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Yadadri Thermal Power Station to Be Completed by May 2025

- 4 thousand megawatts electricity grid connection
- We will discuss in the assembly and bring a new energy policy according to everyone's opinion.
- We take the opinions of intellectuals and electricity experts in New Energy Policy



TPN , Telangana : Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu announced that the Yadadri Thermal Power Station is on track for completion by May 2025, with a total capacity of 4,000 megawatts to be connected to the grid. During a recent visit to the power station, along with Ministers Uttamkumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, the Deputy CM flagged off a coal train from Ramagundam to the Yadadri facility.

The electricity generated at Stage-1 of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station has successfully been connected to the grid, following the earlier connection of Stage-2. Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the remaining three plants are expected to be operational by March next year, ensuring that 4,000 megawatts will soon be available to the public.

In his address to the media, the Deputy CM highlighted the need for a new energy policy, noting that the previous government had not introduced one in the past decade. The upcoming policy will incorporate input from intellectuals and electricity experts in the state. A special meeting of the Legislative Assembly may be convened to gather diverse opinions before finalizing the new energy policy. The Deputy CM also outlined ambitious plans to generate 20,000 megawatts of green energy, aligning with global environmental standards.

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CM Revanth Orders Establishment of Dedication Commission for BC Caste Census

TPN , Telangana : In a significant move, the Chief Minister of Telangana has directed officials to establish a Dedication Commission for the Backward Classes (BC) caste census in the state. This decision aligns with a recent verdict from the High Court and underscores the government's commitment to the caste census initiative. The CM Revanth emphasized the urgency of the matter, instructing officials to take the necessary steps to form the Dedication Commission by tomorrow. He reiterated that the government is sincere in its efforts regarding the BC census, affirming that there are no reservations about conducting the caste census.

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Deputy CM Critiques BRS Leadership Amid Seven Lakh Crore Debt

- We spend every penny we collect for the benefit of the people
- We will generate income in the state and spend it for the people - Deputy CM Bhatti



TPN , Telangana : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has criticized the Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS), alleging that the state has incurred a debt of seven lakh crores during their administration. He emphasized the importance of fiscal responsibility, stating, "Every penny belongs to the people, not for the rulers to share and eat."

Vikramarka announced plans for constructing Young India Integrated Telangana Residential Schools, ensuring they meet world-class standards. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to generating income and reinvesting it in the community. "We collect every penny and spend it for the people," he said.

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DK Aruna Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Unfulfilled Promises

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Minister Tummala Highlights Progress in Tribal Areas and Loan Waiver Fulfillment

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Harish Rao Slams Revanth Government for Neglecting Farmers

- 1 lakh 50 thousand crores will be beautified, Do you give lime to the farmers?
- Harish Rao's flag against the government in Nangunur Sabha

TPN , Telangana : Former minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao expressed his outrage at the Revanth government, accusing it of prioritizing the beautification of the Musi River over the needs of farmers. During his visit to Baddipadaga village in the Nangunur mandal of Siddipet district, he criticized the government for spending 1.50 lakh crores on beautification while neglecting agricultural support.



ers voiced their concerns about the lack of harvesting equipment, stating that they had been bringing in paddy for a month without any progress. He pointed out that brokers were buying up to 30 percent of the paddy, leaving farmers without proper support prices. "Before the election, farmers suffered under Congress rule, and now they are facing the same issues," he stated.

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Rao inspected a grain purchase center, where farm-

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He mentioned that the electricity demand in the state is projected to reach 22,288 megawatts by 2028-29, and 31,809 megawatts by 2034-35. The government is committed to ensuring quality power supply for industry, agriculture, and households, positioning Telangana as a leader in the power sector nationally. Local representatives, including Nalgonda Parliament Members and the Energy Secretary, participated in this significant program.

Commission for BC Caste Census

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As mandated by the court order, the authorities are expected to expedite the formation of the commission to ensure that the census process can commence without delay. This initiative aims to better understand the socio-economic status of backward classes and tailor policies to improve their welfare.

Deputy CM Critiques BRS Leadership Amid Seven Lakh Crore Debt

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The Deputy CM pointed out that, despite the BRS's decade-long governance, essential charges for cosmetic and diet needs in schools had not increased. In a move to demonstrate sincerity towards students, the current government has raised these charges by 40%.

He also criticized the previous government for failing to secure necessary environmental clearances for the Yadadri Dharmal Power Plant and assured the public that the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) initiative would be completed within 20 months, contrasting it with the BRS's inaction.

Minister Tummala Highlights Progress in Tribal Areas and Loan Waiver Fulfillment



TPN ,Bhadrachalam : Telangana – Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao reaffirmed the government's commitment to fulfilling promises made to the people of Telangana, especially in tribal-dominated areas such as Bhadrachalam, Pinapaka, and Illandu constituencies. Speaking at a recent event, he emphasized the need to allocate more time and resources to these regions, which have long faced developmental challenges.

Minister Tummala, who has been associated with the Illandu constituency for over 40 years, highlighted the government's significant progress in rural infrastructure, particularly in the remote Gundala Agency areas. He noted that roads are being built in these previously underserved regions where even basic amenities have been scarce. "Regardless of which government is in power, we are committed to implementing all promises made during the Revanth Reddy administration," Tummala stated.

Emphasizing the government's achievement, he announced the completion of an 18,000-crore loan waiver, a scale unmatched anywhere else in the country. Under this initiative, loans exceeding two lakhs for farmers are being waived off. "We have fulfilled the loan waiver promise in the presence of Lord Ramachandra of Bhadrachalam," he affirmed.

