused of defrauding ₹90 lakhs in Anantapur.

The rise of cryptocurrency scams has been alarming, with reports indicating that illicit transactions amounting to crores are taking place in several villages and mandals, centered around the Nandyala district. Many victims, including middle-class families, traders, youth, and professionals, have been swayed by the promise of quick profits and have invested beyond their means. The discussions within the district have largely revolved around online business investments, with individuals eager to share their financial commitments.

The fraudulent operations mirror classic chain schemes, luring investors with initial high returns, only to eventually entangle them in a web of false promises. Participants are encouraged to recruit new investors to maximize their returns, leading to a cycle of greed and deception.

The rapid proliferation of these scams can be attributed to the involvement of local businessmen, politicians, and officials, who act as facilitators. Their participation has fostered an environment where trust is misplaced, as they exploit their influence to draw in more unsuspecting victims. As the investigations continue, authorities are urged to raise awareness about such scams to protect the community from further financial harm.

TDP and Janasena Leaders Unite for State Development

TPN, Vijayawada: In a remarkable display of political camaraderie, TDP Parliamentary NTR District President Nettem Raghuram and Janasena District President Samineni Udayabhanu have announced their intent to collaborate for the betterment of the state. The two former political rivals met in Jaggayapet, signaling a significant shift towards cooperative politics aimed at development.



The unprecedented gathering underscored a unified commitment to serving the people, despite their party affiliations. Udayabhanu, a former

MLA and government whip, emphasized that in politics, there are no permanent enemies or al-

lies. He expressed a desire to transcend past rivalries in favor of progress, stating that the YCP government's tenure had left the state in a dire state and calling for urgent development initiatives.

During their meeting at Raghuram's residence, the two leaders fondly recalled their college days, highlighting the enduring friendships that can exist beyond political divides. Udayabhanu lamented the lack of funds for the further development of Jaggayapet, despite the progress al-

ready made. He voiced his decision to leave the YCP due to feeling unrecognized and vowed to pursue friendly relations with both TDP and BJP.

The alliance between Raghuram and Udayabhanu has energized their respective supporters, who are optimistic about the potential for impactful development initiatives. Both leaders expressed confidence that their collaboration would resonate positively with activists, fostering a renewed enthusiasm for public service and welfare programs in the community.



Advancing the Vision of One Nation, One Election: A Unified Approach to Governance

In a significant move towards electoral reform, a high-level committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind was established last year to explore the implications of implementing the One Nation, One Election (ONOE) initiative. On October 31, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly advocated for this proposal during the National Unity Day parade in Kevadia, Gujarat, highlighting the potential benefits of conducting simultaneous elections across the country.

During his address, PM Modi emphasized that ONOE could enhance democratic processes and lead to more efficient resource allocation. He stated, "We are working towards One Nation, One Election, which will reinforce India's democracy, ensure efficient use of resources, and accelerate India's journey towards becoming a developed nation." This vision of unified governance aims to streamline the electoral process and reduce the frequent disruptions caused by multiple elections at various levels.

The Prime Minister outlined how ONOE aligns with other significant reforms introduced by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. He pointed to the success of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as a pivotal step towards a One Nation, One Tax system, which simplified the indirect tax structure across the country. Additionally, Modi noted the One Nation, One Identity initiative through Aadhaar, which has facilitated the delivery

of various services and welfare schemes to citizens more efficiently.

Moreover, the Prime Minister highlighted improvements in welfare services, such as the One Nation, One Ration Card scheme, which enables beneficiaries to access subsidized food grains from any ration shop in the country, and the One Nation, One Health Insurance initiative under Ayushman Bharat, which provides health coverage to millions of Indians.

The proposal for One Nation, One Election has sparked extensive debate regarding its feasibility and potential impact on India's democratic fabric. Advocates argue that simultaneous elections would reduce electoral costs, minimize the model code of conduct disruptions, and allow governments to focus on governance rather than continuous campaigning. However, critics express concerns about the possible centralization of power and the implications for regional representation.

As discussions around ONOE continue, the government is committed to exploring its technical, legal, and logistical dimensions, seeking to balance efficiency with the democratic ethos that underpins India's electoral framework. The initiative, if successfully implemented, could mark a transformative step in India's governance, potentially reshaping the political landscape and enhancing the efficiency of democratic processes across the nation.

The Complex Legacy of Indigo: From Fashion to Rebellion

What could connect modern fashion, oppressed peasants driven to revolt, and the censorship of commercial theatre in India? The answer lies in a color that most of us have worn: indigo. While we might admire our favorite blue jeans, few realize that this vibrant hue carries a tumultuous and violent history.

Indigo has been cultivated in India since ancient times, attracting European traders and becoming a significant commodity for the British East India Company by the 19th century. The crop thrived in the southern districts of undivided Bengal, providing immense profits to European planters at the expense of local peasants. The system of cultivation was inherently exploitative; planters owned processing factories while sourcing indigo from impoverished farmers, who suffered significant financial losses by growing indigo instead of staple crops like rice. The planters used coercion, false lawsuits, and violence to enforce the cultivation of indigo, leading to horrific abuses. Many peasants faced beatings, imprisonment, and even murder for resisting the demand to sow indigo.

In the spring of 1859, the peasants of Bengal rose up against their oppressors, refusing to plant indigo after a magistrate's proclamation asserted their right to choose their crops. Spearheaded by leaders like Digambar Biswas, the rebellion spread rapidly, meeting fierce resistance from the well-armed planters. Despite the odds, the cultivators organized and fought back, showcasing their determination to reclaim their rights. The insurrection compelled the British government to form the Indigo Commission, which substantiated



ated the peasants' grievances, ultimately disrupting the planters' dominance in Bengal.

The plight of these cultivators was poignantly captured in Dinabandhu Mitra's play **Neel Darpan** (1860), which vividly portrayed their struggles. This work sparked outrage among the planters and prompted legal action against Rev. James Long, who had published its English translation. The backlash culminated in the imposition of the Dramatic Performances Act of 1876, aimed at stifling dissent in the theatre.

Despite the decline of organic indigo cultivation after the advent of synthetic alternatives, its legacy persists. The transformation of denim, originally made from tough fabric dyed with natural indigo, into a global fashion staple has deep roots in this complex history. Today, as you slip into your blue jeans, consider the rich and often tragic narrative that indigo carries—a testament to resilience and the struggles against oppression.



What will writers do if Trump wins again

When Donald Trump first won the presidency, I immediately embarked on a writing project fueled by the tumult of that era. Inspired by Hemingway's advice to "write one true sentence," I found myself drawn to the fabrications that proliferated during his campaign. Even before he took office, I began documenting daily falsehoods uttered by Trump, eventually weaving them into a narrative that culminated in my novel, **A Time Outside This Time** (2021). This work allowed me to process the chaos of the Trump administration while serving as a protest against the fiction of fake news.

Now, as we approach the possibility of another Trump victory in 2024, I ponder whether I could embark on a similar journey. Trump's declaration on April 27, 2020, that "fake news is the enemy of the people" resonates in my novel, where my narrator, Satya, struggles to unearth truth amidst an "infodemic" exacerbated by the pandemic. Each chapter chronicles Satya's encounters with various crises—riots, terrorism, police violence—while he seeks a language to articulate the complexities of human experience. His wife, Vaani, a behavioral psychologist, offers theories that intrigue him, yet fail to capture the full spectrum of reality.

The urgency to confront the zeitgeist through storytelling will undoubtedly remain if Trump returns to power. However, I cannot envision replicating my earlier approach. The narrative arcs that framed the initial and concluding falsehoods of Trump's presidency seemed cohesive, but the prospect of re-entering such a chaotic narrative cycle feels daunting. In the author's note of **A Time Outside This Time**, I reflected on the chaos of a presidency that began with a lie about Barack Obama's birthplace and concluded with Trump's claim of electoral victory on November 7, 2020. The thought of revisiting this tumult is exhausting.

During the pandemic, my friend Sloane Crosley wrote an op-ed in **The New York Times** suggesting we should hold off on chronicling our new reality. While she advocated for making notes, I continued writing, skeptical of the immediacy of op-eds. If Trump were to win again, I hope it inspires a wave of fiction that captures the complexities of our time, acknowledging both the dread and the electric charge of current events. Unlike op-eds, fiction can embrace ambiguity, offering expansive possibilities rather than reductive interpretations. As we navigate another potentially fraught era, I believe literature will serve as a vital conduit for exploring the real frictions of our existence, allowing truth and fiction to intertwine in meaningful ways.

