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DCM Pawan Kalyan Inspects Saraswati Lands in Palnadu Dist

Land Grabbing Allegations in Saraswati Power Project, Calls for Inquiry



TPN, Palnadu: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has made serious allegations regarding the acquisition of lands for the Saraswati Power project in Vemavaram village, Palnadu district, claiming that farmers were intimidated into giving up their lands under false promises. Visiting the project site on Tuesday, Kalyan stated that the land acquisition process involved coercive tactics, including threats and the use of petrol bombs, with the project's promoters allegedly tied to the former Chief Minister's family.

Kalyan explained that 1,184 acres of land were acquired for the project, including 400 acres of forest land and several acres of SC-assigned lands, raising concerns over the legality of the acquisition process. He noted that the promised power plant was never constructed, and instead, the valuable limestone reserves in the area suggest intentions to establish a cement factory.

According to Kalyan, the former government misled farm-

ers with promises of job opportunities and future development, none of which were fulfilled. Local farmers, he said, were left disappointed, with no industry or employment opportunities created as promised. He expressed concern over alleged records tampering, specifically altering forest land titles, and called for a comprehensive investigation by district officials into these activities.

Kalyan further disclosed that the project had secured permission to extract 196 crore liters of water from the Krishna River, despite no factory being established. He urged the police to support local farmers against any future intimidation and emphasized that the issue would be addressed at the cabinet level to ensure accountability.

The Deputy Chief Minister's visit was met with widespread support from locals, marking a strong stance on behalf of affected farmers and underscoring the state's commitment to ensuring fair land practices.

AP Govt are Going to Release Mega DSC Notification By Today

Education Dept Plans New Online Exam System

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh's long-awaited Mega DSC 2024 notification is officially being released today, marking a significant recruitment drive in the state's education sector. Following the TET results released earlier this week, the education department has been actively working to finalize plans for the Mega DSC announcement. Online applications will open today, allowing candidates a month-long window until December 6 to apply.



The education department has decided to conduct the DSC exams online, following the model used for the TET exams. To accommodate the large number of applicants, particularly for SGT posts, the exams will be held in multiple phases across districts. Scheduled to run from February 3 to March 4, this phased approach aims to ensure a smoother examination process while maintaining fairness through score normalization across sessions.

The Mega DSC 2024 notification includes a substantial number of vacancies, totaling 16,347 posts. These openings comprise 6,371 posts for Secondary Grade Teachers (SGT), 7,725 for School Assistants, 1,781 for Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT), 286 for Post Graduate Teachers (PGT), 52 for Principals, and 132 for Physical Education Teachers (PET). Notably, Kurnool district will see the highest number of SGT posts, while Srikakulam will have the fewest.

The department is currently reviewing strategies to minimize the impact of phased testing on results. Conducting exams simultaneously across two or three districts is one approach being considered, aimed at streamlining the process and simplifying normalization of scores.

This new online examination system, along with a phased schedule, is intended to provide a more efficient and transparent recruitment process for aspiring educators across Andhra Pradesh.

In a new approach this year, the ed-

Cabinet Meeting Today to Discuss Key Legislative Proposals

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, will convene today at 11 AM to deliberate on significant legislative matters that could impact the state's governance and social equity. The primary focus of this meeting will be the proposed repeal of the Land Grabbing Act of 1982.



Sources indicate that the Cabinet is set to make a pivotal decision to replace the existing Land Grabbing Act with a new legislative framework aimed at addressing issues related to land acquisition and protecting the rights of landowners. This move is anticipated to streamline the land acquisition process and enhance transparency in dealings involving land ownership.

In addition to the repeal of the Land Grabbing Act, the Cabinet will also discuss the important issue of providing a 34 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in nominated posts. This proposal aims to ensure better representation of BC communities in various governmental roles, thus promoting social equity within the state's administrative framework. To facilitate this discussion, the Cabinet is expected to cancel Jivo

No. 77, which outlines previous guidelines on the matter.

These discussions come at a critical time as the government seeks to address longstanding concerns about land rights and representation for marginalized communities. The outcomes of this Cabinet meeting could lead to significant changes in the legislative landscape of Andhra Pradesh, reflecting the government's commitment to reform and inclusion.

The decisions made in this meeting will be closely watched by various stakeholders, including community leaders, landowners, and political observers, as they will set the tone for future policies in the state.

DCM Pawan Kalyan to Meet Amit Shah in Delhi Today



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is set to travel to Delhi today for an important meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Sources indicate that the date for this highly anticipated appointment has been finalized, marking a significant development in the political landscape of Andhra Pradesh.

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Home Minister Anitha Responds to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's Comments on Crime in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In response to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's recent comments on crime in Andhra Pradesh, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha assured that the issues of drug abuse and violence against women are being addressed with urgency. She affirmed that Kalyan's concerns are being taken seriously and that efforts are underway to strengthen law enforcement across the state.



Home Minister Anitha acknowledged that incidents like the recent mass sexual assault in Sri Sathyasai district are painful reminders of the need for strict preventive measures. She noted that a review has been conducted with district police officials to reinforce crime prevention strategies. "If action had been taken more rigorously in the past, perhaps such incidents would not be happening now," she remarked, expressing her commitment to enforcing law and order.

Anitha also supported the call for special courts to handle cases of violent crime swiftly, pledging that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu would bring this proposal forward. She emphasized the importance of punishing offenders to set a strong precedent for justice.

Responding to criticisms on social media, Home Minister Anitha expressed her concerns over misuse in the name of freedom of expression, warning of strict action against those spreading misinformation. She added that she herself has faced harassment on social media and understood Pawan Kalyan's frustration.

Meanwhile, during his visit to Pithapuram, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan highlighted the rising concern over crime rates and held the Home Ministry responsible, urging Minister Anitha to take proactive steps to protect citizens. In her response, Anitha affirmed, "We are fully committed to maintaining peace and security, and we are actively addressing these issues."

AP DGP Responds to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's Criticisms of Police, Pledges Focus on Accountability

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Dwaraka Tirumala Rao addressed recent criticisms from Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, acknowledging some errors made by the police over the past five years and committing to corrective action. DGP Rao, along with Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, participated in the Prohibition DSP Passing Parade in Anantapur on Tuesday, where they received the salute from newly trained DSPs and provided guidance for their roles.



attacks on party offices, citing political pressure as a factor. He explained that despite freedom of expression, there were failures in accountability, including a lack of arrests and case filings. He emphasized that justice has no expiration date, citing a recent case in Kerala where an IPS officer was convicted for a wrong doing committed 20 years ago.

In response to Pawan Kalyan's remarks, DGP Rao stressed that while some mistakes were made, the focus now is on rectifying those errors and enhancing public security. He affirmed a commitment to peace and security, emphasizing that police will operate without compromising on these values and according to constitutional principles.

DGP Rao also remarked on the previous government's handling of political incidents, noting that the police did not adequately address

Addressing advancements in police operations, DGP Rao highlighted that fingerprint technology and other resources were underutilized by the previous administration. He assured that under the current regime, human rights and the protection of women and children are top priorities, with initiatives underway to make the police more accountable and responsive to public needs.

Regarding recent allegations against IG Sanjay, DGP Rao confirmed that an investigation is ongoing, with a report expected from the General Administration Department (GAD) in due course.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Holds Review on Key River Linking Projects in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In response to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's recent directive to expedite work on priority water projects, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu convened a series of discussions aimed at advancing key river-linking initiatives in Andhra Pradesh. The meeting, held at the Vijayawada camp office, included high-level reviews on the Polavaram, Veligonda, Chintalapudi, and Godavari-Penna river linking projects.



The review session was attended by senior officials, including ENC M. Venkateswara Rao, project CEs, SEs, and representatives from Megha Engineering Agency, the firm responsible for key aspects of the projects. The Minister underscored the importance of swift progress on these projects, particularly those critical to irrigation and water distribution across the state.

Starting Wednesday, discussions will center around the Polavaram project, with a focus on the construction of the diaphragm wall and ECRF (Earthen Rockfill Dam) structure. Minister

Ramanaidu will also hold meetings with experts to assess technical management strategies essential for the workshop.

In addition, the Minister is preparing a comprehensive report detailing the previous administration's shortcomings in managing the Veligonda project, specifically issues concerning the damaged feeder canal. The report will be submitted to CM Chandrababu Naidu, outlining the corrective

measures required to bring the project back on track and ensure that it aligns with the state's goals for water resource development.

With these proactive measures, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu aims to advance Andhra Pradesh's water infrastructure and support the Chief Minister's vision for sustainable river-linking solutions to benefit the state's agricultural and drinking water needs.

The AP Govt Stands Firmly With the Agricultural and Aqua Sectors – Minister Gottipati

TPN, Bapatla: Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar criticized the previous YCP administration for the poor condition of roads in Andhra Pradesh, stating that potholes have become a common sight due to past negligence. During his visit to Bapatla district with In-charge Minister Kolusu Parthasaradhi, he emphasized that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has prioritized road repairs and issued directives for immediate action.



to boost local development in Bapatla by enhancing the agriculture and aqua sectors, which play a vital role in the district's economy. "The coalition government stands firmly with the agricultural and aqua sectors in Bapatla. We aim to support farmers and aqua professionals with the resources they need to thrive," said Ravi Kumar.

Speaking from Yazeeli in Karlapalem mandal, where he and Parthasaradhi symbolically participated in filling potholes, Minister Ravi Kumar announced that the state government has allocated Rs.826 crore specifically for road repairs. "Our goal is to make all main roads accessible and safe for commuters within a month. This initiative is part of the CM's war footing strategy to restore road conditions across the state," he stated.

The minister also highlighted plans

In addition to infrastructure and sectoral support, Minister Ravi Kumar also committed to promoting tourism in Bapatla district as a way to create employment opportunities for the youth. He shared that the Deepam Scheme-2, part of the coalition's Super Six guarantees, has been initiated to further ensure citizens' welfare and development.

With these measures, the ministers affirmed the coalition's commitment to both economic support and infrastructure improvement for Bapatla and surrounding areas.

Good News for AP Pensioners, Now You Can Receive Three Months Pension at Once

This Scheme Starting From January

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The state government has introduced new changes to the pension system, implemented as part of an ambitious initiative. Previously, if a pension was not collected in one month, it would not be available in the next month. However, under the recent orders from CM Chandrababu Naidu, beneficiaries who miss collecting their pension for two consecutive months will now receive the total amount for all three months on the third month.



The new policy will take effect from December, allowing beneficiaries the option to collect three months' pension at once.

The Andhra Pradesh government has made a key decision regarding pensions across the state and plans to grant new pensions in January next year. New pensions will be issued under the NTR Bharosa scheme, with applications opening in November. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas of SERP instructed officials to take necessary steps, announcing that new pensions will be granted to eligible applicants every six months.

In addition, widows who submit a death certificate for their deceased husbands will now receive a pension under the widow category starting the month following their husband's death.

The minister also noted that complaints were received regarding ineligible individuals receiving pensions under the previous government. To address this, officials have been directed to review the lists of beneficiaries based on government data and field-level checks. Ineligible pensions will be discontinued, but eligible beneficiaries who are mistakenly removed can file complaints at gram sabhas to have their pensions restored per the guidelines.

During a recent review of social security pensions at the Secretariat in Amara-vati, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas stated that, following CM Chandrababu's orders, pensions will now be distributed in full after a two-month delay. This

A1 Accused Kukkala Vidyasagar Approaches Supreme Court in Kadambari Jethwani Case

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Kukkala Vidyasagar, the primary suspect in the high-profile case involving Mumbai actress Kadambari Jethwani, has petitioned the Supreme Court of India, challenging a previous judgment by the Andhra Pradesh High Court. Vidyasagar's petition was presented to a bench led by Justices MM Sundaresh and Arvind Kumar. His legal team argued that they had already filed a bail application at the trial court and requested an expedited hearing on the matter. In response, the Supreme Court directed the lower court to make a decision on the bail application within three weeks and issued notices to the involved respondents.



However, the Advocate General countered, asserting that the police had followed all necessary protocols, including informing a friend of Vidyasagar's arrest and explaining the grounds for it. Following these arguments, the High Court dismissed Vidyasagar's petition.

Earlier, Vidyasagar had contested his remand order at the Andhra Pradesh High Court, arguing procedural lapses by the police in his arrest. His defense stated that the arrest was conducted without adhering to legal guidelines, claiming that the reasons for the arrest were neither provided to him nor communicated to his relatives.

In addition to the Supreme Court appeal, the case has now been assigned to the Andhra Pradesh CID (Crime Investigation Department) for a comprehensive investigation. Given the involvement of high-ranking police officials in the case, the state government deemed it appropriate to transfer the investigation to the CID. CID officers have since retrieved case records from the Ibrahimpatnam police station and recorded statements from Jethwani and her parents as part of the inquiry's initial phase.

DCM Pawan Kalyan to Meet Amit Shah in Delhi Today

This meeting comes at a crucial time as Pawan Kalyan aims to discuss key issues concerning the state with Shah, who holds considerable influence over national policies and decision-making. The discussions are expected to cover various topics relevant to Andhra Pradesh, including governance, development projects, and the aspirations of the local population.