Minister Tummala also addressed agricultural issues, noting the impact of recent heavy rains on cotton yields. To support farmers, he assured them that cotton purchases would be managed through the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to maintain market availability. Furthermore, he encouraged the expansion of oil palm cultivation in Illandu to provide a reliable alternative income for farmers, alleviating the difficulties associated with cotton farming. With these initiatives, the government aims to enhance agricultural stability and ensure sustainable development in Telangana's tribal and rural areas.

Crypto Scam Uncovered in Nandyala District: 300 Victims, ₹25 Crore Lost



TPN , Nandyala, Andhra Pradesh : A major cryptocurrency scam involving over 300 victims has come to light in Nandyala district,

where a fraudster named Ramanjaneyulu reportedly amassed nearly ₹25 crore by promising high returns on investments in cryptocurrency. Operating under the name "Tokara" and trading on popular apps like Binance and OKE, Ramanjaneyulu convinced investors from Kurnool, Nandyala, and Mahabubnagar districts that a ₹1 lakh investment would yield ₹10,000 per month.

Despite being detained by the police, Ramanjaneyulu has been under investigation for 45 days without any formal case registered, raising concerns among the victims. Many allege that this delay in official action sug-

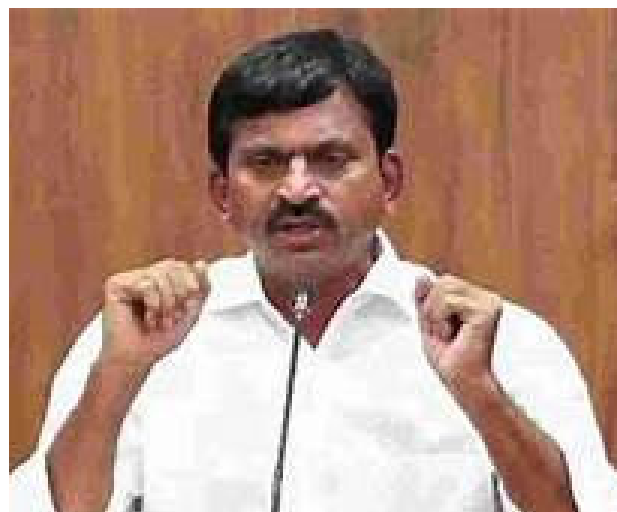
gests possible negligence or even complicity by the authorities.

Ramanjaneyulu is not new to controversy. He became known through his involvement with Keva Industries Organic Herbal Company in 2021, and he allegedly defrauded individuals of ₹90 lakhs in Anantapur before. Police have since identified him as a resident of Peddavadugur in Anantapur district.

As victims wait for justice, calls for accountability are mounting. The affected investors demand swift police action and restitution for their losses.

Minister Ponguleti Issues Strong Warning Against Encroachment

Pledges Development for Warangal



TPN , Warangal : Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced an ambitious development plan for Warangal, aiming to elevate the city as the second capital of Telangana. During his visit on Sunday, the Minister participated in several developmental programs, emphasizing plans to enhance the historic Bhadrakali temple and surrounding infrastructure.

Minister Ponguleti stated that the Bhadrakali tem-

ple will undergo comprehensive development, with Mada streets slated for quick completion to improve accessibility for devotees. Additionally, he promised to convert the Bhadrakali reservoir into a drinking water source, a move aimed at benefiting the local community.

He issued a stern warning to those who have encroached on the Bhadrakali pond, vowing strict action against violators. "We will not allow those who have occupied public spaces to go unpunished," he declared. A detailed survey of the pond area will be conducted, and unauthorized structures will be removed.

Highlighting progress on the Mamunur Airport, Minister Ponguleti noted that longstanding obstacles have been resolved. He added that the airport will be operational once the central government grants final approval, further boosting Warangal's infrastructure and connectivity.

The Minister's announcements reflect a strong commitment to Warangal's transformation, reinforcing its role in Telangana's growth and development.

Distribute Thin Rice to Ration Card Holders from January: Minister Uttam



TPN , Hyderabad : Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that the Telangana government will start distributing thin rice to ration card holders from January, aiming to enhance food support for families across the state. He revealed this plan while speaking on various development initiatives, emphasizing the government's commitment to welfare and transparency.

Minister Uttam shared updates on the Young India Telangana Integrated Residential Schools project, which will be constructed with a budget of ₹200 crore. "These schools will adhere to the highest standards, providing quality education and residential facilities for students," he stated.

Highlighting the contributions of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Uttam praised his loyalty to the Congress Party and his close connection with the Gandhi family. He credited Vikramarka's leadership in helping the Congress Party achieve power in Telangana, including the successful implementation of the farmer loan waiver.

Minister Uttam also commended Komatireddy Venkatarreddy, a long-time Congress leader, for his dedicated service to the party and the people. "The residents of the constituency are like family to us, and we have sacrificed to bring prosperity to their lives," he said. This season, 150 lakh metric tons of rice is expected to reach the market, and the government is working to ensure a quick and transparent grain procurement process. With these initiatives, Minister Uttam emphasized the state's goal of becoming the leading state in the country through proactive governance and welfare-driven policies.

Deputy CM Bhatti Connects Yadadri Power Plant to Grid, Inaugurates Coal Train

TPN , Yadadri : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka officially connected the Yadadri Power Plant Station Stage-1 to the state grid, marking a significant milestone in Telangana's power generation. The ceremony, attended by Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komati Reddy Venkata Reddy, and MLA Bathula Lakshmareddy, also included the inauguration of a coal train route from Ramagundam to the Yadadri Power Plant. This coal supply route is expected to streamline fuel delivery to the plant, bolstering its operational efficiency and contributing to Telangana's energy infrastructure development.