India's Rising Chip Industry: A Race for Technological Supremacy

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement and geopolitical tensions, nations are racing to equip themselves with dynamic technologies and sophisticated weaponry. At the center of this race is semiconductors—small chips that power everything from smartphones to advanced military equipment. Recognizing the strategic importance of this commodity, India is positioning itself as a formidable player in the global semiconductor market.

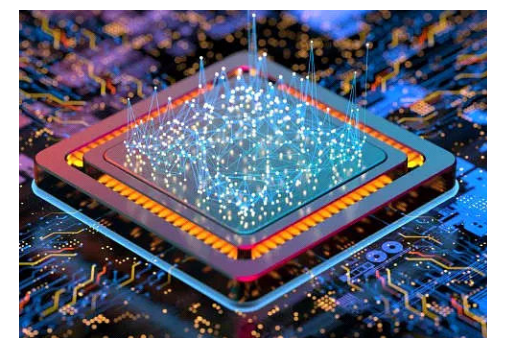
Historically, India has been reliant on imports for its semiconductor needs, leaving it vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and foreign dependencies. However, the Indian government has made significant strides to change this narrative by investing heavily in domestic chip manufacturing and innovation. The "Make in India" initiative, launched in 2014, has laid the groundwork for transforming the country into a global manufacturing hub. Recent policies and incentives aimed at fostering semiconductor production reflect India's commitment to building a self-sufficient ecosystem.

One of the most notable steps is the introduction of a \$10 billion incentive program to attract foreign investments in semiconductor manufacturing. This initiative aims to establish a robust supply chain within India, encouraging international firms to set up manufacturing facilities and research centers. By doing so, India hopes to not only create jobs but also cultivate local talent in the field of semiconductor design and engineering.

India's ambitions extend beyond mere assembly; the focus is on developing a comprehensive semiconductor ecosystem that encompasses research, design, and fabrication. Institutions like the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and various research organizations are collaborating with industry leaders to foster innovation and skill development. This commitment to education and research is vital, as a highly skilled workforce is essential for advancing semiconductor technology.

Additionally, as global demand for semiconductors continues to soar—driven by the rise of artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), and 5G technology—India's strategic investments in this sector position it to capitalize on emerging opportunities. The Indian market is not just seen as a potential supplier but as a key player capable of shaping the future of technology.

In conclusion, as the race for technological supremacy heats up, India's burgeoning semiconductor industry represents a critical pivot towards self-reliance and innovation. By fostering a thriving ecosystem and attracting international investments, India is poised to become a significant player in the global semiconductor landscape, ensuring its position in the ever-evolving technological arena.



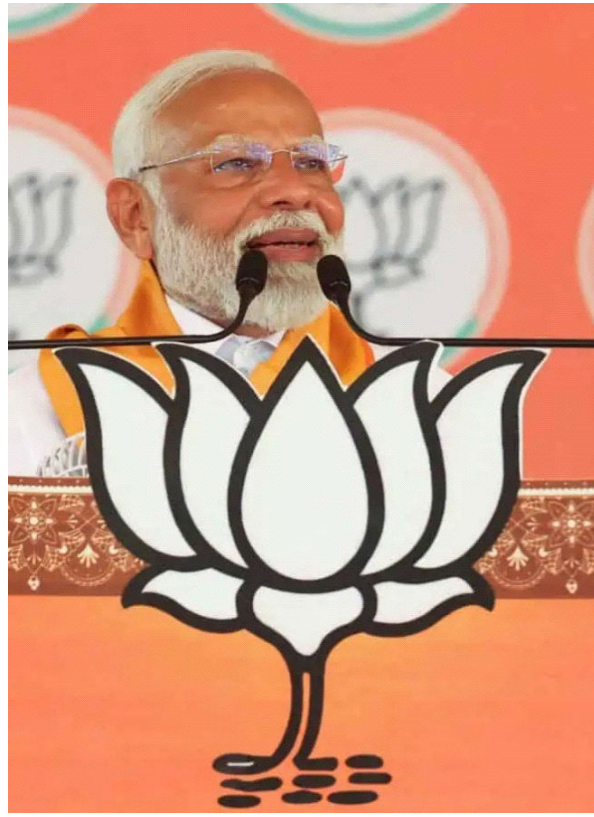
PM Modi to boost BJP's campaign in Maharashtra with rallies from November

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to conduct a series of election rallies in Maharashtra from November 8 to 14, leading up to the Assembly polls scheduled for November 20. BJP leaders have announced that PM Modi is expected to address 11 rallies during this period, aiming to bolster the party's campaign efforts in the state.

Maharashtra BJP Chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule detailed the schedule, stating that PM Modi will kick off his campaign in Dhule and Nashik on November 8, followed by rallies in Akola and Nanded on November 9. He will continue with events in Chandrapur, Chimur, Solapur, and Pune on November 12, culminating in meetings in Sambhajinagar, Navi Mumbai, and Mumbai on November 14.

In addition to PM Modi, several other prominent BJP leaders will be actively campaigning. Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to hold around 20 rallies, while Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will conduct approximately 22. Union Health Minister JP Nadda plans to address about 13 rallies. Furthermore, Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, a key figure from Maharashtra, is slated to engage in around 50 rallies, with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis participating in approximately 55.

The focus of the campaign will be on highlighting the welfare schemes and achievements of the ruling MahaYuti government. "We will showcase initiatives like the Ladli Behna Yojana, the electricity waiver for 44 lakh farmers, and 58 other initiatives that directly benefit the public," stated a BJP leader. The party aims to



reinforce its commitment to Maharashtra's development and advocate for the re-establishment of a "double-engine government" in the state.

As the ruling MahaYuti alliance prepares for the elections, the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (Sharad Pawar faction), and Congress, is also intensifying its campaign efforts in anticipation of the critical elections to the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly.



Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam Opposes BJP's "One Nation, One Election" Plan

Actor-turned-politician Vijay's party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), has officially opposed the BJP's "One Nation, One Election" initiative, labeling it a threat to democracy and federalism. In a recent resolution, TVK emphasized that this proposal undermines the principles that uphold India's democratic framework.

The party also criticized the BJP regarding the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), demanding that education be transferred to the state list. According to TVK, this shift would empower the state government to independently revoke NEET, thereby aligning educational policies with regional needs. The resolution expressed frustration with the central government's stance on education, which the party claims obstructs state autonomy. Furthermore, it condemned the ruling DMK for allegedly deceiving the people of Tamil Nadu with unfulfilled promises related to education.

In addition to its criticism of the BJP, TVK directed its ire towards the DMK government, particularly concerning issues of law and order, the sale of alcohol, and drug-related challenges. The party called for a phased closure

of government-run liquor shops, arguing that such measures are essential for improving public safety and welfare.

The TVK also took aim at the DMK's commitment to social justice, suggesting that the ruling party should conduct a caste survey instead of merely calling for a caste census. This remark highlights the party's belief that practical steps must be taken to address social disparities.

Moreover, TVK denounced the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024, currently under review by a Joint Parliamentary Committee, deeming it an infringement on federalism. The resolution called for the immediate withdrawal of the bill, which the party argues undermines the rights of Muslims and distorts the federal structure of governance.

During the meeting, TVK reaffirmed its dedication to secularism and social justice, vowing to adhere strictly to its ideological tenets and policies as it continues to challenge both the central and state governments on key issues affecting Tamil Nadu.



Amit Shah unveiled Jharkhand Manifesto: Rs 2,100 for Women, Free Cylinders

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) manifesto for the upcoming Jharkhand Assembly Elections, outlining key promises aimed at addressing the needs of the state's residents. A standout commitment is the proposal to provide Rs 2,100 per month to every woman if the BJP regains power in Jharkhand.

The manifesto includes several significant pledges designed to resonate with various segments of the population. Among these, the BJP promises to supply LPG cylinders at a subsidized rate of Rs 500, along with two free cylinders annually for each household. This initiative aims to alleviate the financial burden on families and enhance cooking convenience.

In a move to address land rights, the party has committed to restoring land occupied by infiltrators back to tribal communities. Additionally, the manifesto specifies that children of infiltrators who marry into tribal families will not be granted tribal status, reinforcing the BJP's focus on protecting the interests of indigenous populations. Furthermore, the party has assured that tribal communities will be excluded from the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC), safeguarding their customs and practices.

Addressing the recent challenges of exam paper leaks in the state, the BJP has promised decisive action against those responsible, aiming to restore integrity in the educational system. The manifesto also highlights the commitment to create 500,000 self-employment opportunities for the youth over the next five years, emphasizing the party's focus on economic empowerment.