Pawan Kalyan's visit to Delhi is likely to draw attention from political observers and stakeholders, as it could lead to new alliances or policy initiatives that affect the state's future. The Deputy Chief Minister's growing political presence and engagement at the national level highlight his commitment to advocating for the interests of Andhra Pradesh on a larger platform.

As the meeting unfolds, updates are expected to emerge regarding the outcomes of their discussions, which may have implications for both state and national politics. The political ramifications of this high-profile meeting could resonate throughout the region, making it a key event to watch in the coming days.

Minister Vasamshetty Responds to CM Chandrababu's Reprimand

CM Chandrababu 'A Fatherly Reminder to Improve'

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Labor Minister Vasamshetty Subhash has downplayed recent criticism from Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, describing the reprimand as a fatherly nudge to improve. In a statement, Minister Subhash clarified that there was no misunderstanding and that the Chief Minister's words were intended to motivate him to work harder.



Subhash explained that Naidu had tasked him with securing victory for the alliance's candidate, Perabatula Rajasekhara, in the upcoming MLC elections, with specific emphasis on increasing graduate voter registrations in the joint Godavari districts. The Chief Minister's stern reminder came after voter registration progress in these areas was found lacking, leading Naidu to express his disappointment directly.

Reflecting on the incident, Subhash stated, "Chandrababu Naidu practices values-based politics. He entrusted me with the MLA post and a ministerial role to uplift the BC community. If I fell short in my duties, it was my own shortcoming. The Chief Minister's words were meant to correct me, and

I took them as constructive guidance."

Minister Subhash likened Naidu's approach to that of a parent or teacher guiding a child. "If parents and teachers scold or discipline children, it's for their welfare. Similarly, whatever our party leader says, it's for our own good," he remarked, adding that Naidu's words reminded him of the many lessons he still needs to learn in politics.

Addressing the online backlash and trolling about the incident, Subhash remained unfazed. "Your insults and trolls don't harm me," he said, pledging to take Naidu's advice to heart and move forward with renewed commitment.

RK Roja Criticizes AP Govt Over Rising Incidents of Crimes Against Women

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Minister and YCP leader Roja has strongly condemned the Andhra Pradesh government, particularly Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, for its alleged failure to address the rising incidents of sexual violence and crimes against women and children. Expressing her outrage, Roja stated that the coalition government, led by CM Chandrababu Naidu and supported by Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and Home Minister Anitha, has shown a lack of commitment to protecting women's safety.



Roja claimed that in the past 120 days, there have been over 110 reported cases of violent crimes against women and children across the state, indicating a breakdown in law and order. She questioned the Deputy CM's recent remarks about the Home Minister's performance, suggesting that they were an attempt to shift blame onto the Dalit community leader. "What is Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's intent in criticizing Home Minister Anitha for failing to prevent these assaults? Is he trying to scapegoat her while ignoring the wider failures of the administration?" she asked.

Highlighting specific incidents, Roja accused government officials of attempt-

ing to shield perpetrators and suppress cases through political influence, such as exerting pressure on law enforcement to obscure the facts. She mentioned a recent case in Gudlavallera, where students were allegedly intimidated after recording evidence of harassment, questioning the Education Minister's role in safeguarding students.

Roja also criticized CM Chandrababu Naidu and his son, Minister Lokesh, for their handling of appointments within the police force, claiming they favor individuals loyal to their administration. "While the state faces these atrocities, Lokesh is traveling abroad, leaving critical issues unaddressed," she said.

Demanding accountability, Roja called for immediate action from the central government, urging PM Modi to consider imposing President's rule to restore law and order in Andhra Pradesh. She also highlighted the negligence of local MLA Balakrishna, who, according to her, was involved in a film shoot instead of addressing a brutal incident in his constituency.

Roja concluded by urging the AP leadership to prioritize women's safety, insisting that those unable to ensure security should resign from their posts.

YS Sharmila Reddy Slams Coalition Govt Over Rising Electricity Charges, Announces Statewide Protest

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief YS Sharmila Reddy has sharply criticized the current coalition government, accusing it of burdening citizens with exorbitant electricity charges. Speaking on the ongoing electricity adjustments totaling Rs. 18,000 crore, she argued that this financial strain is an unjust consequence of the previous government's policies, for which the current administration is unfairly making the people pay.



administration for imposing charges after pledging a potential 30% reduction in electricity costs during the elections.

Sharmila Reddy contrasted the YCP's five-year burden of Rs. 35,000 crore on the public with the coalition's Rs. 18,000 crore burden accumulated within just five months. She called upon the government to adhere to its election promises, show integrity, and refrain from imposing further costs on people already facing financial strain. "If there's an

"The previous government's mismanagement has left a costly burden on the people. They deny financial responsibility and yet, place this massive adjustment on the public. This isn't just an adjustment—it's a shock for every citizen," said Sharmila Reddy.

ounce of responsibility, cancel the adjustment charges. Seek central assistance instead of placing this weight on the people," she urged.

Highlighting the escalating electricity rates, she questioned why the people should suffer for what she called the "ill-conceived decisions" of past leaders. "If the YCP's actions were a sin, this coalition government's approach is a curse on the state," she declared, condemning the

In response, the APCC has announced a three-day statewide agitation starting today to protest the rising electricity bills. Sharmila Reddy warned the coalition government that the Congress party will not stand by as residents suffer due to the administration's decisions, which she described as bleeding the people dry through unwarranted charges.

TTD Board Member Bhanuprakash Reddy Criticizes Ambati Rambabu for Violating Tirumala Temple Protocol

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: BJP state spokesperson and TTD board member Bhanuprakash Reddy has strongly condemned YCP leader Ambati Rambabu for allegedly violating the dress code at the Tirumala shrine by wearing a shirt with an image of YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy. Reddy called for immediate legal action against Rambabu, accusing him of disregarding temple traditions and disrespecting the sanctity of the site.



Reddy further criticized YCP leaders for allegedly turning Tirumala into a political platform during their tenure, claiming that their actions disrupted the shrine's religious

sanctity. He warned that the "anarchies" previously committed by YCP leaders would be investigated, with appropriate action taken to ensure accountability.

"Ambati Rambabu's actions are yet another instance of YCP's disre-

spect for Tirumala," Bhanuprakash Reddy stated, expressing frustration that Rambabu was not stopped by TTD staff at the Alipiri checkpoint, where temple guidelines are typically enforced. Reddy suggested that if Rambabu is so devoted to Jagan Mohan Reddy, he should "go to Tadepalli Fort and dance" rather than bring political symbols into the sacred premises.

This incident adds to ongoing tensions between BJP and YCP leaders regarding the management and sanctity of Tirumala, with BJP leaders reiterating their commitment to preserving the religious integrity of the shrine.

Pilli Manikya Rao Criticizes Police Inaction Against "YCP Psychos," Calls for Accountability

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Lead Cap Chairman and TDP State Spokesperson Pilli Manikya Rao has issued a scathing statement against the police in Andhra Pradesh, alleging failure to control what he termed "YCP psychos" over the past five years. In a press release on Tuesday, Rao accused the police of being ineffective in handling miscreants associated with the YCP, claiming that public frustration with YCP's actions is mounting.



Rao specifically highlighted the perceived misbehavior and lawlessness by some YCP supporters, calling them a "psycho batch" and urging the police to tackle these individuals with greater resolve. He expressed dissatisfaction with the inaction, which he believes has emboldened these elements. "There is a lot of anger among the people regarding the misconduct of YCP members," he

stated, adding that citizens are demanding stricter action.

Rao warned that the police should not exhibit any partisan behavior, accusing some officers of favoring YCP supporters. He clarified that Pawan Kalyan's recent comments to the Home Minister were intended as constructive advice, given in his role as Deputy Chief Minister. Em-

phasizing that the coalition government is answerable to the people, Rao blamed YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy for creating a hostile environment, alleging that "the poisonous seeds planted by him have turned into poisonous plants within five years."

Rao also referenced the public's intense reaction to incidents involving the safety of women and children, noting that some citizens have even expressed a desire for severe punishments for offenders. However, he urged restraint, reminding the public that such actions fall outside the bounds of law.

He concluded by urging the authorities to act impartially and decisively against any individuals, regardless of political affiliation, who jeopardize public safety.

Major Shock for YCP in Kuppam, Municipal Chairman Dr. Sudhir Joined On TDP

TPN, Kuppam: In a significant political development, YSR Congress Party (YCP) faced a setback in Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor District as Kuppam Municipal Chairman Dr. Sudhir officially joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Dr. Sudhir resigned from his posts as municipal chairman and councilor, as well as from YCP membership, to align with TDP.

Dr. Sudhir submitted his resignation letter to the Municipal Commissioner before formally joining TDP in a ceremony held in Amaravati. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and TDP Chief Chandrababu Naidu welcomed him into the party by draping him with the TDP scarf, symbolizing his new alle-

giance.

This defection comes as a blow to YCP's influence in Kuppam, a constituency traditionally significant in Andhra Pradesh politics. By joining TDP, Dr. Sudhir has strengthened TDP's standing in the region and signaled a shift in local support.

Speaking on the occasion, TDP leaders praised Dr. Sudhir's decision, expressing confidence that his addition would bolster the party's position and aid in its ongoing development initiatives in Kuppam.





Mandakrishna Madiga Met CM Chandrababu

TPN, Amaravati: MMRPS Founder President Mandakrishna Madiga met with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the Velagapudi Secretariat. During this meeting, Mandakrishna presented a petition addressing various issues, including the implementation of SC classification in the state.

The discussions between Mandakrishna and the Chief Minister covered several key topics, and CM Naidu responded positively to the concerns raised by Mandakrishna. This meeting highlights ongoing efforts to address issues affecting the SC community and the importance of government engagement with community leaders.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Calls for Collaborative Development in Tenali



TPN, Tenali: In a review meeting held on Tuesday at Sri Rama Krishna Kavi Kalakshetra in Tenali, Andhra Pradesh State Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, emphasized the importance of collective efforts for development and welfare. The meeting brought together staff from the village and ward secretariats of Tenali and Kollipara mandals.

Minister Manohar highlighted the coalition government's achievement in providing pensions to 99 percent of eligible beneficiaries on the first date, stating, "Many said it was not possible, but we have done it and demonstrated our commitment." He encouraged the staff to work with inspiration and dedication to assist the community, reflecting on the estab-

lishment of the Mega Grievance Cell in Kollipara Mandal in 2012, which addressed nearly 2,800 public requests within just 21 days.

He urged the 677 village and ward secretariat employees to foster teamwork and a spirit of collaboration, stressing that problem-solving relies on effective communication. To enhance local governance, the "Mana Tenali" WhatsApp group was established, enabling authorities to respond to issues within 24 hours.

Minister Manohar acknowledged the tragic loss of approximately 3,000 tenant farmers' lives during the previous government and called into question the inaction of the three-member committee regarding tenant issues. He asserted that the coalition government is committed to supporting tenant farmers and ensuring their protection.

He concluded by urging the staff to work diligently to resolve appeals without delay, reinforcing the idea that as government employees, they have the power to help many people. Minister Manohar reaffirmed that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is striving to make the Telugu people proud through effective governance.

MP Kesineni Chinni Reviews Development Initiatives in NTR District



TPN, Vijayawada: A review meeting on the development of NTR district was conducted under the leadership of MP Kesineni Chinni, focusing on key issues affecting the region. During the meeting, MP Kesineni highlighted the importance of enhancing medical services across the district, assuring that all Primary Health Centers (PHCs) will receive necessary upgrades and modernization.

Emphasizing the health sector, MP Kesineni stated that significant steps will

be taken to ensure adequate medical services are available to the residents of NTR district. He mentioned that discussions have already taken place with the Minister of Health and Medical Affairs, Satya Kumar, regarding funding for these initiatives.

In addition to healthcare improvements, the MP announced plans to support farmers in adapting to modern agricultural practices. He shared that training programs will be organized to educate farmers on using drones for agricultural purposes, in collaboration with both central and state governments.

Kesineni also addressed the need for adequate infrastructure for Anganwadi centers, noting that many are currently operating out of rented facilities and require permanent buildings. He committed to taking direct measures to ensure that drinking water is accessible even in

remote villages.

Moreover, he stressed the importance of providing better educational facilities, including playgrounds for every school. "Education is crucial for the development of our youth, and we must ensure that our schools are well-equipped to foster a conducive learning environment," he remarked.

The MP's review meeting underscored a commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of NTR district through better health, agriculture, and education services.

MLAs Gadde Rammohan, Sriram Rajagopal Tathaiya, Kolikapudi Srinivas, and Incharge Collector Nidhi Meena participated in the review meeting of the District Development and Coordination Monitoring Committee (Disha) organized by the NTR District Collector.

Seaplane Launch Event Scheduled for November 9 at Baburri Grounds



TPN, Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Government is set to host a remarkable event with the launch of the "Seaplane" in Vijayawada for the first time on November 9, 2024. The inaugural ceremony will take place at Baburri Grounds, Punami Ghat, with grand arrangements underway, as confirmed by Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Dhyanchandra. A preparatory meeting was held on Tuesday morning at Baburri Grounds, where key officials gathered, including Praveen Aditya, CEO of the Maritime Board, Sub-Collector K. Chaitanya, and event organizers. The discussion focused on various aspects of the prestigious Seaplane event, including seating arrangements, entry protocols, drinking water supply, and the provision of temporary toilets. To enhance public engagement, live coverage of the event will be available through LCDs at major locations throughout Vijayawada.