KTR Alleges Corruption in Congress-Led Projects, Questions Governance in Sitarama Scheme

TPN , Hyderabad : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has accused the Congress party of corruption and mismanagement in Telangana, making strong allegations on social media against its governance approach. KTR criticized the Congress for allegedly making lofty promises but failing to uphold transparency and accountability. In his comments, KTR questioned how tenders worth ₹1,074 crore were issued for the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme without necessary permits. He further pointed to procedural



violations in project distributor operations, highlighting inconsistencies in Congress's decision-making. KTR accused the Congress of issuing contradictory directives, with quick tender calls in one meeting and delays in another.

He also took aim at Congress's recent criticism of the Kaleshwaram Project, a crucial initiative that has expanded irrigation across crores of acres in Telangana. KTR challenged the Congress's scrutiny, calling it unwarranted, as the project has already proved transformative for the region.

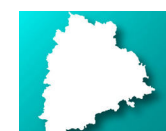
KTR's remarks underscore the ongoing political tensions in Telangana, as he positions BRS as a party committed to transparent governance in contrast to Congress's alleged inconsistencies and corruption.

Neglecting Farmers

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Rao emphasized that during KCR's government, every grain was purchased, unlike the current situation where farmers are staging protests due to inaction. He criticized the Revanth government for failing to set up cotton buying centers, allowing brokers from Andhra to exploit local farmers. The former minister highlighted that farmers are losing Rs. 500 per quintal and lamented that the

promised loan waivers were not fulfilled. "In Siddipet district, 3.60 lakh acres of paddy have been harvested, but the government has only bought 800 quintals," he said, questioning the effectiveness of the current administration. Rao concluded by urging officials to visit the fields and address the pressing needs of farmers, asserting that the government should focus on supporting the agricultural community rather than engaging in cosmetic projects.



Over 11,000 Jobs Filled Through Mega DSC: Minister Ponguleti



TPN , Khammam : Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that the Telangana government has filled over 11,000 jobs through the Mega District Selection Committee (DSC), underscoring the government's commitment to employment and development in the state. Speaking at an event, he credited the collective struggle of Telangana's trade unions for achieving statehood and said the vision of "Indiramma Rajya" is a result of this hard-fought journey. Minister Ponguleti expressed concerns

about the financial challenges left by the previous administration, noting that Telangana has to borrow ₹54,000 crore annually to manage past debts. Despite this burden, he emphasized the government's dedication to employees, acknowledging delayed Dearness Allowances (DAs) and assuring that three DAs will be released soon. He also committed to addressing other non-financial concerns within the year.

Reflecting on Khammam district's progress, the minister criticized the previous government's neglect of the area. However, he pointed out that current leadership has brought significant improvements, including promotions for 37,000 employees as part of Indiramma Rajya's initiatives.

Minister Ponguleti also took aim at political opponents, noting that while some leaders continue to hold onto illusions of success, they were defeated in past elections. Confident in the government's achievements, he expressed optimism for future electoral outcomes, reiterating his commitment to Telangana's growth and the welfare of its people.

Jagadish Reddy Challenges Critics Amid Electricity Commission Controversy

TPN , Telangana : Former Minister Jagadish Reddy has boldly challenged the opposition, questioning the motives behind the ongoing investigation into the electricity commission. He expressed concern over the delays in releasing the commission's report and criticized what he called "bad propaganda" surrounding Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Reddy demanded to know if those calling for KCR's imprisonment had the courage to follow through.



commented on Owaisi's stance within the Muslim community, asserting that they are aware of his approach. He pointed out that, despite Revanth Reddy's criticisms of Prime Minister Modi, BJP leaders have chosen to remain silent. Reddy also mentioned that those who criticize Revanth Reddy are not affiliated with the BJP.

"Will KCR be jailed for providing 24-hour electricity? Will he be jailed for implementing crucial reforms in the electricity sector?" Reddy asked, defending the Chief Minister's record on energy provision.

In addressing political rivalries, Reddy

Furthermore, he addressed the issue of farmer loan waivers, highlighting that Agriculture Minister has clarified that not all farmers are eligible. While CM Revanth Reddy claims that two lakh loans have been waived, Reddy contended that such movements cannot be suppressed by arrests, signaling ongoing political tensions in the state.

BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind Criticizes Revanth Reddy's Government for Broken Promises



TPN , Telangana : Nizamabad MP and BJP leader Dharmapuri Arvind expressed his outrage at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government, accusing it of failing to fulfill election promises. Speaking at a press conference at the BJP office in Nizamabad, Arvind stated that the current government is in a "wretched state" where guarantees cannot be implemented.

Arvind's remarks came in response to BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao's announcement of an upcoming padayatra. He challenged KTR to clarify whether this event would indeed be a padayatra or simply a political publicity stunt. "If KTR undertakes this journey, the people should welcome him with brooms and sandals," Arvind quipped, emphasizing his skepticism about KTR's intentions.

During the conference, Arvind highlighted the government's failure to deliver on promises such as the Rs. 2 lakh loan waiver for farmers and a Rs. 500 bonus guarantee. He criticized the Revanth government for not even implementing the six guarantees it pledged and claimed that purchase centers for farmers' crops remain closed. "The Congress rule has completely lost its groove," he asserted.

Furthermore, Arvind called for immediate local body elections, stating that the people are ready to advise the Congress party in the upcoming elections. He also expressed concern over the behavior of Bodhan MLA Sudarshan Reddy, calling it inappropriate.

In addition, Arvind labeled the MIM party as a "cancer" to the country and condemned the Waqf Board Act as the "most wicked law." He vowed that strict action would be taken if parliamentary laws are violated. Conclusively, he questioned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy about the implementation of promises made during the elections, particularly concerning the Muslim community.

