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#### Telangana CM Revanth Reddy

### Our Government is One of Deeds, Not Words



TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized that his government is a "government of deeds, not words," highlighting the ongoing caste census as evidence of this commitment. Speaking at a consultation meeting attended by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Revanth reiterated his pledge to fulfill the promises made by Gandhi.

The Chief Minister stated that the government is taking care to avoid any legal implications for the caste census survey, driven by a sincere desire to provide equal opportunities and social justice to all citizens. He remarked, "If Rahul speaks, it is a law for the leaders," underscoring the importance of Gandhi's directives.

Revanth described the caste census as a responsibility aimed at ensuring equitable access to social, economic, political, educational, and employment opportunities. He praised Gandhi for engaging directly with civil society for input on the survey, recognizing the courage required to make such decisions.

In a recent Group 1 examination, 31,383 candidates were selected for the mains, with statistics indicating representation across various categories: 9.8% OCs, 8.8% EWS, 57.11% OBCs, 15.3% SCs, and 8.8% STs. Revanth called these figures proof of the government's sincerity and commitment to fairness.

## Rahul Gandhi: Telangana Caste Survey Will Serve as a Model for the Nation

Caste discrimination is still strong in India It is a fact that there is inequality against tribals and women Political and legal systems are no exception It is suggested that the people of Telangana should decide what questions to ask





TPN , Hyderabad: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi underscored the pressing issue of caste discrimination in India during a recent program focused on the caste enumeration initiative in Telangana. Speaking candidly, Gandhi acknowledged the pervasive nature of caste-based inequalities in both political and legal systems, stating, "I cannot lie that there is no caste discrimination in the coun-

Participating in a special program organized to discuss the caste census, Gandhi reflected on his extensive travels across India. He revealed that witnessing the deep-seated discrimination faced by various communities left a profound impact on him. "When I traveled throughout the country during my pa- tions to ask," he stated. "If that happens, I will dayatra, the discrimination among the peo-

ple made me think, and I could not tolerate it," he shared. He expressed regret over the lack of respect afforded to Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs, and women, emphasizing that equal opportunities remain elusive for many.

Gandhi asserted that the caste census in Telangana has the potential to be a role model for the entire country, stressing the importance of a thoughtful approach to its execution. He warned against allowing officials and bureaucrats to dictate the questions for the census, advocating instead for the people of Telangana to decide what inquiries should be made. "It is not reasonable for officials sitting in offices to determine how the caste census should be conducted and what quesfeel insulted to the people of Telangana."

The Congress leader emphasized that the census is not merely a statistical exercise but a crucial process that can guide government decisions and ensure equitable distribution of development benefits. He highlighted that the findings from this census will help determine the political representation of marginalized communities in the state.

Gandhi expressed hope that the current caste census in Telangana would serve as a foundation for fostering better relations between citizens and the government. He announced that the experiences and insights gained from this initiative would be extended across the nation, aiming to establish a standard for caste enumeration throughout India.

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## Land Value in Telangana Hasn't Increased Just Because of Choomantar

KCR developed comprehensive, integrated and integrated An acre in any corner of Telangana Rs. Not less than 15 to 20 lakhs They are lying by saying change is change



TPN, Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) stated that the value of land in Telangana has not increased simply due to popreviously doubted the region's abillitical rhetoric. He emphasized that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) has implemented comprehensive and integrated development across the state, resulting in land prices ranging from ₹15 to ₹20 lakhs per acre.

Speaking at a meeting of the Telangana Realtors Forum in Srinagar Colony, KTR criticized the Congress party's claims of change, asserting that such change is unfounded. He noted that before the formation of Telangana, there was skepticism regarding the state's potential for land value appreciation and questioned the credibility of those who

ity to thrive.KTR highlighted the historical context of land struggles in Telangana and how the region was once plagued by issues such as water scarcity, which rendered land virtually worthless. He credited KCR for recognizing these challenges and addressing them over the past decade, resulting in significant improvements in irrigation and electricity availability for farmers.

He remarked that, prior to the establishment of Telangana, residents faced power shortages, impacting agricultural productivity.

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## Telangana Launches Caste Census Survey Today

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TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana statistics on the Backward Classes government is set to initiate a com- (BC) population. prehensive caste census survey today, with the aim of completing the Retired IAS officer Bhusani Venprocess within 60 days. This signif- kateshwar Rao has been appointicant undertaking follows recom- ed as the Chairman mendations from the High Court, of the newly estabwhich emphasized the need for a lished commission. dedicated commission to collect





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#### Rahul Gandhi

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In his concluding remarks, Gandhi reiterated the necessity of addressing caste discrimination to achieve genuine development and happiness for all citizens. He stated, "In India, we talk about development and happiness, but they will reach everyone only if caste discrimination is eradicated first." The remarks reflect a broader commitment to addressing systemic inequalities and ensuring a more inclusive society.