During the meeting, Commissioner Dhyanchandra stressed the importance of ensuring all facilities, including drinking water and temporary toilets, are fully operational to prevent any inconvenience to attendees. The meeting was attended by several officials, including Additional Commissioner of Projects Dr. D. Chandrashekar, Chief Engineer R. Srinath Reddy, Chief City Planner G.V.G.S.V. Prasad, In-charge Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Suresh Babu, Zonal Commissioner Ramya Keerthana, Executive Engineer Venkateswara Reddy, Joint Director Amruth, and In-charge Dr. Latha.

This event marks a significant milestone for Vijayawada and reflects the government's commitment to promoting innovative transportation options.

Members of Self Help Societies Aim for Economic Growth through Training

TPN, Ibrahimpattanam: P. Narayana, the Project Director of the Urban Poverty Alleviation Organization (MEPMA), emphasized the government's commitment to training every member of Self Help Societies (SHGs) to become successful entrepreneurs. A one-day training session on the SHG profiling app was conducted for resource persons at Arya Vaishya Kalyana Mandapam in Kondapalli town on Tuesday.

During the session, participants learned how to incorporate social and personal

information related to Dwakra groups into the app. Many resource persons (RPs) had their queries addressed, gaining valuable insights into the app's functionalities. Narayana encouraged the members of the Self Help Society to identify their future needs and opportunities for growth.

The training program saw participation from RPs representing various municipalities, including Jaggayapet, Thiruvuru, Nandigama, and Kondapalli in the NTR district. DPMU staff, along

with Kondapalli Municipality officials including CMM PV Sridhar, CEO Venkaiah, Narasamma, TLF President Venkateswaramma, Hasina, and Secretary Nazimun, also attended the session.

This initiative reflects the ongoing efforts of MEPMA to empower members of Self Help Societies by equipping them with the necessary skills and tools to enhance their economic prospects and foster entrepreneurship within their communities.

AP Unveils Prestigious Sports Policy

TPN, Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh Sports Authority (SAP) Chairman, Mr. Animini Ravinayudu, announced the launch of a groundbreaking sports policy aimed at establishing the state as a premier sports hub. This initiative has received the strong backing of Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, who has demonstrated his commitment to sports through the approval of these policies.

In a meeting held at the Secretariat in Velagapudi on Tuesday, Mr. Ravinayudu and Secretary to Government for Youth Services and Sports, Tourism and Culture, Shri Vadarevu Vinay Chand, discussed the key aspects of the newly formulated sports policy. CM Naidu has outlined four primary objectives to guide the policy's implementation, ensuring a strategic approach to developing sports in the state.

The SAP Chairman emphasized the importance of collaboration among various sports associations and federations to effectively execute the policy in line with the Chief Minister's vision. The discussions also focused on specific departmental objectives and the policies that will support the development of sports infrastructure and talent in Andhra Pradesh.

With this new policy, the state aims to enhance sports participation, improve facilities, and foster an environment that nurtures athletic talent across various disciplines, further solidifying Andhra Pradesh's reputation as a leader in sports development.

Allegations of Corruption and Abuse by YCP-Linked Officials Surface at TDP Grievance Meeting

TPN, Mangalagiri: In a recent grievance meeting held at the Mangalagiri TDP central office, several villagers brought forth alarming allegations against revenue officials accused of colluding with YCP leaders to illegally seize land and threaten residents. Suresh Babu, a villager, claimed that officials had unlawfully transferred his land to BRC Buggareddy, a relative of former minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy. He reported his grievances to Minister NND Farooq, TDP politburo members Varlaramaiah, former Legislative Council Chairman Ma Sharif, and Buchiram Prasad, who assured him that they would take action.

Another villager, Yakkanthi Krishna Reddy from Vijayawada, revealed that he and his family had been threatened with violence for requesting the return of borrowed money. He shared the distressing experience of his wife being taken to Muscat for work, where she was not pro-



vided adequate food and was reportedly held against her will by the agent, Mallid Subrahmanyam, based in Palakolu. Reddy emphasized that his children were anxious for their mother, and he expressed his frustration over the lack of assistance from authorities.

Merreddy Pampyram from G. Kondur in Krishna district voiced her fears after allegedly having her farm captured by YCP leaders, claiming that police and of-

officials had turned a blind eye to her pleas for justice. She called for a thorough investigation into her case.

Ramana Babu from Chinnagudipadu in Prakasam district reported that his family's land, cultivated for generations, was unjustly allocated to someone else after he left for work due to drought. He urged the leaders to restore his land rights and allocate alternative land to those affected.

During the meeting, TDP State Christian Cell Vice President Avain Babu Raj urged leaders to establish another hospital in Kurnool for former employees needing medical care, emphasizing the long journeys to access services in Nellore.

The grievances raised reflect a deepening frustration among villagers over alleged corruption, intimidation, and neglect from local authorities linked to the YCP.

Minister Atchannaidu Defends Minister Subhash Amid Social Media Trolling, Emphasizes NDA Unity

TPN, Amalapuram: Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu defended Labor Minister Vasamshetty Subhash, condemning social media trolls following Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's recent reprimand of Subhash. Naidu's comments came during an internal party meeting over Subhash's lag in registering voters for the upcoming MLC elections. Atchannaidu explained that CM Naidu's criticism was like that of a father guiding his children, aimed solely at ensuring electoral success.



our alliance candidate, win the MLC elections. When Minister Subhash did not meet the target, the CM addressed it internally. It's common in

politics, and there's no need for excessive trolling." He encouraged party members to bring any issues within the alliance to his attention for resolution.

Atchannaidu also launched strong criticisms against YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of destabilizing Andhra Pradesh over the past five years. "Jagan corrupted the systems as Chief Minister and left the state struggling. Thanks to support from the central government, Andhra Pradesh received the financial backing it needed. Yet, the Sakshi media, owned by Jagan, continues to spread misleading narratives about the NDA government," he stated.

Highlighting the NDA's vision for development, Atchannaidu announced plans for transforming the backward Konaseema district and beautifying Amalapuram. He called on local MLAs and representatives to present development plans for the region, promising full support in upcoming assembly sessions.

In a symbolic statement on NDA unity, Atchannaidu likened Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Prime Minister Modi to the Hindu trinity—Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwar—emphasizing the alliance's shared commitment to advancing Andhra Pradesh's growth. "Together, we will move forward and bring progress to the state," he concluded.

Minister Narayana Visits Kakinada as In-Charge Minister, Focuses on Alliance Coordination



TPN, Kakinada: Minister Ponguru Narayana made his first visit to Kakinada as the in-charge minister of the district, where he was warmly welcomed by leaders of alliance parties at the TDP office. TDP politburo members, including China Rajappa, MLAs Pantam Nanaji, Varupula Satya Prabha, MLC candidate Rajasekhar, party in-charges, and other key leaders extended their greetings to Minister Narayana.

During his visit, Minister Narayana convened a meeting with chief leaders from the TDP, Janasena, and BJP, where they discussed the current political situation in the district, coordination among alliance party leaders, and upcoming MLC elections. Due to the election code in place, Narayana limited his visit to party functions and did not engage in official duties.

Expressing gratitude to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his appointment as in-charge minister, Narayana emphasized the significance of the coordination meeting, marking the first time the three

parties in the alliance gathered to discuss common issues. He acknowledged that minor differences exist among the parties but expressed confidence that open communication would resolve any problems.

Narayana reiterated his commitment to addressing public issues as the in-charge minister and outlined the current economic challenges facing the state, criticizing former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for depleting the state treasury. He noted that despite these challenges, the current government is fulfilling election promises and aims to complete the Amaravati development projects within three years.

In addition, Narayana mentioned plans to conduct elections for municipalities and corporations where they are pending and urged leaders to prioritize voter registration for the upcoming graduate MLC elections. He assured party members that he would visit Kakinada district three times a month to address concerns and facilitate progress within the alliance.

Bapatla Dist to See Enhanced Development Initiatives - Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy



TPN, Bapatla: In his inaugural visit to Bapatla district, In-Charge Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy, who also serves as the Minister of Housing, Information, and Civil Relations, announced that significant steps will be taken to ensure comprehensive development across all sectors in the district.

During his visit on Tuesday, Minister Parthasarathy, alongside Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar and District Collector J. Venkata Murali, performed the Bhumi Pooja for the pothole-free program at PV Palem Yajali. Afterward, he engaged with sanitation workers, inquiring about their hardships, medical equipment, wage payments, and family conditions. Officials informed the minister that ₹46 lakh is needed to provide essential tools and medical kits to 2,200 sanitation workers in Bapatla district. In response, Minister Parthasarathy promptly coordinated with the Collector to release the funds from the

District Mineral Fund, earning the gratitude of the sanitation workers.

Minister Parthasarathy emphasized the district's vast opportunities for growth in various fields and pledged to work closely with public representatives to enhance agricultural lands and tourism potential.

Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar stated that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has prioritized filling potholes urgently, with the state government allocating ₹826 crore for this initiative. He assured that the roads would be ready for travel within a month. The Deepam Scheme-2 has also been initiated as part of the Super Six guarantees, with the government committed to supporting the agriculture and aquaculture sectors in Bapatla.

District Collector J. Venkata Murali highlighted that the pothole-filling program has commenced with ₹3.24 crore allocated for Bapatla constituency, including repairs to the Yazili Khajipalem road funded by ₹39 lakh.

This collaborative effort by the ministers and local officials aims to significantly improve the living conditions and opportunities for the residents of Bapatla district.

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani Welcomes TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu in Tirupati

TPN, Tirupati: Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani extended a warm welcome to B.R. Naidu, the newly appointed Chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) and Chairman of TV5, as he arrived in Tirupati for the first time after taking the oath of office. Nani greeted Naidu at Renigunta Airport, draping him with a shawl to mark the occasion.



During his visit, B.R. Naidu, representing the Gangadhara Nellore constituency, met with local mandal leaders in his native village of Bhatya Punepalli, where he was welcomed with traditional haratul ceremonies by women and supporters. MLA Nani expressed confidence in Naidu's ability to uphold the sanctity of Tirumala, stating, "B.R. Naidu can provide a strong definition of the sanctity of Tirumala."

hope for rejuvenating the sacredness of the revered Tirumala temple. He stated that Naidu is expected to enhance the experience for common devotees and further elevate the reputation of Tirumala on a global scale.

The MLA also urged Naidu to remain steadfast against negative propaganda and media attacks, cautioning that such actions could invoke the wrath of Sri Venkateswara Swamy. The welcoming event was attended by numerous leaders from alliance parties, as well as women and youth, showcasing strong community support for Naidu's leadership at TTD.

Nani highlighted the importance of restoring the purity and values associated with Sanatana Dharma, emphasizing that the new leadership under Naidu offers

Awareness Program on "Good Touch and Bad Touch" Held at Sai Ushodaya Public School

TPN, Gudivada: An awareness program on "Good Touch and Bad Touch" was organized for boys and girls at Sai Ushodaya Public School under the Gudivada 2 Town Police Station, following instructions from District Superintendent of Police Gangadhara Rao, IPS.

During the program, female Sub-Inspector V. Jasmin emphasized the importance of girls' safety and the necessity of raising awareness regarding personal safety. The session provided students with a comprehensive understanding of how to differentiate between "good touch" and "bad touch."

ate responses to suspicious situations, basic self-defense techniques, and the process for seeking police assistance in emergencies. This initiative aims to empower children with knowledge about their rights and safety measures, ensuring they feel secure and confident in their environments.



Participants were educated on appropri-

New Enthusiasm in CPM Ranks Following Successful Mahasabha in Raghunadapalem

TPN, Raghunadapalem: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPM] continues its unwavering commitment to the poor, as expressed during the 4th Mahasabha held in Uday Kumar Nagar Gram Panchayat. Local leaders, including Sheikh Rahim, Manga, and Kumar, chaired the event, which was marked by significant enthusiasm among party members. The Mahasabha commenced with the inauguration of the Janimiya Garu Egurvesi Stupani by senior CPM leaders. The chief guest addressed the gathering, criticizing both central and state governments for their negligence in fulfilling promises made to the public. He urged party members to prepare for upcoming struggles to

ensure these commitments are met. CPM Mandal Secretary Y. Naveen Reddy presented a report detailing the party's activities over the past three years, emphasizing the need for continuous effort in strengthening the party's presence in the region. State Committee member Yarra Srikanth encouraged participants to remain dedicated to the party's goals.

The event saw participation from notable CPM leaders, including Khammam District Secretary Kalyanao Venkateswara Rao and DYFI State Committee Members. With this Mahasabha, the CPM aims to reinvigorate its ranks and continue its fight for the welfare of the marginalized.

68th Town Official Language Implementation Committee Meeting Held In Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: The 68th Meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) took place today, 5th November 2024, at the Divisional Conference Hall in Vijayawada. Shri Narendra A. Patil, Chairman of TOLIC and Divisional Railway Manager, served as the Chief Guest, with Dr. Shyam Sundar Sahu, Deputy General Manager of Official Language at Headquarters, as the Guest of Honour.