DK Aruna Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Unfulfilled Promises

TPN , Telangana : BJP leader DK Aruna has criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for failing to deliver on promises made on Sonia Gandhi's birthday. Aruna pointed out that, despite a year having passed, not a single assurance has been fully implemented. She questioned, "How can they build houses without central funds?" and expressed frustration that many farmers have yet to receive their loan waivers, accusing Revanth of lying.



contrasted it with the situation in Telangana, where she claims buses are being stopped in villages. She urged CM Revanth to be ashamed of his government's inability to implement effective policies.

Referencing a free bus service in Karnataka launched by DK Shivakumar, Aruna

Highlighting the shortcomings of Congress-led states, Aruna criticized the lack of benefits from central schemes, questioning, "Where are the bright gas connections?" She lamented the absence of support for tenant farmers and laborers and called out the failure to deliver scooters promised for college-going girls. Additionally, she demanded accountability regarding the promise to fill 50,000 jobs in eleven months, asking, "Where are they?" Aruna concluded by expressing anger over the difficulties faced by women due to a lack of new applications for financial assistance.

MP Kiran Accuses BRS Leaders of Corruption and Political Manipulation



TPN , Telangana : MP Chamala Kiran has launched a fierce critique of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), alleging rampant corruption among its leaders during their decade in power. Speaking at a press conference, Kiran stated that BRS leaders have "looted lakhs of crores" and accused them of failing to serve the interests of the people of Telangana.

Kiran expressed frustration over the internal rifts within the BRS, particularly between Harish Rao and KTR, stating that the party leadership is preoccupied with infighting rather than addressing the needs of the public. He claimed that KCR has isolated himself in a farmhouse, avoiding assembly sessions and interactions with the people.

The MP also criticized Harish Rao's comments regarding Revanth Reddy's potential as Chief Minister, arguing that BRS leaders had no true vision for Telangana's formation and were merely organized for electoral gain. Kiran emphasized that the Congress party is now awake to the challenges ahead and is committed to serving the public, in stark contrast to the perceived negligence of BRS leadership.

Tatikonda Rajaiah Slams Kadiam Srihari Over Allegations of Betrayal and Corruption



TPN , Telangana : Former MLA Tatikonda Rajaiah has launched a scathing attack on MLA Kadiam Srihari, accusing him of betrayal and corruption. Rajaiah referred to Srihari as a "fraud among fraudsters" for his defection from the party, emphasizing that he has consistently turned his back on political leaders like NTR, Chandrababu Naidu, and KCR.

Rajaiah criticized Srihari for making baseless allegations against KTR and questioned his motives for engaging with the Congress government, labeling it an "Utter Plaf government." He accused Srihari of lacking a clear direction in his political affiliations and highlighted his frequent party switches, referring to him as a "lightning hero" in the art of defection.

Rajaiah went on to allege that Srihari had engaged in corrupt practices, claiming he sent money abroad through hawala to purchase properties via his daughter's son-in-law. He demanded accountability for Srihari's rapid accumulation of wealth since entering politics in 1992, questioning the disparity between his initial assets and his current wealth.

Furthermore, Rajaiah stated that Congress leaders in the Station Ghanpur constituency, who have long supported the party, are now facing hardships due to Srihari's actions, calling for an apology to those who helped him win his position.

Telangana Caste Census Should Be a Model for the Country: Mahesh Goud

TPN , Telangana : TPCC chief Mahesh Goud asserted that the ongoing caste census in Telangana should serve as a model for the entire nation. He announced that Rahul Gandhi would visit Hyderabad on November 5 at 5 PM, despite his busy campaign schedule in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Goud emphasized that this visit underscores the importance of caste enumeration, which the Congress party has prioritized.



During his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi highlighted the need for a caste census to ensure equitable distribution of resources

based on the population of various communities. Goud noted that this census, the first in

decades, would benefit all communities and allow for a thorough understanding of societal needs.

He praised the Congress government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, for their commitment to this initiative. Goud stated that a well-structured caste enumeration would enable informed decisions on social issues and ensure that all factors are considered. The TPCC leader reiterated that the Telangana caste census represents a crucial step towards social equity and should be emulated nationwide.



Cyberabad Traffic Police Apprehend 513 for Drunk Driving Over the Weekend

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant crackdown on drunk driving, the Cyberabad traffic police arrested 513 individuals during weekend checks across various areas. The operation targeted drivers under the influence, resulting in 425 two-wheeler riders, 24 three-wheeler drivers, 60 four-wheeler drivers, and four heavy vehicle operators being apprehended.

Traffic police officials reported that all those caught will be presented in court for further legal action. The initiative is part of ongoing efforts to enhance road safety and reduce the number of accidents caused by impaired driving.

The Cyberabad traffic police have emphasized their commitment to ensuring safer roads and promoting responsible driving behavior. They urge the public to refrain from drinking and driving and to utilize alternative transportation methods if they plan to consume alcohol. This enforcement action reflects the police's determination to deter such dangerous behavior and maintain public safety on the roads.



Hyderabad Police Take Action Against 10 Bikers for Dangerous Stunts on Diwali Night

TPN , Hyderabad: The Raidurgam police have filed cases against 10 bikers for performing dangerous stunts during the Diwali festival night. This action follows the circulation of several videos on social media showing the bikers engaging in reckless behavior, prompting the authorities to intervene.

The police reported that this incident is part of a larger trend, as they have registered cases against 200 individuals for dangerous and rash driv-

ing over the past two months in the Raidurgam and Hitech City areas. The police emphasize the importance of road safety and responsible driving, particularly during festive seasons when such reckless activities can lead to serious accidents.