Moreover, the BJP has pledged to fill 287,500 government positions transparently, with recruitment processes set to begin in the first cabinet meeting if they are elected. The manifesto states that 150,000 positions will be filled by November 2025, accompanied by the publication of an annual calendar for all examinations, ensuring clarity and organization in the recruitment process.

With these promises, the BJP seeks to connect with voters and secure their support in the upcoming elections, aiming for a strong mandate in Jharkhand.



Udhayanidhi: NEET and Sanskrit Exclude Underprivileged Candidates

In a recent statement, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin made headlines by likening the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) to the ancient language of Sanskrit, suggesting that both serve to alienate and exclude significant portions of society. Speaking at an event on Saturday, Stalin argued that NEET functions as a barrier to education for many students in Tamil Nadu, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds.

Stalin's remarks reflect his ongoing criticism of the NEET exam, which he believes perpetuates educational inequities in the state. He emphasized that while Sanskrit is seen as an elitist language, NEET similarly creates a hierarchy in education that disadvantages students who lack the resources and support necessary to succeed in such high-stakes testing environments. He stated, "Just as Sanskrit is not accessible to the common person, NEET is a tool that often leaves out our children who deserve a fair chance at medical education."

The Chief Minister has long opposed NEET, arguing that it undermines the state's educational system and disregards the unique cultural and linguistic context of Tamil Nadu. His government has been vocal in its demand for a return to state-based entrance examinations, which he argues would be more equitable and reflective of local educational needs.

Stalin's comments come amid a broader debate over the future of medical education in India and the impact of standardized testing on students' opportunities. He called for a collective effort to reform the entrance examination process, advocating for policies that prioritize accessibility and fairness.

By drawing a parallel between NEET and Sanskrit, Stalin sought to highlight the need for an inclusive educational framework that serves all students, regardless of their socio-economic status. His statements resonate with many in Tamil Nadu, who share concerns about the accessibility of higher education and the need for reforms that better align with the state's values and needs.

Safeguarding Constitution is India's primary battle: Rahul

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed a public meeting in Wayanad's Mananthavady on Sunday, asserting that the fundamental struggle in India today is to "protect and uphold a Constitution crafted with humility and love, not hatred." His remarks came as he campaigned in support of AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is contesting the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll.

During his speech, Gandhi underscored the significance of the Constitution, stating, "The main fight in the country today is the fight for the Constitution of our country. The protection we receive and the greatness of our nation stem from this foundational document." He highlighted that the Constitution was not born out of anger or hatred but was the result of the struggles of those who fought against British colonial rule, endured suffering, and spent years in prison.

He poignantly described the Constitution's creators as individuals who infused it with "humility, love, and deep affection for the nation," emphasizing that the current political climate represents a battle between love and hatred. "This is a fight between confidence and insecurity," he said, urging his audience to replace



anger and hatred in their hearts with love, humility, and compassion.

Gandhi also took the opportunity to speak about his sister Priyanka, recalling moments from their childhood that showcased her compassionate nature. He painted a picture of her empathy, reinforcing her commitment to the values he was advocating in his speech.

His message resonated with the gathered crowd, as he called for unity and strength in the face of division. The rally served not only as a campaign stop for Priyanka Gandhi but also as a platform for Rahul Gandhi to articulate a vision for an India rooted in the principles of its Constitution, appealing to voters to support candidates who embody these values.

Delhi polls: Arvind Kejriwal to resume 'padyatra' from Rajouri Garden

In preparation for the upcoming February 2025 assembly elections, leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) are embarking on a series of foot marches across various assembly segments in Delhi. This grassroots initiative is aimed at strengthening the party's connection with voters and highlighting their ongoing commitment to local issues.

During a recent press conference, senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh announced that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will kick off his 'padyatra' from Rajouri Garden. Singh emphasized that this march is not only a campaign strategy but also a way to engage directly with citizens, listen to their concerns, and reinforce the party's commitment to transparency and accountability in governance.

The foot marches will traverse several neighborhoods, allowing AAP leaders to interact with residents, address their grievances, and share the party's vision for Delhi's future. Singh noted that the upcoming elections represent a crucial opportunity for AAP to showcase its achievements in areas such as education, healthcare, and public infrastructure since coming to power in 2015.



'Had No Answer': When PM's Question On India-Australia Ties Stumped Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, during his visit to Brisbane, shared a poignant memory from 2014 that highlights the transformative journey of India-Australia relations. Addressing the Indian community, he recounted an early conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who posed a thought-provoking question: "Explain to me why hasn't our relationship with Australia developed?" Jaishankar noted that despite shared language, culture, and traditions, something was amiss in the bilateral relationship.

Reflecting on the moment, Jaishankar admitted that he was left speechless and without a clear answer for PM Modi, as he had not previously considered the dynamics of the relationship. "Things don't happen automatically. It needs effort, mission, and leadership," he emphasized, underscoring the importance of intentionality in diplomacy.

Since the Modi-led government came to power in 2014, it has been credited with significantly reshaping India's

diplomatic approach. Jaishankar acknowledged that the evolution of ties between India and Australia over the past decade did not occur by chance. "This didn't happen on auto-pilot. People, on both ends, made great efforts to build it," he said, pointing to the concerted efforts made by both nations to strengthen their partnership.

The minister's reflections come at a time when India-Australia relations are increasingly seen as crucial in the context of geopolitical shifts in the Indo-Pacific region. As both countries navigate shared challenges and opportunities, Jaishankar's remarks serve as a reminder of the importance of leadership and mutual effort in fostering international relations.

With ongoing initiatives and collaborative efforts in areas such as trade, security, and cultural exchanges, the relationship between India and Australia continues to grow stronger, marking a significant shift in diplomatic engagement that both Jaishankar and Modi have actively championed.

Kemi Badenoch Elected as UK Conservative Party Leader

The UK Conservative Party has elected Kemi Badenoch as its new leader, marking a historic moment in British politics as she becomes the first Black woman to lead a major political party in the country. Badenoch succeeds former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, whose leadership saw the Conservatives endure their worst electoral performance since 1832 in the recent General Elections, where Labour's Keir Starmer emerged victorious.

Under Sunak, the Conservatives lost over 200 seats, leaving them with just 121 in the House of Commons. Badenoch triumphed over Robert Jenrick in a competitive vote that involved nearly 100,000 party members. Her leadership comes at a critical time as the party seeks to recover from a significant defeat that ended its 14-year reign.



Taking on the role, Badenoch faces the formidable challenge of restoring the party's reputation amidst ongoing divisions, scandals, and economic uncertainties. She will need to effectively critique Labour's policies, particularly concerning the economy and immigration, to reposition the Conservatives ahead of the next election, expected in 2029.

In her victory speech in London, Badenoch outlined her dual objectives: to hold the Labour government accountable and to develop appealing Conservative policies accompanied by a clear implementation strategy. "The task that stands before us is tough but simple," she stated, emphasizing her commitment to the party's revival.

North Korea Accuses South Korea's President of Escalating Nuclear Tensions

North Korean state media released a white paper on Sunday condemning South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol for allegedly heightening the risk of nuclear war through his policies toward the North. The report, produced by North Korea's Institute of Enemy State Studies and disseminated by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), specifically criticized Yoon's "reckless remarks" about war and accused him of undermining inter-Korean agreements while engaging in nuclear planning with the United States and seeking closer ties with Japan and NATO.

The document asserts that Yoon's military strategies have only exacerbated tensions, prompting North Korea to accelerate its nuclear weapons development. "Its ever-worsening military moves resulted only in the paradoxical consequences of pushing [North Korea] to stockpile its nuclear weapons at an exponential rate and further develop its nuclear attack capability," the paper stated.



Yoon, who is aligned with conservative principles, has adopted a hardline stance against North Korea, which has continued to advance its nuclear arsenal and ballistic missile program in defiance of United Nations Security Council resolutions. The South Korean administration holds North Korea responsible for rising tensions due to its frequent weapons tests and its provision of military assistance to Russia amidst the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.



Biden Suggests He'd Like To Smack 'Macho Guys' During Final Campaign Stop

President Joe Biden made a nostalgic return to his birthplace in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Saturday to campaign for Vice President Kamala Harris. In a speech delivered at a local carpenters union hall, he unleashed a series of unfiltered comments aimed at former President Donald Trump and his supporters, reflecting the increasingly personal tone of his campaign rhetoric.

Biden took direct aim at Trump's policy proposals, specifically criticizing his call for a substantial tax cut benefiting the wealthy. He remarked, "There's one more thing Trump and his Republican friends want to do. They want to have a giant tax cut for the wealthy." He then seemingly referenced Trump's supporters, saying, "Now, I know some of you guys are tempted to think it's macho guys," and added, "These are the kind of guys you'd like to smack in the ass," eliciting laughter from the audience.