Shri M.K. Nagaraju, Member Secretary of TOLIC, welcomed attendees

from various Central Government departments and expressed gratitude for their support in implementing Rajbhasha. In his address, Shri Patil emphasized the importance of Hindi and noted that TOLIC meetings are being conducted on time, making it easier for officials to learn and utilize Hindi for official purposes. He praised the efforts of various organizations in promoting Hindi.

Dr. Sahu acknowledged the event's significance and urged members to adhere to the scheduled calendar

of activities. Nagaraju presented half-yearly reports on Rajbhasha implementation and encouraged continued active participation. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Nagaraju, with several key officials from various departments also in attendance.





Maharashtra Elections 2024: A Complex and Unpredictable Political Landscape



The Maharashtra Assembly elections have turned into one of the most intricate and unpredictable contests in recent Indian political history. With multiple factions, rising rebel candidates, and a fragmented political landscape, the race has left even seasoned analysts and psephologists scratching their heads. As voters head to the polls, the complexity of the situation and the sheer number of contenders across 288 constituencies are raising new challenges for both parties and political strategists alike.

Fragmented Contest and Regional Dynamics

The election in Maharashtra is unlike any other, with a record number of candidates in each constituency. From 9 candidates per seat in 2004, the average has risen to 14 candidates in 2019, and now, in 2024, the race includes even more contenders after a wave of candidate withdrawals. The competition is especially fierce in regions like Konkan and Mumbai, which are traditional Shiv Sena strongholds, now seeing a battle between two rival factions of the party. Similarly, in regions with significant Maratha populations, such as North Maharashtra, Marathwada, and West Maharashtra, two rival factions of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) will vie for control, with 38 constituencies witnessing this internal contest.

The fragmented nature of the contest means that traditional political calculations are rendered ineffective. In Vidarbha, known for its unpredictable elections, the battle remains between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress, but loyalties in this region are ever-shifting. The BJP, which dominated Vidarbha in 2014, saw a drop in 2019, and now, after the Lok Sabha elections, the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance appears to have the upper hand, leading in 42 segments. Will the region flip again, or will the trends hold?

The Rise of Independents and Rebels

Maharashtra's political entrepreneurship is on

full display this election, with an unusually high number of independent candidates and rebels from both the NDA and MVA. This surge can be attributed to the belief that the electoral bar will be lower this time, making it easier for political newcomers and dissenting leaders to find a foothold. Some strategists argue that both major alliances have fielded rebel candidates intentionally to dilute the opponent's vote share. These "vote-cutters" could play a crucial role in determining the final outcome, especially in tightly contested constituencies.

Shifting Allegiances and Key Issues

The dynamics of the election are further complicated by the influence of Maratha quota leader Manoj Jarange Patil's recent withdrawal, with both the NDA and MVA claiming that it benefits them. Moreover, the impact of Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) fielding 25 candidates in Mumbai adds another layer of unpredictability. In constituencies like Mahim, where the NDA has chosen to back Raj Thackeray's son while the sitting MLA refuses to step down, the outcome remains uncertain.

In terms of issues, caste, religion, urban-rural divides, and the state's demand for a Maratha reservation continue to dominate the discourse. Despite Maharashtra's economic strength, which attracts a lion's share of foreign direct investment and hosts India's auto, financial, and entertainment hubs, the Maratha community's demands for reservation have sparked significant political debate.

A Seat-by-Seat Battle

This election is not just about broad state-wide trends; it is a seat-by-seat battle where each constituency tells its own story. The major players—BJP, Shiv Sena, Congress, NCP, and MVA—are all focused on local-level campaigning, keeping their fingers crossed as the silent voter, deeply aware of the complexities, remains hard to read.

US Election 2024: Global Impact and Key Issues at Stake

The upcoming U.S. presidential election is being heralded as one of the most consequential in recent history, with far-reaching implications not just for America but for the entire world. Several key issues dominate the race, and the outcome could shape the global order in ways that extend beyond traditional political boundaries. Here's a breakdown of the most significant areas of concern.

US-China Relations and Global Fragmentation

The U.S.-China trade war, initiated during Donald Trump's first term, remains a central issue, with far-reaching consequences for global trade dynamics. Trump's tariffs on Chinese goods and accusations of Beijing's exploitation of international economic systems led to a marked shift in U.S. foreign policy. Under President Biden, while the rhetoric softened, the underlying stance against China has remained firm, with increased support for alliances like the Quad and AUKUS. However, these policies have driven China and Russia into closer cooperation, creating a deepening divide between the Global West and East. With the next U.S. president poised to either escalate or temper this divide, the world watches closely—will the U.S. choose confrontation or seek a more cooperative global approach?

Democracy vs. Authoritarianism

The U.S. election comes at a time of rising authoritarianism globally, with the U.S. itself facing growing political polarization. A 2023 Carnegie Endowment report noted that while Americans are not as ideologically divided as they perceive themselves to be, the emotional and social divides are deepening. The election

will be a referendum on the state of democracy, not just in the U.S. but as a model for the world. The new president will need to be a unifier, capable of bridging domestic divides and serving as a global champion for democracy in the face of increasing authoritarianism around the world.

Transfer of Power and Political Stability

One of the most pressing concerns is the potential for political unrest, particularly in the event of a contentious election result. Donald Trump's rhetoric, including claims that the 2020 election was stolen, continues to reverberate in the lead-up to 2024. Reports from think tanks like Policy Horizons Canada have raised alarms about the possibility of civil unrest in the U.S. due to ideological divisions and democratic erosion. The peaceful transfer of power, a hallmark of American democracy, could be tested again, and the world is watching to see if the U.S. can maintain its democratic traditions.

Immigration Policy and Global Implications

Immigration remains another flashpoint, with Trump proposing the largest deportation operation in U.S. history, while a growing number of Americans support stricter immigration controls. Kamala Harris's campaign, while less extreme, also signals a toughened stance on immigration. At a time when millions of refugees are fleeing conflicts across the globe, including from Ukraine and Gaza, the U.S. approach to immigration will likely set the tone for how other nations, particularly wealthy ones, respond to the global refugee crisis.



The Cultural and Ethical Grammar of Dietary Rules in Ancient India

In the words of French anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss, "Animals are good to think." Our classifications of animals—what we eat and what we do not—reveal much about our social identities, moral frameworks, and cultural boundaries. Dietary rules are deeply embedded in religion and culture, defining identities across the world. For instance, kosher dietary laws are central to Jewish identity, while halal regulations define the Muslim way of life. The avoidance of pork is common in both of these religions, rooted in their Middle Eastern origins.



principles.

Ancient Indian Dietary Classifications

In many ways, ancient Indian dietary rules mirror those found in Judaism. Both systems classify edible animals based on physical char-

acteristics like foot and dental structure. In the Dharmashastras, animals are deemed edible if they have cloven hooves (dvishapa) and a set of true teeth (ekadanta), and are herbivorous rather than carnivorous. Further, animals are categorized by their habitats—village animals like domestic pigs and fowl are forbidden, while their wild counterparts, such as wild boar and game birds, are allowed.

The classification of birds is more straightforward. Birds with webbed feet, generally associated with aquatic environments, are mostly prohibited. Meanwhile, those that scratch the earth for food, such as chickens, or feed on fruits and tree bark, like woodpeckers, are considered permissible. Fish are more difficult to classify, with older texts suggesting that all fish, except those explicitly forbidden, are acceptable. In contrast, later texts, such as those by Manu, reverse this stance and prohibit all fish except those listed as permissible.

Milk and Other Animal Products

Milk holds a special place in ancient Indian dietary laws, being the most restrictive of all animal-based foods. Most animal milk is prohibited—except that of cows, buffaloes, and goats. However, eggs are curiously omitted from the dietary codes, neither permitted nor forbidden, suggesting that their consumption was non-controversial or simply not considered significant.

Ethical Underpinnings

Dietary laws in ancient India were deeply intertwined with the cultural cosmology. The division between the "village" (grama) and the "wilderness" (aranya) played a key role in these classifications. Edible animals were those that lived outside human settlements, aligning with the idea of not consuming domesticated animals. This rule echoes the broader principle that one should not consume animals that resemble domesticated pets or those from one's immediate community.

The Early Years of Indian Cricket and the Commonwealth Connection

The 27th meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) recently concluded in Apia, Samoa, coinciding with a challenging time for the Indian cricket team, which suffered a defeat to New Zealand in their recent Test series. This moment serves as an apt reminder to reflect on the historical crossroads where the Commonwealth movement and Indian Test cricket nearly collided 75 years ago.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), originally known as the Imperial Cricket Conference, was found-

ed in 1909 with England, Australia, and South Africa as its three founding members. By then, England and Australia had already played the first official Test match in March 1877 at Melbourne, setting the stage for the long-standing tradition of international cricket. South Africa, granted Test status a few years later, played its inaugural Test series against England in 1888-89, though its cricketing standard was far below the other two members, often seen as comparable to that of an English county second XI.

Despite the disparity in cricket standards, South Africa was granted full membership of the Imperial Cricket Conference, bypassing other potential candidates, such as the United States and Argentina, where cricket had a more substantial following. The deciding factor was that membership was exclusive to nations within the Commonwealth, a rule that would continue to shape the ICC's structure for years to come. This clause reinforced the influence of the British Empire, where cricket was deeply embedded as a cultural and institutional cornerstone.



Mothers, Daughters In Shock: PM Slams Congress, INDIA For Shaina NC Remark

Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticized the Congress-led INDIA bloc on Monday for its lack of response to sexist comments made by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Arvind Sawant against BJP leader Shaina NC. Speaking at an election rally in Jharkhand ahead of the November 20 Maharashtra elections, Modi condemned the opposition's use of "foul language" directed at a woman leader.

Modi's comments come in the wake of Sawant's objectionable remarks during a media interaction last week when asked about Shaina's electoral prospects. The Prime Minister emphasized that the disrespect shown toward women would not go unnoticed, stating, "Mothers and daughters are in shock, and the people will teach them a lesson." He also accused Congress of humiliating Sita Soren, the BJP's candidate and the sister-in-law of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

In response to Sawant's comments, Shaina NC firmly defended herself, stating, "I am not some 'maal' (goods). I am a daughter of Mumbai and have been working dedicatedly for the past 20 years. This is a crass comment by Sawant." She emphasized her commitment to the people of Mumbai, declaring, "I don't need any certificates from Mr. Sawant or the Shiv Sena



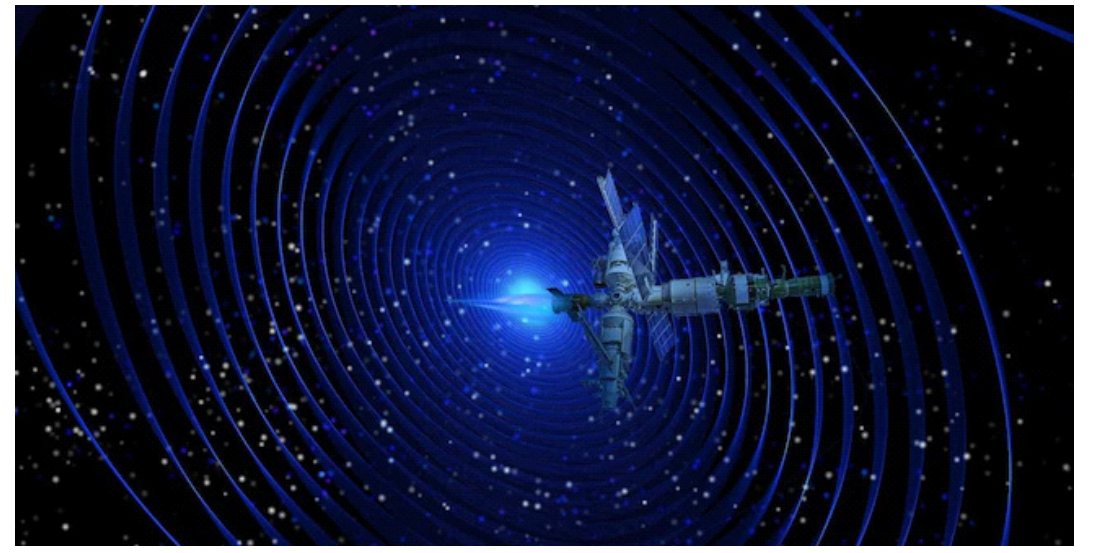
(UBT)."

Sawant later attempted to clarify his remarks, claiming that he had a good relationship with Shaina and that she may have misunderstood his intent. "It refers to 'goods,' but she could have misinterpreted it. I had no such intentions," he stated.

The controversy has intensified as a police case has been registered against Sawant, highlighting the growing scrutiny of political rhetoric surrounding gender issues in

the electoral landscape. As elections approach, the BJP aims to leverage this incident to rally support and draw attention to what they perceive as disrespectful treatment of women by their political opponents.

With tensions rising in the political arena, this incident may have significant implications for the upcoming elections in both Maharashtra and Jharkhand, as parties seek to position themselves in light of public sentiment regarding women's rights and dignity.



ISRO to Launch EU's Proba-3 Sun Observation Mission in December

India's space agency, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), is set to launch the European Union's Proba-3 Sun Observation Mission in December 2024. The mission, which aims to study the Sun's faint corona close to its solar rim, will be launched aboard ISRO's PSLV-XL rocket from the Sriharikota launch site. This collaboration between ISRO and European space scientists will provide valuable insights into the Sun's atmosphere.