Authorities are urging the public to report any similar incidents to maintain safety on the roads. The police remain committed to enforcing traffic laws and ensuring the well-being of all road users.



Bandi Sanjay Criticizes Proposal to Appoint Social Media Coordinators in Temples

TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay vehemently opposed the State government's proposal to appoint Congress party social media coordinators in temple committees across Telangana. Speaking on Sunday, he asserted that temples should not be treated as political rehabilitation centers.

Sanjay challenged the ruling party, questioning whether they would dare to implement such measures in mosques and churches. "Does the Congress have the guts to make such a request for accommodation in mosques and churches? Or is it selectively only for Hindu temples?" he asked.



He emphasized that temples are sacred places of faith and should not be politicized. "Appointing 'social media coordinators' to promote secular narratives in Hindu temple committees is wrong and undermines their spiritual purpose," he stated. Sanjay urged the Telangana government to prioritize the protection of temples and maintain their sanctity, insisting that these places belong to the people rather than serving political agendas.

He concluded his remarks by calling for transparency in recruitment processes within temples, advocating for an approach free from political bias.

Children Vandalize Mahatma Gandhi's Statue with Fireworks in Bowenpally

TPN , Hyderabad: In a shocking incident, four children vandalized a bust-sized statue of Mahatma Gandhi by bursting fireworks on its face during the Diwali festival in the Bowenpally area.

Bowenpally Sub-Inspector Shiva Shankar reported that the children engaged in this act of vandalism simply for fun. The four individuals involved are aged between 15 and 16 years, with two of them having dropped out of school after completing the 6th and 7th grades, while the other two continue their studies.

Authorities are now contemplating filing a First Information Report (FIR) after seeking legal advice on the matter. This incident raises con-



cerns about youth behavior and the need for greater awareness of the respect owed to national symbols and figures. The police are considering appropriate actions to address this disturbing behavior and prevent similar incidents in the future.



HMWSSB Extends Deadline for One-Time Settlement Scheme to November 30

TPN , Hyderabad: In a move to accommodate consumer demand, the government has extended the deadline for the One-Time Settlement (OTS-2024) scheme until November 30. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) had requested this extension due to overwhelming interest from users.

According to a press release, the OTS-2024 scheme has already generated approximately ₹49 crore in revenue as of October 31, with around 70,335 consumers taking advantage of this opportunity to settle their outstanding connection bills.

Launched to help residents address long-pending bills, the OTS scheme allows consumers to pay their dues without incurring any late fees or interest. The extension aims to provide further relief to those who have yet to settle their bills, ensuring that more individuals can benefit from this initiative.

HMWSSB officials emphasized that the scheme is an effort to streamline the collection of accumulated dues and promote financial responsibility among consumers. The extension reflects the government's commitment to facilitating access to essential services while supporting residents in managing their water supply and sewerage charges more effectively.

74-Year-Old Hyderabad Woman Duped of ₹37.9 Lakh in Elaborate Cyber Fraud

TPN , Hyderabad: A 74-year-old woman from Hyderabad fell victim to a sophisticated cyber fraud scheme, losing ₹37.9 lakh under the pretense of her involvement in a money laundering investigation. The incident underscores the growing threat of cybercrime targeting vulnerable individuals.

According to reports, the victim received a phone call from an individual who claimed that a First Information Report (FIR) had been registered against her at the Andheri Police Station. Following this alarming call, the scammers sent her counterfeit letters purportedly from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). These letters alleged that her bank account was implicated in illegal transactions associated with Naresh Goel, the owner of a private airline.

The fraudsters exerted considerable pressure on the victim, demanding that she disclose her bank account details and threatening to freeze her accounts if she did not comply. They further intimidated her by suggesting that she could face arrest. In a state of panic, the woman was convinced to withdraw her entire fixed deposits, amounting to ₹37.90 lakh, and transfer the funds to bank accounts controlled by the fraudsters, who assured her that the money would be returned with interest.

Realizing that she had been deceived only after the transactions were complete, the woman promptly approached the Hyderabad Cybercrime Police. Following her report, the police registered a case and have launched an investigation to identify and apprehend the culprits behind this elaborate scam.

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Warangal Development Plans: Minister Ponguleti Leads Inspection

TPN , Telangana : The Telangana State Government is prioritizing the development of Warangal city with a comprehensive plan targeting all sectors. Minister for Information, Revenue, and Housing, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing the city during a recent inspection of Bhadrakali Bund and Mada streets.

Accompanied by local legislators, including Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, Wardannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, and Mayor Gundu Sudharani,

the minister assessed the infrastructure and development needs of the area. District Collectors Pravinya and Satya Sharada also participated in the inspection.

The government aims to create a sustainable and well-planned urban environment in Warangal, addressing various aspects of city life, including infrastructure, public services, and community facilities. Through these initiatives, the Telangana State Government seeks to uplift the standard of living for residents and promote economic growth in the region.



Tragic Accident Claims Four Lives in Medak District

TPN , Hyderabad: A horrific road accident in Medak district on the evening of November 2 resulted in the deaths of four family members. The victims—Anjaneyulu (50), his sister-in-law Latha (35), and her two children, Sahasra (10) and Shanvi (6)—were killed instantly in the collision.

The incident took place near Potharam village in the Manoharabad mandal, where local farmers had spread paddy on the road for drying. This created a bottleneck, allowing vehicular movement only on one side of the road. While riding a bike with his sister-in-law and her children to catch a bus, Anjaneyulu collided violently with an oncoming tractor.

The tractor driver fled the scene immediately after the accident. In response to the tragedy, local villagers blocked the road as the bodies were being transported to Tupran Hospital, demanding justice for the deceased family. The community's outcry highlights the need for road safety measures and accountability for those responsible for such tragic incidents.