Later that evening in North Carolina, Trump responded mockingly, asking the crowd, "I don't even know, is he still around?" Biden's comments, while humorous to some, highlighted his tendency to stray from scripted messages—a pattern noted in recent weeks.

Earlier this week, Biden stirred controversy by responding to derogatory remarks made by comedian Tony Hinchcliffe about Puerto Rico, saying, "The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters." This remark led to official transcript alterations by White House staff, which sparked backlash from federal transcribers.

As gender dynamics play a significant role in this election cycle, Biden's comments come at a time when Trump has emphasized traditional masculine ideals to attract male voters. In contrast, Harris has focused on women's rights and family support, pledging to protect access to abortion and increase government spending on childcare and housing.

Biden's speech in Scranton resonated deeply with attendees, many of whom were nostalgic for his early years there. He urged the crowd of around 200 supporters to recognize the significance of the upcoming election and to vote for their families and communities. "Don't forget where you come from," he implored, reinforcing his message of community and connection.



Jaishankar begins Australia-Singapore tour with arrival in Brisbane

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar arrived in Brisbane on Sunday, commencing a two-nation tour to Australia and Singapore from November 3 to November 8. This visit marks a significant engagement aimed at strengthening diplomatic ties between India and both nations.

In Australia, Jaishankar is set to inaugurate India's fourth consulate and will participate in the 15th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD). Upon his arrival, he expressed enthusiasm for the visit on social media platform X, stating, "Namaste Australia! Landed in Brisbane today. Look forward to productive engagements over the next few days to take forward the India-Australia Dosti."

Jaishankar's activities in Australia will run until November 7. His agenda includes co-chairing the FMFD with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong in Canberra. The dialogue will focus on enhancing bilateral relations and addressing mutual interests within the Indo-Pacific region. Previously, Jaishankar and Wong met in Tokyo in July to discuss cooperation in security, trade, and education ahead of the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. In addition to the FMFD, Jaishankar will deliver the keynote address at the opening session of the 2nd Raisina Down Under conference, which will be held at the Australian Parliament House. His itinerary is packed with meetings involving Australian leaders, parliamentarians, and members of the Indian diaspora, alongside engagements with business, media, and think tank representatives.



Australian PM Anthony Albanese Declares End of Inflation Crisis

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced on Sunday that the worst of the country's inflation crisis appears to be over, expressing optimism about recent economic data. Speaking at an event in South Australia, he highlighted that inflation rates have reached their lowest levels in three years, providing reasons for hope among Australians.

The latest figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics reveal that the consumer price index (CPI) rose by only 0.2 percent in the third quarter of 2024, covering the period from July to September. This represents the smallest

quarterly increase since the second quarter of 2020, indicating a potential easing of inflationary pressures.

"I know workers, families, and small businesses have all done it hard, but while there are still challenges to meet, still problems to solve, and still people under pressure who need our help, when we look at the economy today, we can see new reasons for optimism and new proof the worst is behind us," Albanese stated. He emphasized that the nation has collectively navigated the challenges of the global economic landscape, demonstrating resilience.

The annual CPI increase stands at 2.8 percent for the 12 months ending in September, marking the lowest annual rate at the end of a quarter since March 2021. This decline follows a peak inflation rate of 7.8 percent recorded in December 2022, which was the highest in 32 years.

Albanese's remarks come at a time when many Australians are still grappling with the aftermath of high living costs and economic uncertainty. He acknowledged the difficulties faced by many but reassured citizens that the government is committed to addressing ongoing challenges.

Market Outlook: Caution Advised Amid Geopolitical Tensions and US Elections; Banking, IT, and Pharma Sectors Show Strength

Domestic stock markets may be mixed this week. It is better for investors to be cautious in the wake of US elections and geopolitical tensions. One can accumulate attractive shares in banking and finance sectors. There is some strength in the IT and Pharma sectors. Be careful in buying midcap and smallcap shares.

Stock recommendations

Eicher Motors: These shares have been consolidating for six months after being in a long uptrend. Compared to Nifty, it is performing strongly. EPS and sales are better. The shares rebounded at the crucial Rs.4500 support. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.4900 with a target



price of Rs.4970/5050 in this counter which closed at Rs.4953 last Friday. Stoploss should be set at Rs.4860.

IRFC: These shares have corrected up to 42% after hitting a lifetime high in

July. After taking support at the crucial Rs.133 level, strength is showing. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.157 with a target price of Rs.162/168 in this counter which closed at Rs.158 last Friday. Stoploss should

be chosen at Rs.155.

Bank of Baroda: Investors' interest in these shares has increased following the release of better results in the latest quarter. After a 20% correction to the lifetime high, there is steady consolidation at Rs.230 level. In this counter which closed at Rs.253 last Friday, momentum investors should buy at Rs.250 with a target price of Rs.275. Stoploss is mandatory at Rs.245.



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EPS are increasing, which are positive signs. These stocks traded better despite losses in benchmark indices. Investors should take a position at Rs.975 with a target price of Rs.995 in the counter which closed at Rs.976 last Friday. Stoploss should be set at Rs.970.

Jubilant Food: After a 20% correction from lifetime highs, this stock looks likely to gain strength. In this counter which closed

at Rs.577 on Friday, investors should buy at Rs.1250 with a target price of Rs.1350. Stoploss should be kept at Rs.1230.

Motilal Oswal: Shares of this company look attractive. Better results are being released every quarter, sales and

Canara Bank Expects Strong Recoveries in Q3 and Q4



Canara Bank is optimistic about its financial performance, projecting recoveries of approximately Rs 3,000 crore for both the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year. K Satyanarayana Raju, the bank's managing director and CEO, shared these expectations in a recent interview with PTI, highlighting the bank's ongoing efforts to improve its asset quality.

In the previous quarter, Canara Bank successfully recovered Rs 2,905 crore, which included recoveries from written-off accounts. This positive trend reflects the bank's robust strategy in managing non-performing assets (NPAs) and underscores its commitment to enhancing overall financial health.

Raju indicated that the bank's initiatives to strengthen its recovery mechanisms have begun to yield results. He noted that the anticipated recoveries in the coming quarters are part of a broader plan to stabilize and enhance the bank's financial position amidst challenging economic conditions.

The CEO also emphasized that the bank's focus on prudent lending practices and effective risk management is crucial for sustaining its growth trajectory. By reducing NPAs and improving asset quality, Canara Bank aims to foster a more resilient financial environment, which is essential for long-term profitability.

Looking ahead, the bank is exploring various strategies to further bolster its recoveries, including engaging with borrowers to restructure debts and implementing stringent monitoring mechanisms. These actions are designed to minimize the risks associated with defaults and ensure timely recoveries.

Overall, Canara Bank's proactive approach and focus on recovery could position it favorably in the competitive banking landscape, especially as the economy continues to navigate uncertainties. With the forecasted recoveries for the next two quarters, the bank is optimistic about maintaining a strong financial performance and contributing positively to the banking sector.

SEBI Proposes New Regulations for Securitized Debt Instruments

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced significant proposals aimed at enhancing the regulatory framework for securitized debt instruments (SDIs). One of the key recommendations is the establishment of a minimum investment threshold of Rs 1 crore for originators regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and unregulated entities involved in securitization activities. Additionally, the proposals limit the number of investors in private placements to a maximum of 200; if this limit is exceeded, the issuance will be classified as a public offering.



To ensure transparency and accessibility, public offers are required to remain open for a minimum of three days and a maximum of ten days, with advertising standards aligned with SEBI's regulations for non-convertible securities. Moreover, all SDIs are mandated to be issued and transferred exclusively in dematerialized (demat) form, streamlining the transaction process and enhancing security.

Securitized debt instruments are created by pooling various types of debt—such

as loans, mortgages, or receivables—and selling them as securities to investors. This process, known as securitization, allows banks and other originators to transform illiquid assets into liquid capital, providing them with alternative funding sources. Investors benefit by receiving returns based on the performance of the underlying debt, with risk spread across multiple assets.

The current regulatory framework, established under SEBI's 2008 regulations, has been updated to reflect the RBI's 2021 guidelines on securitizing standard as-

sets. SEBI is now seeking public feedback on these proposals until November 16.

In terms of risk management, the proposals include a requirement for originators to retain a minimum risk of 10% of the securitized pool, or 5% for receivables maturing within 24 months. Furthermore, a minimum holding period for underlying receivables will be established to ensure that originators maintain a vested interest in the assets.