Speaking at the Indian Space Conclave 3.0 in New Delhi, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, highlighted the importance of this mission. He noted that Proba-3 will include two satellites that will work together to create a 144-meter-long solar coronagraph, a specialized instrument that will allow scientists to study the Sun's elusive corona. The Sun's corona is difficult to observe due to the overwhelming brightness of its solar disk, but the Proba-3 mission will enable precise observations with unprecedented proximity and detail.

Singh emphasized the significance of the mission, calling it the "world's first precision formation flying mission." The

Proba-3 will allow scientists to study the Sun's corona with unparalleled clarity, offering new insights into solar phenomena.

During his address at the conclave, Dr. Singh also discussed India's growing space sector, which, until recently, was largely restricted to government agencies. With the launch of the 2023 New Space Policy, the Indian space sector has opened up to public-private partnerships, driving innovation and growth. He also spoke about ambitious goals for India's space future, including the establishment of the Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS) by 2035 and the landing of an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040.

The minister further highlighted the role of space technology in various sectors, from navigation and satellite imaging to terrain mapping. These technologies are also instrumental in the development of smart cities, enhancing urban planning and infrastructure.

India aims to increase its share in the global space economy from 2% to 10% in the coming years, positioning itself as a major player in the space industry.



J-K wouldn't be a UT if Vajpayee been alive: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday expressed that the state would not have been downgraded to a Union Territory if the roadmap laid out by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had been followed. Speaking during the obituary references in the legislative Assembly, Abdullah highlighted Vajpayee's vision for the region and his efforts to foster peace and autonomy for J&K.

Recalling the events during Vajpayee's tenure, Omar Abdullah said that after the J&K Assembly passed a resolution calling for greater autonomy, which was rejected by New Delhi at the time, Vajpayee acknowledged the mistake and appointed the then law minister to initiate talks with the state government. However, with the untimely death of Vajpayee, these efforts were halted.

"Vajpayee was a great visionary. He was a towering figure who took steps to improve relations with Pakistan, including initiating the Lahore bus journey and visiting Minar-e-Pakistan. His efforts to build peaceful relations with Pakistan were significant. He always maintained that while friends can be changed, neighbours remain," Omar said, paying tribute to Vajpayee's statesmanship.

The Chief Minister also recalled Vajpayee's famous slogan of "Insaniyat, Jamhuriyat, and Kashmiriyat," which he described as a reflection of the former Prime Minister's deep understanding of the region and its unique identity. "Vajpayee was perhaps the first and the last leader to raise this slogan, encapsulating the vision for Kashmir," Omar remarked.

He further lamented that while Vajpayee's policies aimed to connect the people of J&K, today, the region faces increasing isolation instead of the unity Vajpayee had envisioned. "Had his roadmap been implemented, we would not have been in the situation we are in today," Omar added.

In his speech, Omar also paid tribute to the late BJP MLA, Devender Singh Rana, expressing personal sorrow over his passing. "Devender was a dear friend with whom I spent the prime time of my life. I wasn't aware of his deteriorating health; had I known, I would have tried to bridge the distance," he said.



Like UP, bring BJP to power here to 'bulldoze' mafia: Yogi at Koderma poll rally

In a strong appeal to voters, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath urged the public to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), promising that the party would "bulldoze" criminal elements and mafias threatening law and order in the state. Speaking at a rally in support of BJP candidates, Adityanath emphasized that only the BJP has the will and capability to take decisive action against lawbreakers.

The Chief Minister's comments come amid rising political tensions and growing calls for greater security across various parts of the state. Adityanath specifically referred to the ongoing efforts to dismantle criminal networks in Uttar Pradesh, which he claimed have been severely curbed under the BJP government's leadership. He highlighted the party's "tough stance" against illegal activities and its focus on ensuring the safety of citizens, contrasting it with the record of other political parties in handling crime.

"We will bulldoze the mafia, and no one will be allowed to disrupt peace and security," Adityanath said, drawing applause from the crowd. He further stressed that the BJP's approach was the only one that could guarantee safety and security for every citizen in the state, claiming that the party's track record of eradicating criminal elements was unmatched.

In his speech, Adityanath took a veiled swipe at opposition parties, claiming that their inability or unwillingness to take strong action against mafias had allowed crime to flourish in the past. He also warned voters about the consequences of supporting parties that were, in his view, soft on crime.

His remarks are part of the BJP's broader narrative of law and order being a key issue in the upcoming election, with the party positioning itself as the only option for maintaining peace and security. As election day nears, Adityanath's rhetoric is expected to resonate strongly with voters concerned about crime and governance.

Critics, however, have questioned the focus on crime as a central issue, calling for more emphasis on development, education, and economic growth in the campaign.

Don't speak like 'cheap villain from a C-grade Hindi movie': Pawan Khera takes swipe at PM

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane on Sunday, marking a significant step in enhancing India's diplomatic presence in Australia. This consulate is expected to play a crucial role in strengthening ties between India and the Queensland state, fostering trade relationships, and serving the growing Indian diaspora in the region.

During the inauguration, Jaishankar emphasized the importance of this new diplomatic mission, stating that it will facilitate deeper connections between India and Queensland, particularly in economic and cultural exchanges. "The establishment of this consulate underscores our commitment to engage more actively with Australia, especially with the thriving Indian community here," he noted.

The opening of the consulate is timely, as it comes at a moment when bilateral relations between India and Australia are at an all-time high. Both countries have been working closely on various fronts, including trade, investment, and defense, as part of their broader strategic partnership. The new consulate will serve as a hub for promoting these initia-



tives and addressing the needs of Indian citizens residing in Australia.

Jaishankar's visit also included discussions with local leaders and business representatives to explore opportunities for collaboration in areas such as education, technology, and sustainable development. He highlighted the potential for increased trade between India and Queensland, particularly in sectors like agriculture, mining, and renewable energy.

Furthermore, the consulate will provide essential services to the Indian diaspora, including visa assistance, passport services, and support for community events. This focus on community engagement is expected to enhance the sense of connection among Indians living abroad and promote cultural exchange.

Parliament Winter Session to be held between Nov 20 and Dec 25

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, announced on November 5 that the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament will take place from November 25 to December 20, 2024. This announcement was made through a post on X (formerly Twitter), confirming the dates for the crucial session.

Rijiju stated, "Hon'ble President, on the recommendation of the Government of India, has approved the proposal for summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Winter Session, 2024 from 25th November to 20th December, 2024 (subject to exigencies of parliamentary business)."

The Winter Session will commence on November 25 and is expected to run for a full month, with December 20 marking its conclusion. The session will be subject to any unforeseen circumstances that might alter its schedule, depending on the urgency of parliamentary proceedings.

One of the highlights of this session will be the celebration of Constitution Day on November 26, 2024, marking the 75th anniversary of the adoption of India's Constitution. The event will take place in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, the seat of India's Constitutional history, where lawmakers and dignitaries will gather to commemorate this significant milestone.



Voting Begins In The US. America Chooses Between Harris And Trump



Voting for the 2024 US Presidential election has officially commenced, with New Hampshire being the first state to open its polls at 6 a.m. local time (4:30 p.m. IST). This marks the beginning of the final stage in what has become an intensely competitive race between Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Kamala Harris, with both sides vying for the highest office in the land as the election heads toward a potentially unpredictable conclusion.

Over 82 million Americans have already cast their ballots in early voting, underscoring the high level of participation

and interest in this year's election. Voters have had the opportunity to vote either for the incumbent Republican or the Democratic challenger, with many key battleground states expected to play a crucial role in determining the winner.

While the election is still in its early stages, the outcome remains uncertain, with both Trump and Harris facing challenges in rallying their respective bases while appealing to undecided voters. Throughout the campaign, issues such as the economy, foreign policy, immigration, and climate change have dominated discussions, with both candidates

making bold promises to address the nation's pressing concerns.

As the race continues, polling data, early voting trends, and the decisions of swing state voters will all be closely watched. The coming weeks will be pivotal in shaping the final outcome, with each candidate hoping to gain the edge as millions of ballots are cast across the nation. While the election remains wide open, the energy and enthusiasm surrounding the process signal that this will be one of the most consequential presidential elections in recent memory.

US Elections: NASA Ensures That Astronauts At Space Station Can Vote

As the United States prepares for its November 5 presidential election, an extraordinary group of voters will cast their ballots from a unique polling station – the International Space Station (ISS). Astronauts aboard the ISS, including Boeing Starliner crew members Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams, will participate in the election, marking an extraordinary example of space-age democracy.

Wilmore and Williams, who have been in space since June 2024 due to the extension of their mission, are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections despite being hundreds of miles above Earth. Williams expressed her excitement during a NASA press conference in September, calling it "a very important duty" and something she was "looking forward to." Wilmore echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the importance of the right to vote and how NASA makes it easy for astronauts to participate in the democratic process from space.

Astronauts have been casting votes from orbit since 1997, thanks to a Texas law that allows astronauts from the state to vote absentee while fulfilling their duties in space. The law was enacted to ensure that astronauts from NASA's Johnson Space Center could stay involved in elections. David Wolf became the first astronaut to vote from space during his mission aboard the Russian Mir Space Station in 1997. Since then, many astronauts, including Kate Rubins during the 2020 US election, have exercised their right to vote while in orbit.

The voting process for astronauts is secure and streamlined. After applying for an absentee ballot, astronauts receive their ballots electronically. The completed ballots are encrypted and uploaded to the ISS's onboard computers. From there, they are transmitted via NASA's Near Space Network to the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS), then sent to the White Sands Test Facility in New Mexico. Finally, the ballots are forwarded to the appropriate county clerk's offices for official processing.

NASA underscores the importance of this connection, noting that astronauts sacrifice many comforts while in space, but through the agency's networks, they can stay connected to democracy and society back on Earth.



India, Australia Strategic Partnership Growing Steadily: S Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Australian counterpart Penny Wong met for the 15th India-Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue in Canberra, underscoring the growing and dynamic relationship between the two countries. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Jaishankar highlighted the steady growth of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, noting stronger political ties, robust defense and security cooperation, expanded trade, enhanced mobility, and deeper educational linkages.

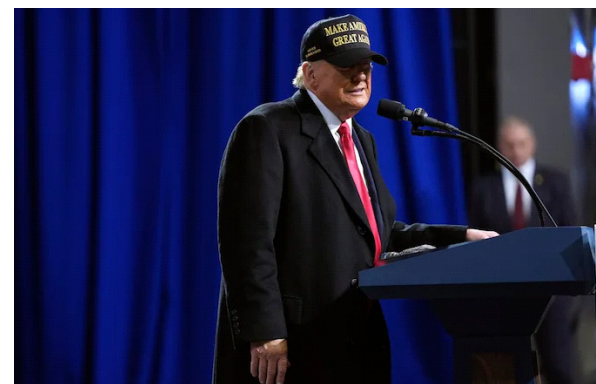
During their discussions, the two leaders addressed a range of global and regional issues, including their respective neighborhoods, the Indo-Pacific region, West Asia, Ukraine, and the broader global strategic landscape. Jaishankar emphasized the importance of this ongoing dialogue in strengthening bilateral ties, while Wong similarly emphasized the centrality of the Australia-India partnership for regional peace, stability, and prosperity. She also announced a significant step in enhancing economic relations: Australia will send a "First Nations Business Mission" to India next year to support new commercial partnerships for First Nations businesses.

Both ministers underscored their shared commitment to cooperation across several key sectors, including science and technology, clean energy, agriculture, education, skills development, and tourism. Wong also revealed that the Albanese government will fund six projects under the Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership, highlighting the deepening collaboration in technology and cybersecurity.



The Australian Foreign Ministry's statement emphasized the strong strategic, economic, and community ties between the two nations, noting that nearly one million Australians trace their heritage to India. As India continues its rapid economic growth and is projected to become the world's third-largest economy by the end of this decade, Australia views India as a crucial partner in diversifying trade and securing supply chains.

The dialogue also set the stage for future engagements, with both ministers looking forward to the fifth year of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2025. Additionally, Jaishankar and Wong will attend the "Raisina Down Under" event, an Australian version of India's prestigious Raisina Dialogue, which focuses on geopolitics and geo-economics.



Kamala Harris, You're Fired!": Donald Trump In Final Push Ahead Of Polls

As the final phase of the US elections approaches, Republican candidate Donald Trump ramped up his campaign efforts with three major rallies on November 5, urging voters to head to the polls. He held two rallies in North Carolina and one in Virginia, rallying his supporters and making bold claims about the state of the race.

Following the events, Trump shared a video on social media, highlighting his day of campaigning. "Three beautiful MAGA rallies today in Gastonia, North Carolina, followed by Salem, Virginia, and this evening in Greensboro, North Carolina!" he posted, rallying his base to come out and vote.

Trump, who has consistently targeted Vice President Kamala Harris during his campaign, used the rallies to intensify his criticism of her and President Biden. "Stand up and tell Kamala that you've had enough," he said. "Kamala Harris, You're Fired!" Trump's remarks were particularly pointed in battleground states like North Carolina, where he warned, "The suburbs are under attack," stressing the importance of not losing key swing states.