Telangana in Debt Due to Previous BRS Government: Minister Jupally

TPN , Hyderabad: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has criticized the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government for transforming Telangana from a wealthy state into a "debt-ridden" one. During a media interaction in Nagar Kurnool on November 3, he emphasized that the blame lies with those who governed for a decade, stating it is "shameful" to cast aspersions on the current Congress government, which has only been in power for ten months.



Jupally assured that loan waivers for farmers will be implemented and announced plans to further develop the Umamaheshwar Temple with an investment of Rs 1.20 crore. He addressed the Raitu Bharosa scheme, acknowledging delays due to ongoing land reclamation activities.

He highlighted the need to strengthen li-

braries in every village panchayat and criticized BRS leaders for their constant attacks on the Congress party. Additionally, Minister Jupally announced initiatives to enhance tourism in the Nagarjuna Sagar area, including the introduction of water sports in the backwaters and the construction of star hotels through public-private partnerships. These efforts aim to boost local tourism and economic development in the region.

MIM to Contest Local Body Elections in Erstwhile Karimnagar District

TPN , Karimnagar: The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) district unit has announced its intention to contest in the upcoming local body elections, including Sarpanch, MPTC, ZPTC, and municipal polls in the erstwhile Karimnagar district.



MIM district president Syed Ghulam Ahmed Hussain stated on Sunday that the decision was made in accordance with party president Asaduddin Owaisi's directives. The party plans to field candidates from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities, with the final decision on any alliances to be made by the party's high command.

The MIM aims to contest for 75 corporator and councilor positions across the municipalities in

the integrated Karimnagar district, targeting 25 corporator seats in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. Hussain expressed confidence in securing at least 20 seats and capturing the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Responding to recent allegations made by Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Hussain criticized the BJP leader for his lack of developmental initiatives during his tenure as Karimnagar MP and as a union minister, asserting that such statements against the MIM are politically motivated.

Nalgonda Residents Protest Acute Drinking Water Scarcity

TPN , Nalgonda: Residents of Chennaram village in Nalgonda mandal took to the streets on Sunday, voicing their frustrations over a severe drinking water shortage that has plagued their community for weeks. The local tap water supply has been disrupted for over a month, with the Mission Bhagiratha supply source rendered defunct.



Frustrated women, left without a reliable drinking water source, staged a protest by marching onto the Nalgonda-Kanagal road with empty pots in hand, chanting slogans against the government. They expressed their desperation and frustration, lamenting the lack of response from local officials and public rep-

resentatives regarding their plight.

The protest resulted in significant traffic congestion, underscoring the critical nature of the water crisis in the area. The women demanded immediate restoration of water supply from the Mission Bhagiratha project, urging the government to take swift action to resolve the ongoing issue. Their demonstration reflects the urgent need for government intervention to ensure access to clean drinking water in the region.

Tiger from Asifabad District Frequently Sighted in Mancherial's Vemanapalli Forests

TPN , Mancherial: A tiger believed to be from the neighboring Kumram Bheem Asifabad district has been frequently straying into the forests of Vemanapalli mandal, with locals reporting sightings at least three times a month.

Residents have spotted the tiger in various areas, including Kottajajulpet, Odduguda, Kharji, and Rampur villages. Recently, it was noted that the tiger killed cattle near an irrigation tank between Kharji and Rampur.

Villagers suspect that the tiger may be encountering difficulties with wild dogs, which they



believe are hindering its ability to consume the remains of the cattle. This potential conflict may be driving the tiger to seek out new territory and prey in the Vemanapalli forests.

Forest officials have confirmed the collection of pugmarks in the area, although they are withholding specific details about the tiger for security reasons. To monitor the animal's movements, officials are utilizing CCTV cameras and animal tracking devices, ensuring they keep a close watch on the situation as it develops.

Protests Erupt in Telangana Over Allegations of Corruption in Kaleshwaram Project

TPN , Telangana: Farmers and residents from the Palamuru-Rangareddy region have taken to the streets, voicing their frustrations over unmet expectations and allegations of corruption surrounding the Kaleshwaram irrigation project. Protesters raised green flags, symbolizing their call for sustainable solutions and better governance, accusing authorities of undermining key projects and causing migration issues.

They highlighted concerns regarding the management of public resources, claiming that tenders worth Rs. 1,074 crore for the Sitarama Uttipipottala scheme were issued without proper approvals, raising significant governance questions. Demonstrators criticized contradictory statements from officials, where urgent tender processes were demanded in one meeting while rules were reportedly ignored in another.

The protesters expressed outrage at ongoing investigations into the Kaleshwaram project, questioning the accountability measures for those responsible for perceived mismanagement. They emphasized that the issues plaguing the project reflect larger systemic corruption, calling for transparency and accountability to protect the livelihoods of countless farmers in the region. The protests underscore the community's demand for effective governance and commitment to improving agricultural conditions in Telangana.

TGPSC Group 3 Exam 2024 Schedule Released

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has officially announced the schedule for the Group 3 exams, set to take place on November 17 and 18, 2024.



The written examinations will be conducted as follows: Paper 1 will occur on November 17 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, followed by Paper 2 on the same day from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Paper 3 is scheduled for November 18 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Candidates can expect the release of the TGPSC Group 3 hall ticket on November 10, 2024. For any inquiries, candidates are encouraged to reach out to the TGPSC technical help desk at 040-23542185 or 040-23542187 during business hours. Additional assistance can be obtained via email at Helpdesk@tspsc.gov.in.