Additionally, SEBI suggests allowing originators an optional clean-up call, enabling them to repurchase up to 10% of the original asset value, which helps manage the pool's longevity. Liquidity facilities are also recommended to address cash flow timing mismatches, to be provided either by the originator or an appointed third party.

The updated regulations emphasize responsible management and investment in the securitization market, aiming to bolster investor confidence and market stability.

India's Crude Oil Imports Hit 13-Month Low Amid Geopolitical Tensions



India's crude oil imports fell to a 13-month low in October, primarily due to maintenance-related shutdowns at several refineries and escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, which raised concerns over potential volatility in international oil prices. According to ship tracking data, cumulative imports from the top five suppliers—Russia, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States—declined, reflecting a broader trend in the oil market.

In October, Indian refiners imported an average of 4.35 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude, marking a 7.6% decrease from the previous month. Supplies from Russia, India's largest source of crude, dropped 9.2% to a seven-month low of 1.73 million bpd, comprising nearly 40% of total imports. This decline was attributed not only to refinery maintenance but also to increased competition from Chinese refiners for specific grades of Russian crude.

Import volumes from Iraq and Saudi Arabia also saw reductions, falling 3.3% to 0.84 million bpd and 10.9% to 0.65 million bpd, respectively. Viktor Katona, head of crude analysis at Kpler, noted that October was a peak month for India's offline refining capacity, suggesting that refiners may have opted to delay purchases amid fears of a potential conflict between Israel and Iran, waiting instead for more favorable pricing conditions.

Looking ahead, industry analysts predict a rebound in oil imports in November as Indian refineries are expected to resume full operations. Preliminary vessel tracking indicates that oil cargo arrivals at Indian ports could reach around 5 million bpd in the first two weeks of November, a significant increase from October levels.

Despite the overall decline in Russian oil imports, shipments of the medium-sour Urals grade reached a four-month high in October, continuing to play a critical role in India's energy supply. As purchasing activity resumes, Russian imports are anticipated to stabilize between 1.8 and 1.9 million bpd during the early part of November, while Iraqi supplies are projected at around 900,000 bpd. This suggests a strong recovery in India's oil import activity as market conditions improve.

Adani Cuts Power Supply to Bangladesh Amid Unpaid Bills



Amid a severe power shortage in Bangladesh, Adani Group has halved its cross-border electricity supply to the country, citing approximately \$850 million in unpaid bills. This move

comes as Bangladesh struggles to meet its energy demands, prompting the state-run Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) to operate other power plants to bridge the gap.

Rezaul Karim, chairman of BPDB, stated, "We are trying to meet the gap by running other plants," as the country faces significant load shedding of around 1,680 megawatts. The Godda power plant in Jharkhand, which is a key coal-fired facility for Bangladesh, typically provides between 7 to 10 percent of the nation's baseload power

demand of 13 gigawatts. However, on Friday, it supplied only 724 megawatts out of its total capacity of 1,496 megawatts.

In September, Adani Group had issued a warning to Bangladesh regarding its mounting debts, which have now reached an unsustainable level. The company expressed concerns over fulfilling its supply commitments while managing rising receivables, stating, "It is an unsustainable situation."

Currently, discussions are underway

between the two parties to address the payment issues. Karim noted that Bangladesh is unable to make the full payment in one month but is working on gradually increasing the size of payments. In October, Bangladesh managed to pay \$97 million to Adani, which was higher than the payments made in the previous three months.

The ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh complicates the situation further, as the country grapples with a shortage of foreign currency to make necessary payments. Following a stu-

dent-led revolution that ousted the long-standing leader Sheikh Hasina, the new government is focused on navigating the political fallout.

With a population of approximately 170 million, Bangladesh's power demand typically decreases in November, entering a cooler season that reduces reliance on energy-intensive air conditioning. Nonetheless, the current challenges underscore the critical importance of resolving the financial disputes to ensure a stable energy supply for the nation.



New Theory Suggests Black Holes Could Be Key to Universe's Expansion

A groundbreaking theory proposed by scientists may link black holes to the expansion of the universe, suggesting that these enigmatic objects could harbor a form of energy associated with dark energy, the mysterious force believed to be driving the universe's acceleration. This research was published in the *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics* on October 28.



Dark energy, which constitutes roughly 70 percent of the universe, was first hypothesized in the late 1990s when astronomers observed that the universe's expansion was not only continuing but accelerating. This led to the concept of dark energy as an anti-gravitational force, causing galaxies to move apart at increasing speeds. Despite significant study, the nature and origins of dark energy remain elusive.

A recent study by researchers from institutions like the University of Michigan and Arizona State University introduces the idea of "cosmological coupling." This concept posits that black holes are not merely passive entities; rather, they may actively participate in dark energy interactions. The researchers suggest that while black holes form from dying massive stars, they might simultaneously generate dark energy, thereby linking their formation to the universe's expansion.

The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) survey, which analyzes millions of galaxies, indicates a cor-

relation between black hole formation and dark energy density. When massive stars shed their outer layers to create black holes, they may emit energy that influences dark energy, while also being affected by it.

Investigating supermassive black holes in distant elliptical galaxies, the team found that these black holes have increased in mass over time. This observation supports the idea that black holes could contain vacuum energy, exerting an outward force that contributes to cosmic expansion.

Should this hypothesis gain acceptance, it could transform our understanding of both black holes and dark energy. As Gregory Tarle, one of the study's authors, noted, exploring gravitational conditions at the centers of black holes could illuminate the processes associated with the universe's early inflationary phase. Despite the promising nature of this theory, skepticism remains in the scientific community, with calls for further evidence and observations through tools like DESI to deepen our understanding of these cosmic phenomena.

Discovery of Exoplanet TOI-6651b: Insights into the Neptunian Desert

An international team of scientists led by the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad has made a significant discovery: an exoplanet named TOI-6651b, which is five times larger and 60 times heavier than Earth. This remarkable find was achieved using the 2nd PRL Advanced Radial Velocity Abu Sky Search (PARAS-2), a sophisticated spectroscopic telescope mounted on the PRL's 2.5-meter telescope located in Mount Abu, Rajasthan.

TOI-6651b is situated approximately 690 light years away from our solar system and is only the fourth exoplanet ever discovered within what is known as the "Neptunian desert." This term refers to a region in space where planets similar in size to Neptune are notably absent, particularly around stars. Sub-Saturn planets, like TOI-6651b, fall between the sizes of Neptune and Saturn.

Sanjay Baliwal, the lead author and a fifth-year PhD student at PRL, highlighted the importance of this discovery for understanding the dynamics of the Neptunian desert. "TOI-6651b was located at the edge of the Neptunian desert. It is crucial for understanding the factors that shape the desert boundaries," he explained.

The research, published in the *Journal of Astronomy*



and Astrophysics*, reveals that TOI-6651b orbits its host star—similar in characteristics to our Sun—every five days. In comparison, Earth takes 365 days to complete its orbit around the Sun. Due to its close proximity to its parent star, TOI-6651b experiences intense radiation, which has significant implications for its atmospheric composition. The intense heat likely prevents the planet from retaining a gaseous atmosphere for an extended period, potentially leaving only a rocky core behind, similar to other planets in its category.

This discovery not only expands our knowledge of exoplanets but also provides valuable insights into the processes that govern planetary formation and evolution in extreme environments.

7 Ways to Enhance Your Instagram Privacy

Instagram is a fantastic platform for connecting with friends, family, and colleagues, but it can also put your personal information at risk. From sharing photos to tagging friends in Reels, your online activity can reveal more than you intend. If you're looking to maintain your privacy, here are seven effective strategies to make your Instagram account more secure.

Switch to a Private Account: One of the easiest ways to protect your content is by switching to a private account. This means only approved followers can see your posts and stories. You can adjust this setting in your account privacy settings.

Review Your Followers: Take the time to regularly review your followers. If you notice any unfamiliar accounts, consider removing them. It's essential to ensure that only people you trust have access to your content.

Limit Story Sharing: When sharing Stories, you can control who sees them. Use the "Close Friends" feature to share Stories with a select group of people rather than your entire follower list.

Turn Off Location Services: If you



often tag your location in posts or Stories, consider disabling this feature. Sharing your location can reveal where you live or frequently visit, which may compromise your safety.

Manage Tags and Mentions: Control who can tag you in photos and mention you in comments. You can adjust these settings in the privacy section of your account, allowing you to approve tags before they appear on your profile.

Be Cautious with Direct Messages: While DMs can be private, be mind-

ful of who you are communicating with. Avoid sharing sensitive information through direct messages, and regularly review your message requests.