At a rally in Salem, Virginia, Trump projected confidence, telling the crowd that while he was leading in the polls, "when you're winning by a lot, you could still lose by a little," underscoring the need for a strong voter turnout. He continued to criticize Harris, calling her a "liberal Left radical," and suggested that her policies were detrimental to women, particularly citing a recent controversy regarding a trans woman joining a women's swim team at Roanoke College.

Trump also spoke about economic concerns, highlighting the recent slowdown in job growth and attributing it to "Kamala's economy." He promised to address the issue, vowing to cut taxes for workers and small businesses, and taking a tough stance on immigration, pledging mass deportations and tougher border security.

His busy schedule continues with upcoming rallies in other key battleground states, as Trump pushes for the 272 electoral votes needed to secure a second term in office.



Obama Urges Americans to Vote in Tight Election Race

Former President Barack Obama made a passionate appeal to voters on Tuesday as the 2024 U.S. presidential election reached its critical phase, with Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump locked in a fiercely contested race. In a video message, Obama emphasized the importance of voting, stressing that every vote could play a pivotal role in determining the outcome.

"Folks, this election is going to be close. In some states, just a handful of voters in every precinct could decide the winner. So you need to get out there and vote. Tell your family, talk to your neighbors, make a plan, go to the polls with your friends and vote. Vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz," Obama urged, calling on Americans to engage in the democratic process and ensure their voices are heard.

As millions of voters head to the polls, tens of millions have already cast their ballots in early voting, with 83 million Americans voting ahead of Election Day. With the race too close to call, the final results may take several days to tally, especially if the margin of victory remains narrow, which could further intensify the already heightened tensions across the country. This election has become one of the most volatile and unpredictable in modern American history, with both major candidates—Harris and Trump—appealing to deeply polarized voter bases.

Obama's message was a reminder of the power of individual votes in shaping the future of the nation, urging Americans to make their voices heard, regardless of the outcome. With both parties mobilizing their supporters in battleground states, the election outcome may hinge on key states where every vote counts. As the nation anxiously awaits the results, the urgency of casting a vote remains clear—especially as the final count could extend well beyond Election Day.



"Sensex Surges 694 Points on Strong Rebound : Banking, Finance, and Metal Stocks Lead Gains Amid Global Optimism"



Domestic stock markets fell on Tuesday. Despite positive signals from the global markets, the morning started with losses. There were immediate reversals as value buying continued in finance, banking and metal shares. BSE Sensex has recovered 1400 points from the daily low. Similar trend was seen in Nifty. Markets took support at 23850/78300 and crossed resistance at 4000/78800. Moreover, it is noteworthy that it closes at the top level. It is better to stay alert until the US elections are over.

The BSE Senex, which closed at 78,782 in the previous session, opened at 78,542 today. It touched an intraday low of 78,296. reached a peak of 79,523. It eventually closed at 79,476, up 694 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 23,916, touched a low of 23,842 and

a high of 24,229. A total jump of 217 points settled at 24,213. Nifty Bank gained 992 points to close at 52,207.

In Nifty50, 39 companies gained while 11 lost. JSW Steel, Tata Steel, Hindalco, Bajaj Auto, Axis Bank were the top gainers. Trent, Adani Ports, Asian Paints, ITC and Infi were the biggest losers. Today, except for FMCG, media and healthcare, all the sector indices jumped. Metal, banking, finance, realty, oil and gas indices rose more.

In NSE, 2894 stocks were traded and 1763 gained. 1051 were lost. Shares of 77 companies hit 52-week highs. 22 companies hit 52-week lows. Voltamp Transformers received orders worth Rs.263 crore. Citi has maintained its buy rating on Indraprastha Gas. Titan shares traded flat on the back of Q2 results. Procter and Gamble,

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, Privy Special, Deepak Fertilizers, Nalco, Suven Pharma, City Union Bank hit 52-week highs. NMDC is considering issuing bonus shares. Experts say that the RBI has taken steps to prevent the fall of the rupee against the dollar. Shares of Hutson Agro jumped 12% intraday. RVNL shares rallied after getting an order worth Rs 837 crore.

stock recommendations :

1. Greenlam Industries: Greenlam Industries is one of India's leading producers of laminates, veneers, and other decorative surfacing solutions. The company exports to over 100 countries and has a strong brand presence in the organized segment of the interior decor market.

The company has shown steady revenue growth over the years due to its expansion in the decorative laminate market, particularly in premium products. As demand for home decor and renovation rises, Greenlam could benefit, especially if it sustains its premium positioning and controls costs.

2. JSW Steel : Part of the JSW Group,



JSW Steel is among India's largest steel producers and has expanded significantly in both domestic and international markets. It is known for high-grade steel production catering to sectors such as automotive, infrastructure, and energy. JSW Steel has experienced strong growth due to robust steel demand domestically and export-driven revenues. As infrastructure development continues in India and globally, JSW Steel's scale and efficiency position it well, though cyclical downturns in steel prices could impact short-term profitability.

3. Jindal Saw : Jindal Saw is a prom-



inent manufacturer of pipes and tubes, primarily catering to sectors like oil and gas, water supply, and mining. The company also has a presence in the iron and steel sector, offering specialized products for infrastructure projects. Strong demand for pipelines and infrastructure products has driven revenue. However, the company is impacted by fluctuations in infrastructure project funding. Jindal Saw's products are in demand due to infrastructure and energy project growth. Consistent government focus on infrastructure could continue to benefit the company.

4. NMDC Ltd : NMDC is India's largest iron ore producer and exporter, catering primarily to the steel industry. It is a government-owned entity and

plays a crucial role in supplying iron ore domestically. NMDC has benefited from strong demand for iron ore and high global iron ore prices in recent years. Revenue is directly linked to iron ore prices and volumes. Given the high demand for steel in India, NMDC is well-positioned for stable growth. However, any regulatory shifts and global price changes could impact profitability.



5. Patanjali Foods Ltd. Patanjali Foods, formerly known as Ruchi Soya, is part of Patanjali Ayurved. It focuses on edible oils, food products, and FMCG items, leveraging Patanjali's brand for Ayurveda-based products and natural foods. The company has shown strong growth, es-

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SEBI Approves Mutual Funds' Investment in Overseas Funds with Guidelines

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently approved a new directive allowing Indian mutual funds (MFs) to invest in overseas mutual funds or unit trusts (UTs) that have a portion of their assets allocated to Indian securities. However, there is a cap on such investments, limiting them to 25% of the overseas fund's net assets.



ensuring that all investors are treated equally.

SEBI's directive also emphasizes that investors in these overseas funds will have "pari-passu" and "pro-rata" rights. This means that all investors in the fund will share the returns or gains proportionately based on their contribution, ensuring equal treatment for all participants.

SEBI has outlined the rationale behind this move in its official circular, stating that the initiative aims to simplify the process of investing in foreign mutual funds and unit trusts. The move is expected to enhance transparency, diversify the portfolios of Indian mutual funds, and enable them to access international markets with greater ease.

To ensure uniformity and fairness, the regulator has laid down specific guidelines for mutual fund schemes participating in this investment. One of the primary requirements is that all investor contributions to an overseas mutual fund or unit trust must be pooled into a single investment vehicle. This eliminates the possibility of side vehicles or segregated portfolios. The corpus of an overseas mutual fund or unit trust must be a "blind pool,"

The new guidelines also align with India's broader Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) policy, which governs investments made by Indian entities in foreign countries. By enabling mutual funds to tap into overseas funds that invest in Indian securities, SEBI is facilitating a dual benefit—offering Indian investors greater exposure to global markets while encouraging foreign interest in Indian assets.

In conclusion, SEBI's move to allow mutual funds to invest in overseas MFs and UTs marks a significant step towards broadening investment options and enhancing portfolio diversification for Indian investors. The regulatory framework aims to ensure fairness and transparency, benefiting both domestic and international market participants.

Bank Deposits Outpace Credit Growth for First Time in 30 Months: Key Insights

For the first time in 30 months, deposits in the Indian banking system have grown faster than credit, according to the latest data for the fortnight ending October 18, 2024. Bank deposits saw a year-on-year growth of 11.8%, surpassing the 11.7% increase in credit growth during the same period. The surge in deposit growth can be attributed to rising term deposit rates offered by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs). These attractive rates have incentivized savers to park their funds in banks. On the other hand, the slowdown in credit growth is partly due to a higher base effect from the previous year, particularly following the merger of HDFC Ltd with HDFC Bank. Additionally, regulatory measures, such as the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) increased risk weights for unsecured loans and the introduction of proposed Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) norms, have contributed to the moderation in credit demand.

As of October 18, 2024, bank credit reached Rs 172.38 lakh crore, up from Rs 154.57 lakh crore during the same fortnight last year. Deposits, meanwhile, grew to Rs 218.07 lakh crore, up from Rs 195.15 lakh crore in the previous year. In terms of year-on-year growth, credit saw an 11.7% increase, a sharp deceleration compared to the 19.7% growth recorded in the pre-

vious year. Similarly, deposits grew by 11.8%, slightly lower than the 13.4% growth observed last year. The report from CareEdge Ratings highlighted that credit growth has lagged behind deposit growth since January 2024, with deposits expanding by Rs 17.3 lakh crore in the last 9 months alone. Looking at the year-to-date (YTD) data, credit growth stood at 8% as of October 18, 2024, with mortgages and MS-MEs driving most of the increase. However, the growth slowdown compared to last year is largely due to the higher base effect from the HDFC merger and RBI's policy actions like the risk-weight increases and the impending LCR guidelines.

Going forward, banks are expected to see a moderation in credit growth, especially as the RBI's revised LCR norms, set to take effect in April 2025, may further tighten liquidity and influence credit growth.



India's consumer spending on goods to grow 7 pc in next 5 years

India's consumer spending on goods is projected to reach \$1.29 trillion in 2024 and is expected to grow by 7% annually over the next five years, according to a new forecast by S&P Global Market Intelligence. This marks a significant acceleration from the 4.8% inflation-adjusted growth seen over the past five years. The report highlights the increasing spending power of India's population, driving demand across several key sectors, including electronics, apparel, and transport.

India's push towards expanding its manufacturing capabilities, especially in electronics, has been a key driver of this growth. The country's strategy has focused on assembling components locally and using tariffs and production-linked incentives to attract in-



vestment in smartphone and electronics manufacturing. This approach has positioned India as a major player in the global supply chain for network-connected devices.

The scale of India's consumer market has also encouraged foreign investments in local manufacturing, with

companies justifying their operations in the country not only for local sales but also for export opportunities. This "in-market, for-market" strategy is driving significant investments in the Indian manufacturing sector, particularly in electronics, apparel, and household appliances. These sectors are expected to see robust growth, with apparel poised to grow by 9.5%, household equipment and electronics by 8.8%, and transport equipment by 8.5% over the next five years.

In addition to catering to domestic demand, India's electronics manufacturers have become key exporters, particularly in smartphones. The telecom equipment export sector has seen an impressive 44% annual growth from 2015 to 2024, driven by contracted

manufacturers that produce for global markets.

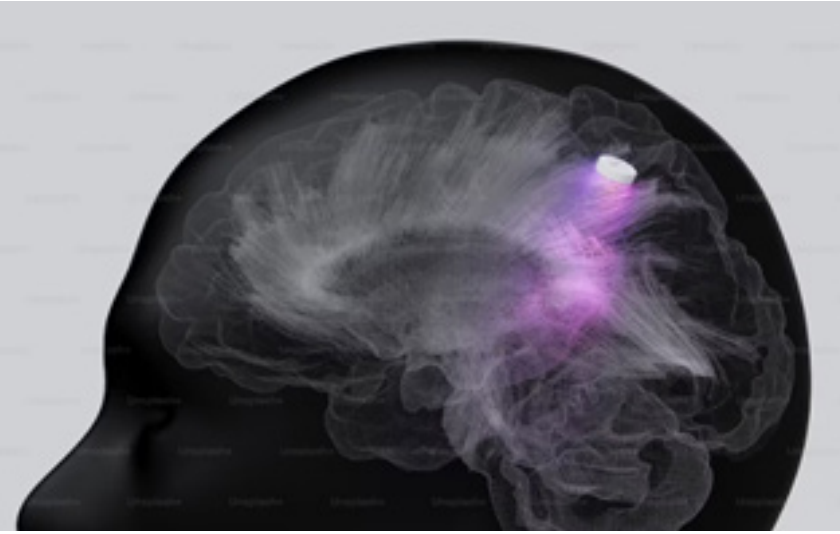
India's success in attracting investment is also seen in its ability to compete with other emerging economies like Malaysia and Indonesia, which have used similar strategies to boost exports and local manufacturing. With India's inclusion in JP Morgan's Government Emerging Market Bond Index in 2024, the country is set to gain access to additional funding and capital resources, further fueling its growth trajectory.

By 2030, India is expected to be the world's third-largest economy, making it an increasingly attractive market for both investors and manufacturers looking to tap into its expanding consumer base.



Study Identify Amygdala Cell Clusters To Treat Anxiety and Depression

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have made a groundbreaking discovery in the field of emotional disorders by identifying distinct cell types within the amygdala that may hold the key to more effective treatments for anxiety, depression, and other mood disorders. Published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* on October 30, the study sheds new light on the amygdala's role in emotion regulation, offering hope for therapies that target specific cells responsible for anxiety-related conditions.