To download the TGPSC Group 3 hall ticket, candidates should follow these steps:

1. Visit the official TSPSC website at [\[tspsc.gov.in\]](http://tspsc.gov.in)(<http://tspsc.gov.in>).
2. Locate the hall ticket download link for the Telangana TSPSC Group 3 exam.
3. Fill in the required fields, including registration number or roll number and date of birth.
4. Submit the login credentials.
5. Download the TSPSC Group 3 admit card PDF and print a hard copy for future reference.

Telangana Traffic Police Constable Dies by Suicide Amid Financial Struggles

TPN , Nalgonda: In a tragic incident, a 42-year-old traffic police constable from Telangana, Kankuri Ravishankar, was found dead by suicide in his flat in Nalgonda on November 2. Authorities report that he hanged himself, allegedly due to financial difficulties stemming from a recent land purchase.



Ravishankar, a resident of Cheruvugattu village in Narketpally mandal, had been on leave for Deepavali since October 30. On the day of the incident, he locked himself in his room, claiming he was tired. After hours of silence, his family forced the door open, discovering him hanging from the ceiling. Despite being rushed to the hospital, he was pronounced dead upon arrival. His wife, Swathi, who works as an RTC bus conductor, collapsed upon seeing the tragic scene and was hospitalized.

Police investigations indicate that Ravishankar had taken a loan to buy a plot of land, which contributed to his financial strain. A case has been registered by Nalgonda Town II police following a complaint from Ravishankar's mother.

The incident marks the fourth suicide among Telangana police personnel in the past two months, highlighting alarming trends attributed to financial issues, family disputes, and workplace harassment. This troubling pattern underscores the urgent need for support and intervention within the police force.



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.

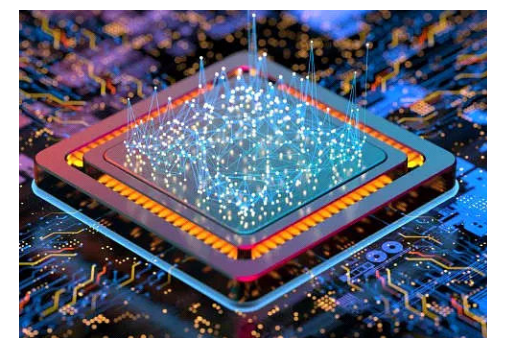
Historically, India has been reliant on imports for its semiconductor needs, leaving it vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and foreign dependencies. However, the Indian government has made significant strides to change this narrative by investing heavily in domestic chip manufacturing and innovation. 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.



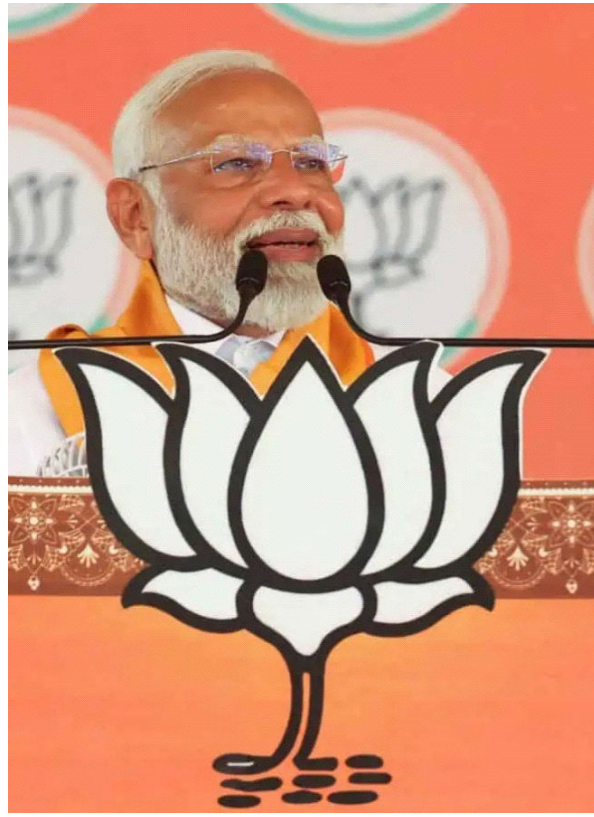
PM Modi to boost BJP's campaign in Maharashtra with rallies from November

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.



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.



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.

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.

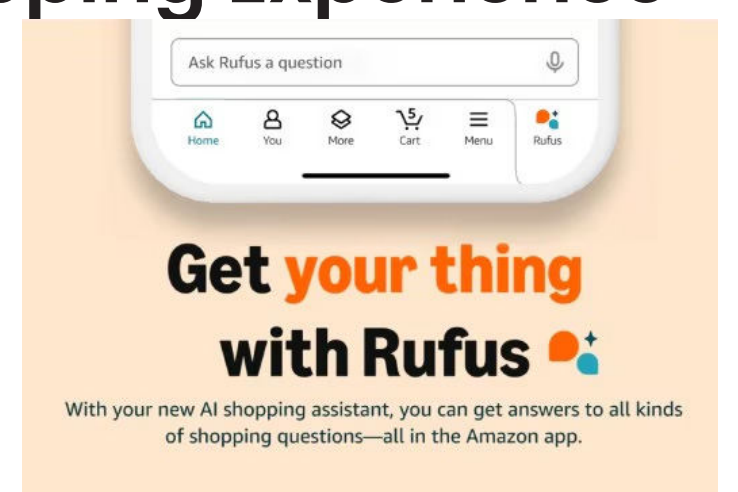
Amazon Unveils AI Chatbot Rufus to Enhance Shopping Experience

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.