Regularly Check Privacy Settings: Instagram frequently updates its features and privacy settings. Make it a habit to check your account settings regularly to ensure you are using the latest privacy tools available.

By implementing these strategies, you can enjoy your Instagram experience while keeping your personal information safe from prying eyes.

The Impact of Pollution on Eye Health: Understanding Dry Eyes

Pollution poses a significant threat to our eye health, leading to issues such as dryness, irritation, and discomfort. As pollution levels surge, particularly during festive seasons, dry eyes have become increasingly prevalent, especially in urban environments. This condition arises when the eyes fail to produce enough tears, leading to a variety of symptoms that can disrupt daily life.



The tear film, essential for maintaining eye comfort, consists of three layers: fatty oils, aqueous fluid, and mucus. These layers work together to keep the eye surface lubricated, smooth, and clear. Damage to any of these components can result in discomfort and increased sensitivity, making it particularly challenging for those who suffer from dry eyes.

According to Dr. Mubashir Parkar, a consultant ophthalmologist at Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, pollution exacerbates dry eyes through several mechanisms. "Particulate matter, which consists of tiny particles suspended in the air, can adhere to the tear film. This leads to instability and increased evaporation of tears, ultimately causing dryness and irritation," he explained in an interview with The Times of India.

Moreover, exposure to pollutants can trigger allergic reactions, worsening symptoms for individuals already

prone to conditions like allergic conjunctivitis. As a result, those with sensitive eyes may experience heightened discomfort during periods of increased pollution, particularly in densely populated areas.

To mitigate the effects of pollution on eye health, experts recommend several preventive measures. Regular use of lubricating eye drops can help maintain moisture levels and alleviate dryness. Additionally, wearing sunglasses or protective eyewear when outdoors can shield the eyes from harmful particles. Maintaining good indoor air quality through air purifiers can also reduce exposure to pollutants.

As the festive season approaches, being mindful of air quality and taking proactive steps to protect our eyes is essential. Understanding the impact of pollution on eye health can help individuals take better care of their vision and reduce the risk of discomfort associated with dry eyes.

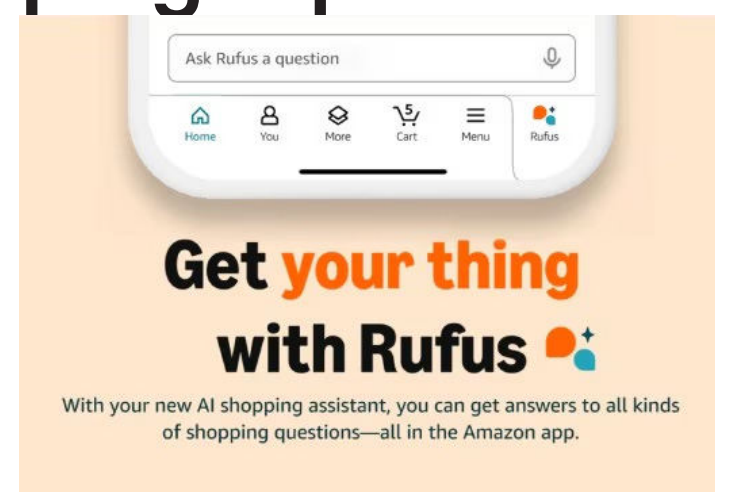
Amazon Unveils AI Chatbot Rufus to Enhance Shopping Experience

While e-commerce platforms like Amazon have revolutionized the shopping landscape, the vast array of products and categories can often overwhelm consumers. With countless options available, finding the right product can be a daunting task. To address this challenge, Amazon has begun integrating artificial intelligence into its shopping experience, including features like summarized reviews and tailored product recommendations. The latest addition to this effort is an AI chatbot named Rufus, which is currently in beta and accessible to select Android and iOS users in India.

Rufus is designed to be a shopping-first AI chatbot, enabling users to ask specific questions about products. For example, consumers can inquire about factors to consider when purchasing a washing machine or seek advice on whether to choose a fitness band or a smartwatch. The chatbot not only provides answers to these queries but also recommends products tailored to the user's preferences and interests.

One of Rufus's standout features is its ability to help users narrow down choices based on particular criteria. If you're in the market for a smartphone, Rufus can assist in shortlisting products according to parameters such as battery life, display size, performance, and storage capacity. This feature aims to simplify the decision-making process and guide customers toward the best options for their needs.

In testing Rufus's capabilities, we asked for recommen-



dations on WearOS smartwatches with the longest battery life. The chatbot suggested the OnePlus Watch, which is partially accurate. However, it could have been more precise by recommending the OnePlus Watch 2R or the OnePlus Watch 2 instead. Despite this minor oversight, Rufus demonstrates Amazon's commitment to leveraging AI technology to enhance the shopping experience.

As Rufus continues to evolve, it holds the potential to further streamline online shopping by providing personalized assistance and making product selection more accessible for consumers. With ongoing advancements in AI, Amazon is poised to redefine how shoppers navigate its extensive product offerings.



RCB Drop Virat Kohli Captaincy Bomb Ahead Of IPL 2025 Auction

As the cricketing world eagerly awaited the announcement of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 retention lists, speculation swirled around the potential return of Virat Kohli as captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB). The rumors intensified following the franchise's decision to leave Faf du Plessis off the retention list, leading many fans to believe that Kohli might reclaim the captaincy. However, RCB's Director of Cricket, Mo Bobat, clarified the situation, stating that no decisions regarding the captaincy have been made yet.

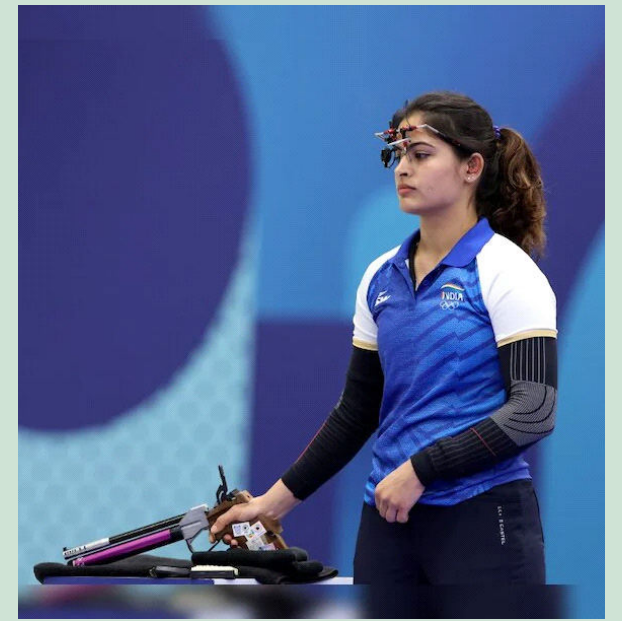
Kohli stepped down as RCB captain after the 2021 season, paving the way for du Plessis, the former South African captain, to take over leadership duties for three seasons. With du Plessis now released from the squad, the question of who will lead RCB into the 2025 season looms large.

"I am sorry to disappoint everyone listening. We have not made any decision related to captaincy or on that (Kohli returning as skipper) as yet. We are open to options. The only obvious decision we made was not to retain Faf. He did a great job last year and the year before that," Bobat explained in an interview with JioCinema. He emphasized the franchise's open-minded approach as they head into the auction.

Reports indicate that Kohli is eager to return to a leadership role, although no official statement has confirmed this. Meanwhile, RCB's coach, Andy Flower, addressed the retention of players like Kohli, Rajat Patidar, and Yash Dayal, highlighting their importance to the squad.

"We are thrilled to retain Yash Dayal, an extraordinary talent whose career is on an upward trajectory. His unique left-arm bowling adds a valuable dimension to our attack," Flower remarked. He also praised Rajat Patidar for his significant impact and resilience, underscoring his role in embodying the spirit of RCB.

As fans await further developments, the future of RCB's captaincy remains uncertain, but the excitement for IPL 2025 continues to build.



Manu Bhaker Reflects on Growth and Future Goals Post-Olympics

Double Olympic medallist pistol shooter Manu Bhaker has shared how the challenges she faced early in her career have instilled in her a sense of patience and resilience. At just 22 years old, Bhaker made history at the Paris Games by becoming the first Indian in the post-Independence era to win two medals in a single Olympic edition. Despite her achievements, she remains unfazed by criticism and stays focused on her sporting journey. Currently, Bhaker is on a break from shooting and is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

"I am really happy that I have already seen the downfall phase; it has taught me a lot of patience. What people say on social media doesn't bother me. My priority is my sport, and that's where my focus lies," Bhaker stated in an exclusive interview with PTI during the DAV United Sports Conclave.