The amygdala has long been recognized as a critical brain structure involved in processing emotions such as fear and anxiety, which affect millions of people worldwide. However, previous research has failed to establish a clear link between the overall size or structure of the amygdala and the development of emotional disorders. Instead, the UC Davis team focused on the amygdala's cellular composition, identifying that distinct clusters of cells may play unique roles in emotional regulation and could be directly involved in the onset of anxiety, depression, and other mood disorders.

Drew Fox, Associate Professor in UC Davis' Department of Psychology, explained that the findings shift the focus from the overall structure of the amygdala to its cellular

makeup. This approach offers a more targeted way to understand and treat conditions like anxiety, which have long been difficult to address with one-size-fits-all therapies.

The research team, led by graduate student Shawn Kamboj and Professor Cynthia Schumann from the UC Davis School of Medicine, used advanced techniques like single-cell RNA sequencing to isolate specific cell clusters in both humans and non-human primates. This powerful method allowed them to map the gene expression patterns of individual cells, helping identify those likely involved in emotional dysregulation. By developing a comprehensive cellular profile, the team has created a promising path toward translating these findings from animal models to potential human therapies.

These discoveries could pave the way for more precise treatments, offering hope for individuals affected by anxiety, depression, and other emotional disorders.

French Families Sue TikTok Over Harmful Content Linked to Teen Suicides

Seven French families have filed a lawsuit against TikTok, accusing the social media platform of exposing their adolescent children to harmful content that contributed to two of the teenagers taking their own lives at the age of 15. The lawsuit, which was filed in the Créteil judicial court, alleges that TikTok's algorithm exposed the young users to videos promoting suicide, self-harm, and eating disorders.



The families, supported by their lawyer Laure Boutron-Marmion, claim that the content recommended by TikTok's algorithm played a significant role in the mental health deterioration of the teens. Boutron-Marmion told broadcaster Franceinfo that this legal action is the first of its kind in Europe, with the families seeking to hold the platform accountable for its role in promoting harmful content to minors.

"The parents want TikTok's legal liability to be recognized in court," Boutron-Marmion stated, emphasizing that TikTok, as a commercial entity offering services to minors, should be responsible for the impact of its platform. She argued that TikTok, like other social media companies, has a duty to ensure the safety and well-being of its users,

particularly minors.

The lawsuit highlights growing concerns over the impact of social media on young people's mental health. TikTok, along with other platforms like Meta's Facebook and Instagram, has faced increasing scrutiny over its role in promoting content that may be harmful to children and teenagers. These platforms have been the subject of numerous lawsuits in the U.S., where they are accused of fostering addiction and damaging mental health among young users.

As of now, TikTok has not responded to the allegations, and it could not be immediately reached for comment. The case marks a significant moment in ongoing efforts to hold tech companies accountable for the effects their platforms have on vulnerable users, especially minors.

South Korea Fines Meta \$15.67 Million Over Improper Data Use

South Korea's data protection agency has imposed a fine of 21.62 billion won (approximately \$15.67 million) on Meta Platforms, the owner of Facebook, for unlawfully collecting sensitive user data and sharing it with advertisers. The Personal Information Protection Commission (PIPC) announced the penalty on Tuesday after investigating the tech giant's practices.



The investigation revealed that Meta had collected personal data from around 980,000 South Korean Facebook users without their consent. This included sensitive information such as users' religion, political views, and sexual orientation. Meta failed to obtain the necessary user agreements before gathering and using this data, a clear violation of South Korean privacy laws, the PIPC stated.

The data was then shared with approximately 4,000 advertisers, who utilized it for targeted advertising. The PIPC highlighted that Meta had analyzed user behavior on the platform, including the pages users liked and the ads they clicked on. This behavior data was used to create tailored advertising campaigns, which often involved sensitive personal information.

"Meta created and managed advertising themes related to sensitive information, such as categoriz-

ing users based on their religion, political views, or sexual identity, including identifying them as North Korean defectors, transgender, or gay," the commission noted in its statement.

In response to the fine, a Meta Korea official declined to provide a comment. The company has faced similar privacy concerns in other countries as well, as regulators worldwide continue to scrutinize the collection and use of user data by major tech firms.

This ruling comes amid heightened global concern over data privacy and digital surveillance, with regulators increasing pressure on tech companies to ensure transparency and respect for user privacy. The fine serves as a stark reminder to global tech giants of the growing importance of data protection laws and the consequences of non-compliance.

Peanut The Squirrel Became An Election Issue In US

The euthanasia of Peanut the Squirrel has unexpectedly become a flashpoint in the U.S. presidential race, pitting Democratic nominee Kamala Harris against her Republican rival, Donald Trump, just one day before the election. The controversy touches on issues of government interference, animal rights, and personal freedom, sparking heated debate across the country.

Peanut, a squirrel with a popular Instagram following of over 540,000, was seized by New York wildlife officials under claims that the animal had bitten one of the officers during a raid on the home of its owner, Longo, who had been caring for Peanut for seven years. Longo had found the orphaned squirrel as a baby and raised it, creating a bond with the animal that had endeared Peanut to thousands of online followers.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) justified its decision to euthanize Peanut by citing the need to conduct a rabies test. Officials stated that Peanut could potentially carry the virus after an incident involving a bite, and that the test was necessary as a public safety measure. The DEC also defended the seizure, claiming that complaints had been received regarding the conditions in which Peanut and another animal, a raccoon named Fred, were housed.

However, the incident has sparked outrage among animal rights advocates and those concerned



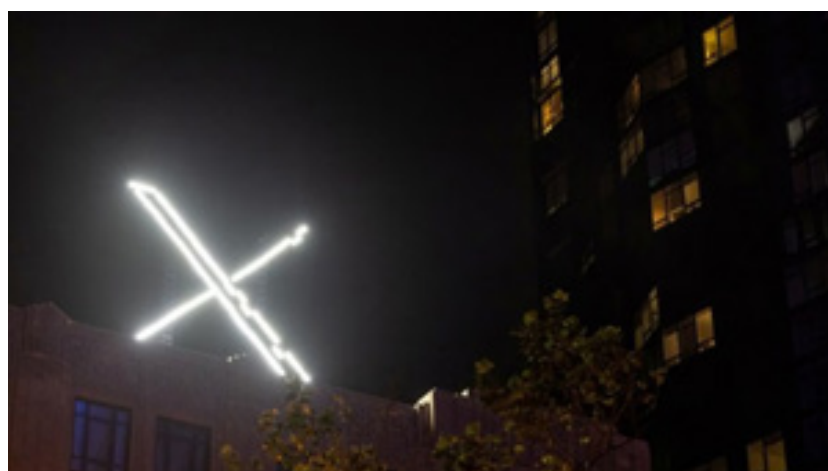
about government overreach. Critics argue that the decision to euthanize Peanut was excessive, particularly given the animal's popularity and the emotional attachment its owner had to it. The case has become a flashpoint in the broader debate over the role of government in regulating private lives and personal freedoms, especially as the election looms.

With emotions running high, the controversy over Peanut's death has become yet another topic dividing the candidates, drawing attention to the intersection of politics, animal rights, and personal autonomy as voters prepare to head to the polls.

X users can now see what blocked accounts are publicly posting

A few months ago, social media platform X, owned by Elon Musk, began testing changes to its block feature, altering how it functions for users. Previously, when a user blocked someone on X, the blocked individual would be unable to see the blocker's posts—both private and public—send direct messages (DMs), or engage in any other form of interaction with them. However, recent updates have made some significant tweaks to this feature.

Under the new version, while blocking someone still prevents them from sending messages or interacting with your content directly, the blocked user will now be able to view your public posts. This means that while they cannot comment or like your posts, they can still see any content you share publicly on the platform.



Another notable change is that users who block someone will not receive a notification alerting them that they have been blocked. However, if a blocked individual attempts to visit the profile of the user who has blocked them, the "Follow" button will be replaced with a "Blocked" button, making it clear that they can no longer engage with the profile.

Additionally, while blocked users will no longer see posts from the person who blocked them on their timelines, there is a new caveat: if a mutual connection tags the blocked account in a post, that tagged content will still be visible to the user who has blocked the account. However, the blocker can choose to view the tagged post by selecting the "Yes, view profile" option, allowing them to see the blocked account's public content if they wish.



Virat Kohli's Top Records and Achievements as He Celebrates 31st Birthday



Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli turned 31 on Tuesday, marking another milestone in what has been a remarkable career. Known for breaking records with every match he plays, Kohli continues to be one of the most dominant figures in world cricket, both as a batsman and as a captain. As he celebrates his birthday, let's take a look at some of his key records and achievements to date.

Record-breaking Double Centuries in Tests

Kohli holds the record for the most number of double centuries (7) by an Indian batsman in Test cricket, with a highest score of 254*. His double century against South Africa saw him join cricketing legends like Mahela Jayawardene and Wally Hammond in this elite list.

King of Centuries

Kohli is also known as the 'King of Centuries'. Recently, he surpassed Sir Donald Bradman's record of 8 scores over 150 in Test cricket, with 9 as a captain. He is also the fourth-fastest player to reach 26 Test centuries and the fourth player to score a ton

in his 50th match as captain in Tests.

T20I Dominance

Kohli has set several records in T20Is as well. He is the only Indian batsman to maintain a 50+ average in the format, and he is the only player in cricket history to average over 50 across all formats (Tests: 54.78, ODIs: 60.31). Although he hasn't scored a century in T20Is yet, Kohli has an impressive 22 half-centuries in the format.

Impressive Test Captaincy

As a Test captain, Kohli has etched his name in history with remarkable records. He is the most successful Indian Test captain with 31 wins, including a record 13 overseas victories. Kohli is also the first captain to score 1,000 runs in three consecutive calendar years (2016-1,215, 2017-1,059, and 2018-1,322).

Additional Milestones

Among his other feats, Kohli became the first batsman to score 20,000 international runs in a single decade. He also holds the record for the fastest to reach 10,000 ODI runs and smashed the fastest 1,000 ODI runs in a calendar year (11 innings). In 2017, Kohli scored the most runs (1,460) in ODIs by an Indian captain in a calendar year.

As Virat Kohli continues to set new records, his career remains a testimony to excellence, determination, and leadership in world cricket.

Indian Boxer Mandeep Jangra Wins WBF's World Title



Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra made history by winning the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Super Featherweight World Title after defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in a dominant performance at the Cayman Islands. The 31-year-old boxer, who trains under legendary former Olympic silver medalist Roy Jones Jr., showcased his superior skills and stamina, controlling most rounds throughout the 10-round bout.

From the outset, Jangra imposed his powerful punches on McIntosh, consistently keeping the British boxer on the backfoot. McIntosh did attempt to mount a comeback, but Jangra's relentless pace and precision punches made it clear he was the stronger fighter. As the rounds progressed, it became evident that the Indian boxer was in full command of the fight, despite McIntosh's efforts to stay competitive.

"This is one of the biggest victories of my career," said Jangra in a media statement after the fight. "I am thankful to my sponsor, Nash Built Construction, my Chief Coach Roy Jones, Assistant Coach Asa Beard, and my angel for their unwavering support. I've worked hard for years to achieve this. It's a matter of great pride that I could bring glory to my country."

Jangra's victory marks a significant milestone in his professional career. With an impressive record of 11 wins out of 12 fights, including seven knockouts, Jangra has quickly made a name for himself in the professional boxing scene.

He hopes his success will inspire other Indian boxers to consider professional boxing as a viable career option. "I believe this title will pave the way for more Indian boxers to turn professional. We have a wealth of talent in our country, and with the right support from promoters and managers, Indian boxers can also become world champions," he added.

Jangra, who made his professional debut in 2021, had also performed well in the amateur boxing circuit, further showcasing his promise as one of India's rising stars in the sport.

India Head Coach Manolo Marquez Names 26 Probables for Malaysia Friendly

India's senior men's football team head coach, Manolo Marquez, has announced a squad of 26 probables for the upcoming FIFA International Friendly match against Malaysia, scheduled for November 18, 2024, at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad. The Blue Tigers will assemble in Hyderabad for their training camp starting November 11, as they aim to end a winless streak that has lasted for 11 matches.

The friendly against Malaysia will be crucial for India, who have struggled to secure a victory since their 1-0 win over Kuwait in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers on November 16, 2023. The team has since been unable to clinch a win, most recently drawing 1-1 with Vietnam in October, where Farukh Choudhary scored the equalizer.

Coach Marquez has selected a balanced squad, with experience and youth in both attack and defense. Three experienced goalkeepers have been named: Amrinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, and Vishal Kaith. The defensive line



is reinforced with the inclusion of key players such as Sandesh Jhingan, Anwar Ali, and Rahul Bheke, who will play pivotal roles in maintaining a strong backline.

Midfielders like Anirudh Thapa, Brandon Fernandes, Jeakson Singh, and Jithin MS are also included, with the aim of controlling the center of the pitch and supporting the attack. Lallianzuala Chhangte, one of the most dynamic forwards, will lead the attacking force, supported by experienced players such as Farukh

Choudhary, Manvir Singh, and Vikram Partap Singh.