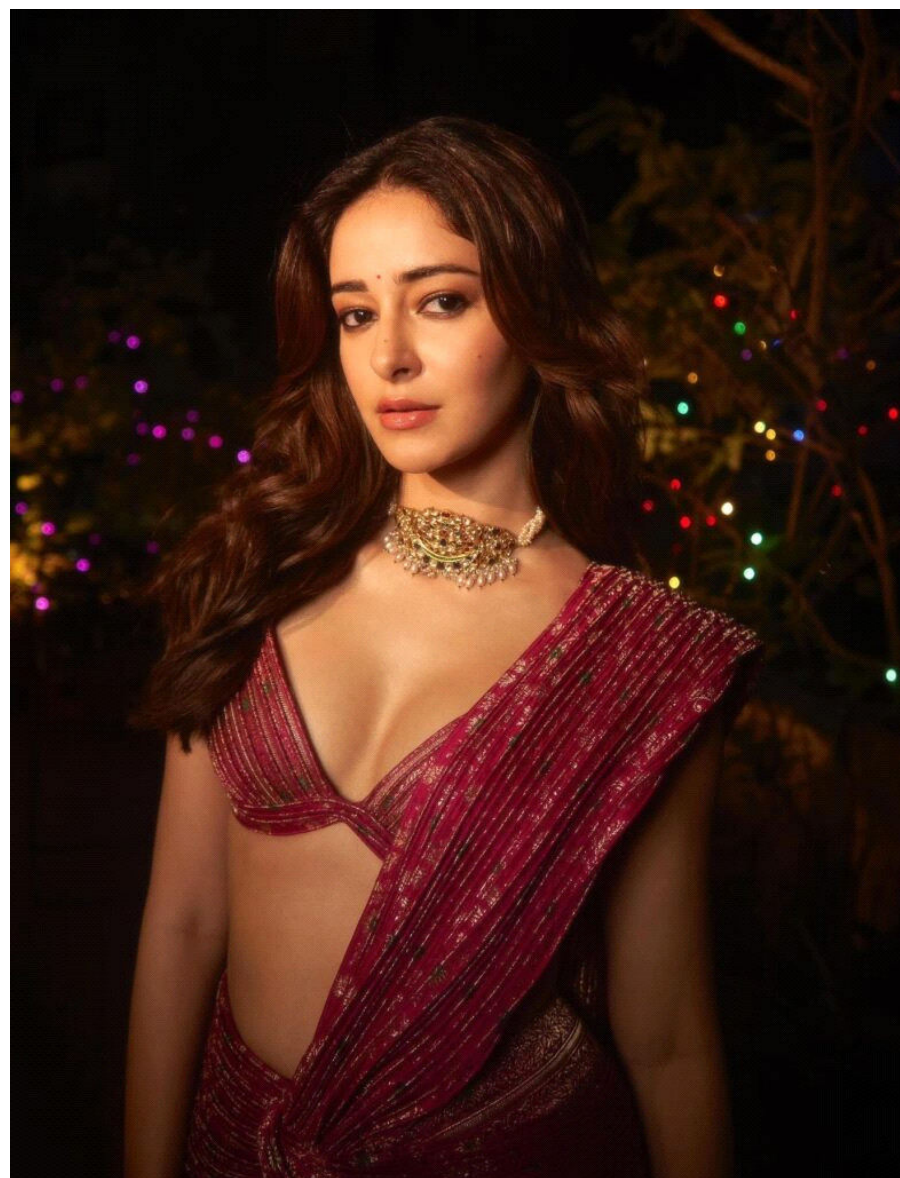
"Lucky Bhaskar" Shines as a Family Entertainer This Diwali

"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.

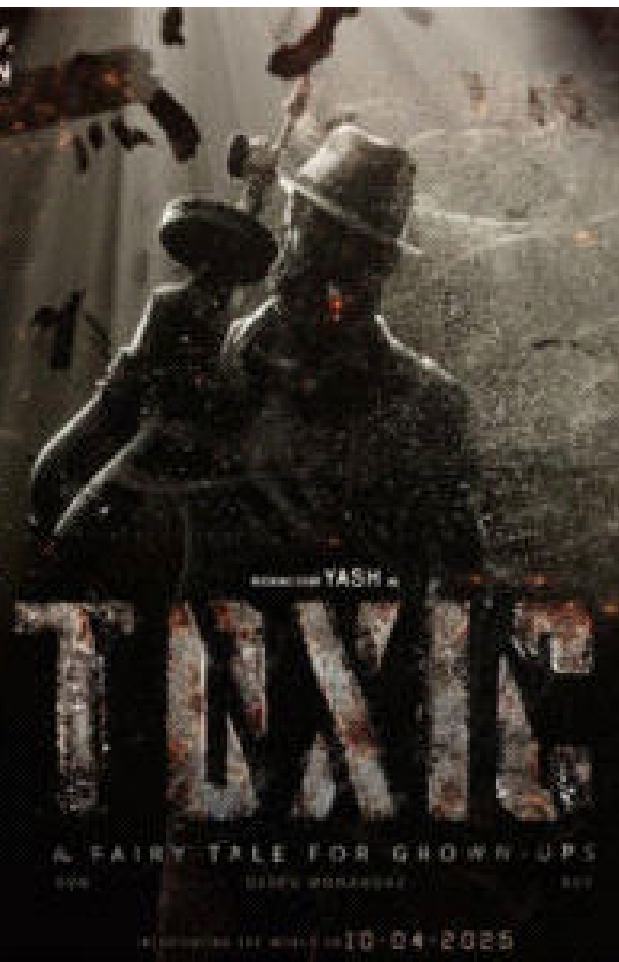
To complete her festive look, Ananya has chosen matching jewelry that adds an extra layer of charm. The delicate pieces enhance her outfit without overwhelming it, allowing her natural beauty to shine. Her makeup, understated yet radiant, highlights her features and adds to the festive glow.

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.