Bhaker expressed gratitude for the support she has received throughout her journey, acknowledging those who have helped her stay mentally and physically prepared. "I appreciate those who are interested in my journey and those who support me. As for the haters, I really don't care about them," she added.

Although she is currently on a break, Bhaker emphasized that this is merely a pause to reassess her goals and prepare for future competitions. She remains in touch with her coach, Jaspal Rana, and continues to strategize for upcoming events. "This break is not a complete disengagement. We plan what we need to focus on for future competitions and training camps," she explained.

Maintaining her fitness has also been a priority during this period. "I have kept a regular check on my fitness. Although I faced challenges during my exams, I've tried to stick to my fitness drills as much as possible," she said.

Recently honored by the DAV United Foundation for her exceptional performance at the Paris Olympics, Bhaker expressed her gratitude towards the organization and highlighted the importance of her connections within the DAV family. "If it wasn't for Amrinder Mann sir, I might not have become part of this family. I'm glad I did because it allowed me to meet so many wonderful people," she concluded.

New Zealand Completes Historic Series Whitewash Over India

New Zealand triumphed over India by 25 runs on the fourth day of the third and final Test, sealing a remarkable 3-0 series victory at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Sunday. This series marks a historic moment for India, as it is their first whitewash in a multi-match series since their cricketing journey began in 1933. The last time India experienced a similar fate at home was back in 2000, when they lost 2-0 to South Africa.

New Zealand started their dominance with an eight-wicket win in the opening match in Bengaluru, which marked their first Test victory in India in 36 years. They then secured the series with a 113-run win in Pune, leaving India with a monumental challenge to recover.

After dismissing New Zealand for 174 runs at the start of the final session, India needed 147 runs to salvage a consolation win. However, the home team faced a disastrous collapse against the New Zealand spin attack. Ajaz Patel, who claimed five wickets in the first innings, continued to shine with a remarkable match haul of 11 wickets.

The innings began with a setback as fast bowler Matt Henry dismissed captain Rohit Sharma for just 11 runs in the third over. Mumbai-born Ajaz then bowled Shubman Gill and later had Virat Kohli caught for a mere one run, further dampening the spirits of the home crowd.



Liverpool Reclaims Premier League Top Spot with Comeback Win Over Brighton

Liverpool surged back to the top of the Premier League standings after a thrilling 2-1 comeback victory against Brighton, benefiting from surprising losses by title rivals Manchester City and Arsenal on Saturday. Under the management of Arne Slot, Liverpool's resilience shone through at Anfield, where Mohamed Salah played a pivotal role in securing the win.



Brighton started strong, dominating the first half and taking an early lead. Liverpool struggled to find their rhythm and could have been further behind at halftime. However, the second half saw a dramatic turnaround as Liverpool equalized just after the hour mark. In the 69th minute, Cody Gakpo's cross inadvertently found its way into the net, leveling the score at 1-1.

Just three minutes later, Salah showcased his exceptional skill. Released by Trent Alexander-Arnold on a quick counterattack, he expertly cut inside a defender and curled a stunning left-footed shot past the Brighton goalkeeper,

giving Liverpool a 2-1 lead and solidifying their position at the top of the table, two points clear of City.

Meanwhile, Bournemouth shocked Manchester City with a 2-1 win at home, marking City's first league defeat of the season. Pep Guardiola's side, already struggling with injuries, failed to capitalize on Arsenal's misfortune, as the Gunners suffered a 1-0 defeat to Newcastle, placing them seven points behind Liverpool and fourth in the standings.

Rohit Sharma's Participation in Border-Gavaskar Trophy Uncertain

India's Test captain Rohit Sharma is doubtful for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia, which begins later this month in Perth. Following India's recent 25-run defeat to New Zealand, Rohit expressed uncertainty about his availability due to personal reasons, stating, "Not sure whether I will be going, fingers crossed."



The five-match Test series is set to commence on November 22, and the pressure is on as both teams aim to secure a spot in the final of the World Test Championship (WTC). India's recent 0-3 whitewash at the hands of New Zealand has heightened the stakes for this upcoming series, making Rohit's potential absence even more significant.

If Rohit is unable to participate, vice-captain Jasprit Bumrah is expected to lead the Indian side in the first Test. Abhimanyu Easwaran is likely to step in as Rohit's replacement, adding

depth to the squad as they prepare for a challenging series against the Australians.

The Indian team faces a crucial period as they look to rebound from their recent loss and perform well on foreign soil. The Border-Gavaskar Trophy has historically been fiercely contested, and with both teams eyeing WTC points, the series promises to be a gripping encounter.



Kanguva makers confirm 4 AM screenings across multiple states

The excitement surrounding "Kanguva" is reaching new heights as the filmmakers intensify their promotional campaign for this eagerly awaited film. Directed by Siruthai Siva, this period action drama stars Suriya and is set for a grand theatrical release on November 14, 2024, in multiple languages, promising to attract a diverse audience.

In a thrilling development, the production team has announced that screenings for "Kanguva" will commence as early as 4 AM on its opening day in key states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Kerala. The filmmakers are also in discussions to secure early showtimes in Tamil Nadu, indicating their commitment to making the film accessible to fans right from the start. Additionally, overseas ticket bookings have already opened, generating record sales and anticipation among international audiences.

"Kanguva" features Disha Patani as the female lead, bringing her talent to the fore-

front alongside Suriya. Bobby Deol takes on the role of the antagonist, adding an intriguing dynamic to the storyline. Produced by Studio Green and UV Creations, the film promises high production values and an engaging narrative that has captured the attention of viewers.

The musical score for "Kanguva" is composed by Devi Sri Prasad, known for his ability to create memorable soundtracks that enhance the film's emotional and dramatic elements. With his musical expertise, expectations are high for a soundtrack that complements the film's thrilling action sequences and captivating storyline.

As the countdown to the release date begins, fans and moviegoers are eagerly awaiting more updates and promotional content. With its impressive cast, talented director, and a gripping premise, "Kanguva" is poised to make a significant impact at the box office. Keep an eye out for further announcements as this highly antic-



ipated film approaches its release date.



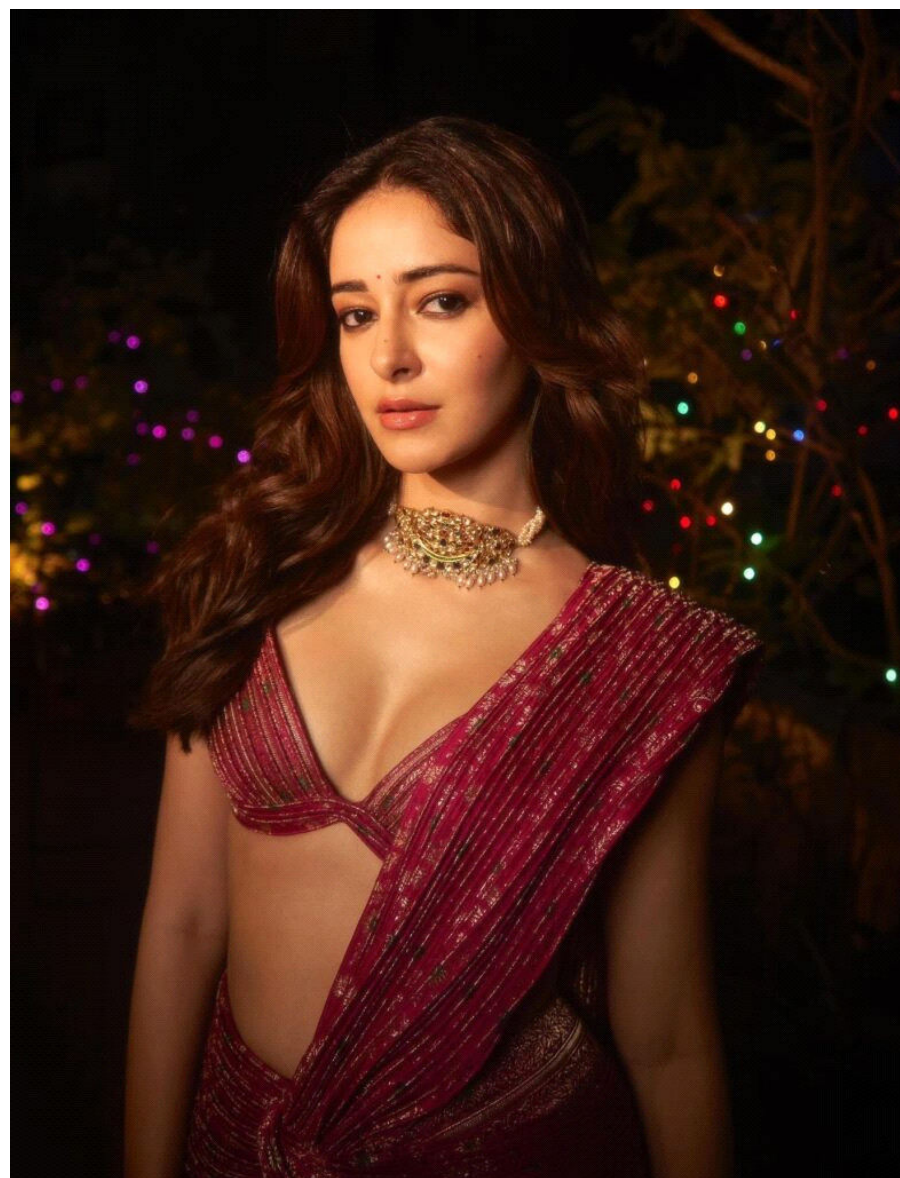
"Lucky Bhaskar" Shines as a Family Entertainer This Diwali