The full list of probables for the Malaysia friendly is as follows:

Goalkeepers: Amrinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Vishal Kaith

Defenders: Aakash Sangwan, Anwar Ali, Asish Rai, Chinglensana Singh Konsham, Hmingthanmawia Ralte, Mehtab Singh, Rahul Bheke, Roshan Singh Naorem, Sandesh Jhingan

Midfielders: Anirudh Thapa, Brandon Fernandes, Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Jithin MS, Lalengmawia Ralte, Liston Colaco, Suresh Singh Wangjam, Vibin Mohanan

Forwards: Edmund Lalrindika, Irfan Yadwad, Farukh Choudhary, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Manvir Singh, Vikram Partap Singh

India will be hoping for a strong performance in this friendly to break their winless streak and gain momentum ahead of future fixtures.

Harmanpreet to 9th, Smriti Mandhana Maintains 4th Spot in ICC Women's ODI Rankings

India's captain, Harmanpreet Kaur, has risen to the joint ninth position in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings, while opener Smriti Mandhana has retained her fourth spot. The rankings, released in Dubai on Tuesday, reflect impressive performances by both players in recent matches.

Kaur's rise comes after her crucial 59* off 63 balls in India's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the third ODI of their ICC Women's Championship series in Ahmedabad. After a dip in rankings following the first two matches, her match-winning knock helped her bounce back into the top 10. Kaur's ascent is a testament to her resilience and leadership, as she continues to play a key role in India's ODI success.

Meanwhile, Mandhana's consistent form sees her holding firm at fourth in the rankings. She earned the Player of the Match award for her brilliant knock of 100 runs, which added 23 rating points to her tally, bringing her to 728 points—just five shy of Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu. England's Natalie Sciver-Brunt leads the list with 760 rating points.

In addition to the stars at the top, there were notable movements in the rankings for other Indian players. Wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia moved up three places to 45th, following a vital 35-run contribution. On the bowling front, Deepti Sharma,



who helped India win the series 2-1, gained valuable rating points. Sharma, already ranked second among bowlers, added 16 points after taking 3/39 in the third ODI, bringing her total to 703 points. England's Sophie Ecclestone remains the top-ranked bowler with a commanding 770 points.

Other notable Indian players on the move include pacer Renuka Singh, who jumped four places to 32nd, and emerging bowlers Saima Thakor and Priya Mishra, who made significant gains in the rankings.

India, with 25 points, is currently in third place in the ICC Women's Championship standings, behind Australia and England, who are tied at the top with 28 points each. New Zealand sits in sixth place with 20 points.

Hockey India League: Delhi SG Pipers Sign Australian Olympian Jacob Whetton

Delhi SG Pipers have secured the signing of Australian hockey star Jacob 'Jake' Whetton for the upcoming Hockey India League (HIL) season, which will return after a seven-year hiatus. The 33-year-old midfielder, a three-time Olympian, replaces Dutchman Jorrit Croon, who has withdrawn from the tournament due to an ongoing ankle injury.

The news was confirmed on Monday, with Delhi SG Pipers' head coach Graham Reid expressing both regret and excitement over the changes. "It's never easy to replace a player of Jorrit Croon's calibre," Reid said. "Unfortunately, Jorrit's recovery from the injury hasn't progressed as expected, so we had to make this difficult decision. However, we are thrilled to welcome Jacob Whetton to the team."

Reid, who has known Whetton since 2009, is confident that the Australian's extensive experience will be a perfect fit for the team.



"Jacob's ability to control the midfield aligns perfectly with our game strategy. His skills and knowledge will be invaluable in filling the void left by Jorrit," Reid added.

Whetton brings a wealth of experience to the team, having played 253 matches

for the Kookaburras, scoring 75 goals. His career includes numerous accolades, including a silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, a World Cup title in 2014, and a third-place finish in 2018. Additionally, Whetton has helped Australia win gold at the Commonwealth Games three times—in 2014, 2018, and 2022. He has also earned two Champions Trophy golds (2012, 2018) and a bronze in 2014.

The 2024 Hockey India League will run from December 28 to February 1, with Whetton set to make his debut for the Delhi SG Pipers as they look to challenge for the title in the much-anticipated return of the tournament.



Ram Charan's 'Gamechanger' Teaser Launch to Take Place in Lucknow

Ram Charan's much-anticipated film *'Gamechanger'* is gearing up for its promotional phase as the makers prepare for its grand release during Sankranti next year. After a long production period, the team is now focusing on creating excitement for the pan-India film, with plans to launch the movie's teaser in North India. Since *'Gamechanger'* will have a nationwide release, special attention is being given to promoting the film in the North, where Ram Charan's fame has grown substantially after the success of *'RRR'*.

The film's teaser is set to be launched in Lucknow, with the event scheduled for November 9. Key cast members and crew are expected to attend the occasion, which will mark the beginning of an extensive promotional campaign. Simultaneously, the teaser will also be screened in select theatres across the Telugu states to engage fans back home.

Directed by Shankar, who is making his debut in Telugu cinema with *'Gamechanger'*, the film has generated significant buzz due to the director's association and Ram Charan's star power. Produced by Dil Raju, the movie is currently in its post-production phase, and the team is working hard to finalize the content for release.

In addition to Ram Charan, the film stars Kiara Advani, Srikanth, Jayaram, Anjali, and Naveen Chandra in key roles. The music for *'Gamechanger'* is composed by



Thaman S, adding to the anticipation surrounding the film's soundtrack.

With Ram Charan's growing pan-India popularity and Shankar's directorial vision, *'Gamechanger'* is poised to be one of the biggest releases of the coming year. The Lucknow teaser launch event will be a key moment in the film's promotional journey, and fans are eagerly awaiting what the team has in store.

Kamal Haasan's 'Thug Life' Teaser Set for Release on November 7

Universal hero Kamal Haasan, who recently captivated audiences with *'Bharatiyaadu 2'*, is all set to appear in another major project titled *'Thug Life'*. Directed by the legendary Mani Ratnam, this film has generated immense excitement, especially given that it marks their reunion after many years. The movie, which promises to be a star-studded spectacle, has been making waves ever since its announcement.

The latest update from the makers has made fans even more eager. The much-anticipated teaser for *'Thug Life'* is set to be unveiled on November 7 at 11 AM, and there's a special reason behind the timing. The filmmakers have confirmed that the teaser will be released as a tribute to Kamal Haasan, coinciding with the actor's birthday. This gesture adds an extra layer of excitement for fans, who will now get a glimpse of the movie as part of the birthday celebrations.

With a stellar cast and a high level of anticipation surrounding the project, *'Thug Life'* is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about films of the year. The film will feature some major stars, and its storyline, helmed by Mani Ratnam, has sparked curiosity across the industry.

Music for *'Thug Life'* is being composed by the iconic AR Rahman, ensuring that the film's soundtrack will add to its appeal. The production is backed by leading names such as Kamal Haasan, R Mahendran, Madras Talkies, and Red Giant Cinemas, bringing together a formidable team to bring this ambitious project to life.



As fans eagerly await the teaser, expectations are running high for *'Thug Life'* to live up to its buzz. The release of the teaser on Kamal Haasan's birthday is sure to be a fitting gift for the actor's loyal fans, making this November 7 an even more exciting day for movie lovers.

'Pushpa 2: The Rule' Poster Revealed Trailer Coming Soon

The highly anticipated pan-India film *'Pushpa 2: The Rule'*, starring Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna, is generating massive excitement as its release date nears. Directed by Sukumar, the film is set to be a major milestone in Indian cinema, with fans eagerly waiting for the next big update. While the makers had previously hinted at releasing the film's trailer as the next milestone, they have now raised the stakes with a powerful new poster.

The latest poster features Allu Arjun in his iconic role as Pushpa, facing off against the versatile actor Fahadh Faasil, who plays the menacing Bhanwar Singh Shekhawat. The image shows the intense rivalry between the two characters, hinting at an epic ego clash that will drive the film's narrative. The face-off between Pushpa and Shekhawat promises to be a key highlight of the movie, with both actors bringing their A-game to the table.

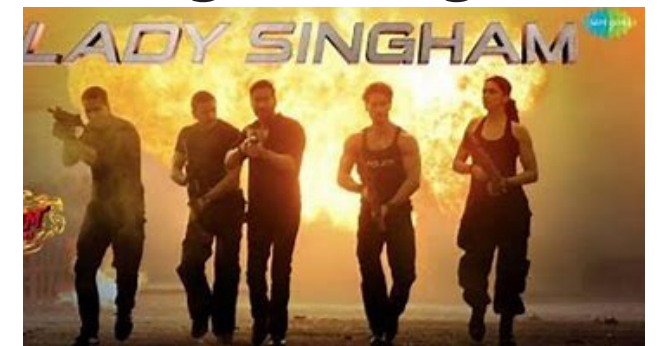
With this new poster, the makers have

confirmed that the much-awaited trailer for *'Pushpa 2: The Rule'* will be released soon. Fans are now eagerly counting down the days for the trailer's drop, which is expected to provide further glimpses of the film's high-octane action and gripping storyline.

The film also boasts a stellar soundtrack by Devi Sri Prasad, whose music for the first film was a massive hit and contributed significantly to its success. *'Pushpa 2'* is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers, one of the leading production houses in the industry, and will be released across pan-India languages on December 5, 2024.

As the anticipation for *'Pushpa 2: The Rule'* continues to build, the trailer's release is expected to set the stage for another record-breaking box office run. Fans of Allu Arjun and Fahadh Faasil are in for a treat, as the film promises to deliver on both action and drama, with an intense clash between its two powerful characters.

'Lady Singham' Track Unleashed in 'Singham Again'



The excitement around *'Singham Again'* continues to build as the makers have released a new track titled *'Lady Singham'*, which shines the spotlight on Deepika Padukone's character, Shakti Shetty. The action-packed video, packed with energy and emotion, introduces Deepika in a bold new avatar as she steps into the role of Lady Singham, a fierce and fearless force for justice.

The video opens with Deepika stepping out of a police vehicle, exuding confidence and power, while Ajay Devgn's Singham walks against a stunning snowy backdrop. When questioned, "Does every officer wearing a uniform think they are Singham?", Deepika responds with a punchline that defines her character, "Mai Singham nahi, mai Lady Singham hai re," meaning, "I am not Singham, I am Lady Singham."

The scene then shifts to a festive setting near a temple, where Lady Singham strides purposefully with unshakable determination. She is soon joined by Singham, along with fellow cops Tiger Shroff and Ranveer Singh, as they gear up to face off against the villainous Arjun Kapoor. The video showcases high-octane action sequences, including Lady Singham taking down lawbreakers, while thrilling visuals—think flaming cars and airborne vehicles—remind viewers that this is a Rohit Shetty film through and through.

'Lady Singham' features the powerful vocals of Santhosh Venky, whose energetic delivery complements the track's intense, action-packed energy. The lyrics, penned by Kumaar, capture the essence of Deepika's character, while Ravi Basrur's composition provides the perfect backdrop to the high-energy narrative.

The music video, now available on YouTube, has been shared with the caption: "Prepare to witness the strength and determination of Lady Singham! Sung by the powerhouse Santhosh Venky, with impactful lyrics by Kumaar and an energetic composition by Ravi Basrur, this track captures her fierce and fearless spirit, embodying the unstoppable force of justice."

With its powerful visuals, captivating performances, and adrenaline-pumping music, *'Singham Again'* promises to deliver another action-packed blockbuster.

Rajinikanth's 'Coolie' Set for 2025 Summer Release

Tamil Superstar Rajinikanth, who recently appeared in *'Vettaian'* to mixed reviews, is now all set to thrill his fans with another highly anticipated project, *'Coolie'*. Directed by the talented Kollywood filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj, the film has been generating massive buzz ever since its announcement. Now, the makers have confirmed that *'Coolie'* will be released in the summer of 2025, adding to the excitement surrounding the superstar's next big screen outing.

The news of *'Coolie'*'s release date has sent shockwaves through the fan community, especially as it coincides with another big update from Lokesh Kanagaraj. The director, known for his hit film *'Kaithi'*, is also gearing up to begin work on the sequel *'Kaithi 2'* with Karthi, set to go on floors in August 2024. The double whammy of these updates has left movie lovers ecstatic, eagerly awaiting the blockbuster lineup from the director and Rajinikanth.

The *'Coolie'* title teaser has already piqued the interest of audiences, showcasing stylish and in-

tense fight scenes featuring Rajinikanth, armed with gold-designed weapons and watch chains. The visuals suggest an action-packed narrative centered around gold smuggling, and fans are particularly excited about seeing Thalaiva in the role of a smuggler—a persona that promises plenty of style and drama.

In addition to Rajinikanth, the film features a stellar supporting cast including Satyaraj, Akkineni Nagarjuna, Mahendran, and Soubin Shahir, all playing pivotal roles. The film's music and background score are being composed by Anirudh Ravichander, adding further anticipation for the soundtrack, which is expected to complement the high-octane action.

'Coolie' is being produced by Kalanidhi Maran under the Sun Pictures banner, and with Lokesh Kanagaraj at the helm, it's sure to be a cinematic spectacle. With *'Coolie'* set for a 2025 summer release, Rajinikanth fans are already counting down the days to witness their idol in yet another iconic role.