"Lucky Bhaskar," directed by Venky Atluri, has emerged as a delightful family entertainer, featuring the talented Dulquer Salmaan in the lead role alongside Meenakshi Chaudhary. Released amid the Diwali festivities, the film quickly generated a buzz and has been met with enthusiastic reviews and strong audience reception.

After a successful opening weekend, "Lucky Bhaskar" has completed its first three days at the box office with remarkable results. The film has grossed an impressive 40 crores worldwide, showcasing its broad appeal across different audiences. Its strong performance is not limited to Indian markets; the film has also made significant inroads internationally.

In addition to solid earnings in various Indian states, "Lucky Bhaskar" has particularly excelled in the overseas market. Notably, the film crossed the one million dollar mark in North America before even finishing its opening weekend, indicating a robust reception among the diaspora and international viewers alike. This achievement highlights the film's potential for a sustained run in theaters, promising further success as word-of-mouth continues to spread.

The engaging storyline, combined with stellar performances from the cast, has contributed to the film's popularity. Families are flocking to theaters, making "Lucky Bhaskar" a go-to choice for Diwali celebrations. The film's blend of humor, emotion, and drama resonates well with audiences, ensuring its place as a top contender during this festive season. As "Lucky Bhaskar" continues to draw crowds, it is clear that Venky Atluri's direction, coupled with Dulquer Salmaan's charisma, has struck a chord with viewers. With strong box office numbers and positive feedback, the film is set for a successful theatrical journey, solidifying its status as a must-watch family entertainer this Diwali.



Ananya Panday Dazzles in Stunning Look

Ananya Panday, the talented and spirited Bollywood actress, is making waves once again, not for her recent OTT film "CTRL," which received mixed reviews, but for her breathtaking appearance during the Diwali festivities. Known for her vibrant personality and fashion sense, Ananya has once again captured the spotlight with a stunning look that perfectly embodies the spirit of the festival.

Draped in a vibrant red silk saree, Ananya radiates beauty and grace. The saree features intricate details that enhance its allure, beautifully complementing her flawless complexion and accentuating her figure. The rich fabric drapes elegantly, adding a touch of sophistication to her overall ensemble.

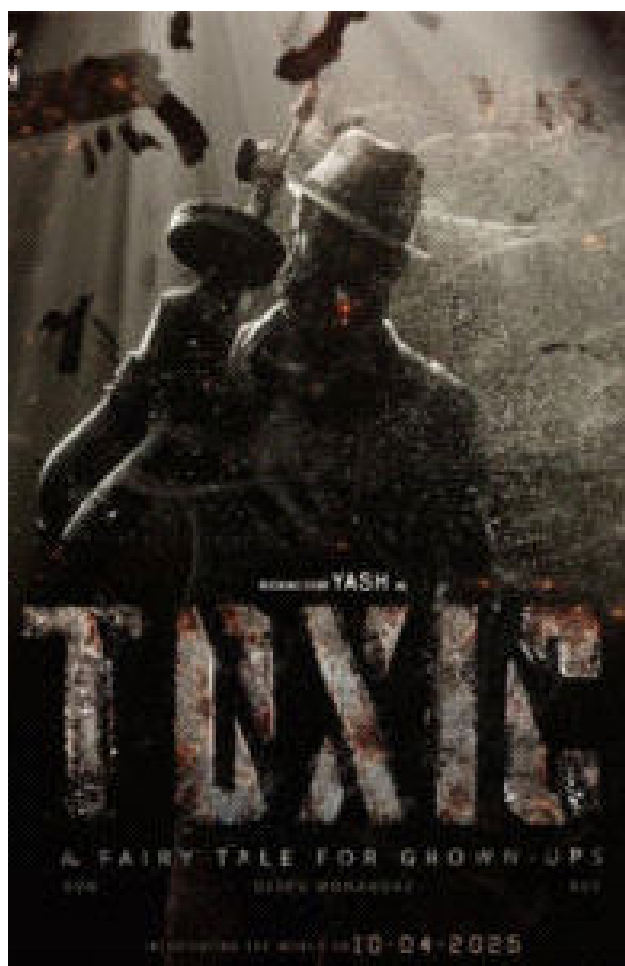
To complete her festive look, Ananya has chosen matching jewelry that adds an extra layer of charm. The delicate pieces enhance her outfit without overwhelming it, allowing her natural beauty to shine. Her makeup, understated yet radiant, highlights her features and adds to the festive glow.

As she poses amid twinkling lights and the festive sounds of firecrackers, Ananya's captivating beauty stands out, making her a picture of elegance and joy. The Diwali atmosphere adds a magical touch to her appearance, creating a perfect backdrop for her radiant smile and infectious energy.

Fans and fashion enthusiasts alike are taking notice of Ananya's striking look, with many praising her ability to blend traditional attire with contemporary elegance. Her choice of vibrant red not only symbolizes prosperity and joy, fitting for the festival, but also showcases her bold fashion sensibility.

Ananya Panday continues to be a rising star in Bollywood, and her stunning Diwali look is a testament to her evolving style and charisma. As she celebrates this festive season, she reminds us all of the beauty and vibrancy that Diwali represents. With her grace and charm, Ananya is undoubtedly a standout figure in the entertainment industry.

Yash to play this exciting character in Toxic



Sandalwood superstar Yash's highly anticipated pan-India action drama, "Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups," is generating significant excitement among fans across the country. Despite the film's production beginning in August, it faced unexpected legal hurdles that temporarily halted filming. However, enthusiasm continues to build as updates about the project emerge.

Recent speculation regarding Yash's character in "Toxic" has gone viral on social media. The popular actor is rumored to portray an advocate in this high-budget entertainer, a role that promises to showcase his versatility and charisma. While this news has piqued the interest of fans, concrete details will likely be revealed when the film's promotional materials are released early next year.

"Toxic" boasts an impressive ensemble cast that includes leading actress Nayanthara, alongside Bollywood stars Kiara Advani, Tara Sutaria, and Huma Qureshi. The collaboration of such talented actors is expected to elevate the film's appeal, drawing audiences from various backgrounds.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas and produced under the KVN Productions banner, "Toxic" aims to deliver a compelling narrative that blends action with drama. The film is scheduled to hit theaters on April 10, 2025, marking a significant addition to the upcoming cinematic landscape.

Diwali Blockbuster 'Ka' Shines with Rs. 19 Crores in Three Days

A film that has quickly become a super hit at the box office, showcases the talents of Tollywood's rising star Kiran Abbavaram in the lead role. Jointly directed by Sujeeth and Sandeep, this movie was produced under Abbavaram's own banner and features a substantial budget, reflecting the high expectations surrounding its release. Nayan Sarika stars as the female lead, adding depth to this compelling story.

Released on October 31 as a Diwali treat for audiences, "Sontha" has garnered positive reviews and buzz. The film's team reported impressive earnings, with Rs. 6 crores collected on its opening day and a total of Rs. 19 crores within the first three days. Viewers are flocking to theaters, eager to witness Kiran Abbavaram's latest performance.

The story centers on Abhinaya Vasudev, portrayed by Abbavaram, who is an orphan filled with the hope that his parents will return one day. He often immerses himself in the letters of others, imagining they are messages from his lost family. This desire for connection leads him to aspire to become a postman, believing that delivering joy through letters will bring him fulfillment.

However, his life takes a turn when the warden of the asylum where he lives discovers him reading letters. After a confrontation, Vasudev steals money from the warden, which was meant for his daughter's operation, and escapes. Unbeknownst to him, this act leads to tragic consequences, as the warden's daughter dies due to the lack of funds for her surgery.