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не announced that after the caste census is completed, backward classes in the state will be allocated reservations on a proportional basis, with plans to incorporate the census data into the upcoming 2025 population

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"Today, farmers are assured of irrigation water and 24hour electricity," KTR stated, attributing these advancements to KCR's leadership.

Responding to opposition claims that development is stagnant, KTR called out the Congress party for its past failures, asserting that the current government is committed to further enhancing the lives of farmers and the overall economic landscape in Telangana.

#### **Telangana Launches Caste Census Survey Today**

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The commission is tasked with submitting its report within one month, ensuring a scientific approach to the census as suggested by the High Court.

The survey will collect detailed information on castes and their sub-castes within the BC categories, along with data regarding their social, economic, and political status. According to official sources, the entire census process is expected to be completed by December 9.

The BC Commission has prepared a proforma with a questionnaire consisting of approximately 54 to 64 questions to facilitate data collection. Officials will execute the enumeration in a single phase across the state, requiring an estimated 80,000 enumerators and 10,000 supervisors to oversee the operation.

Master training for the staff has already been completed in Hyderabad, and trained personnel will be responsible for educating additional staff in the districts. Once the caste census is completed, the collected data will be entered into a computer system on a daily basis. District Collectors will supervise the process, and the BC Commission will analyze the information and compile a report to advise the government on the reservations to be allocated to BCs in local institutions.

## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Calls Caste Census Meeting a Historic Event



, **Hyderabad**: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu declared today's meeting with Rahul Gandhi regarding the caste census survey in Telangana as a "golden letter day" in Indian history. Speaking at the Gandhi Auditorium in Boyenpally, he

emphasized the importance of the caste census as a means to equitably distribute the nation's resources and ensure justice for all societal sections.

Mr. Bhatti noted that the decision to conduct a caste census was in-

spired by Rahul Gandhi's interactions with diverse communities during his Padayatra from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. He recalled Gandhi's prediction that the Congress Party would come to power in Telangana and announced the commencement of the caste census from the state.

Since taking office, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Cabinet have focused on implementing Gandhi's vision for the caste census. The initial step involved passing a unanimous resolution in the State Assembly, followed by issuing a Government Order

through the Planning Department to bring the initiative to the public's attention.

Today's discussions involve intellectuals and social scientists from Telangana to determine the questions to be included in the survey, ensuring that all categories of people are represented. Bhatti revealed that previous meetings have been held with key Congress leaders to gather district-level information and suggestions for the census, aimed at framing comprehensive questions for the survey.

## **Exciting News for Warangal: Mamnoor Airport Construction to Start Soon**



TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant announcement for Warangal residents, Telangana Forest, Environment, and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Sureka confirmed that the long-awaited Mamnoor Airport project is set to commence construction soon. Minister Sureka expressed her commitment to working with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to expedite the project, which has been a dream for the local community.

The new airport will facilitate passenger and cargo services, enhancing connectivity and significantly contributing to the region's economic growth. "The Mam- In addition to the Mamnoor Airport projcontinue to advocate for a swift process to ensure timely completion," she stated.

Hyderabad, Minister Sureka discussed broader development plans for Waran-

gal, including urban infrastructure projects. The meeting included key officials and public representatives, such as Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Ponnam Prabhakar.

Minister Sureka emphasized her dedication to making Warangal a modern city that meets the needs of its growing population. "Warangal is on the path to becoming one of the most developed cities in the state, focusing on infrastructure improvement and quality of life," she remarked.

noor Airport will be transformative for ect, Minister Sureka outlined other key Warangal and surrounding areas. I will initiatives, including the Kakatiya Mega Textiles Park, the construction of ring roads, a new underground drainage system, and the redevelopment of the icon-During a meeting at the Ministry of Hu- ic Bhadrakali Temple. These efforts aim man Resource Development (MHRD) in to enhance transportation, connectivity, and economic growth in Warangal.

### **Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy: Commitment to Increasing BC Reservations Through Caste Census**

TPN , Telangana : Water and Drainage Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy reaffirmed the Telangana government's commitment to conducting a caste census with utmost sincerity. He emphasized that the state is diligently working to fulfill the promise made by Rahul Gandhi to carry out this census during the election campaign and following his visit to Telangana. In a statement, Minister Reddy highlighted that the government's manifesto included a

commitment to caste enumeration, and he assured that the process is being undertaken as promised. "We are conducting the caste calculation as per our commitment," he said.

The minister noted that field studies have been conducted in Tamil Nadu and

Karnataka to inform the process of caste enumeration in Telangana. He announced that the government plans to increase reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections based on the findings of the census. "If the court suggested the establishment of a dedicated BC commission for reservations, we acted on it immediately," he added, reinforcing the government's dedication to the development and welfare of BC communities.

Minister Uttam also acknowledged Rahul Gandhi's participation in the assembly organized for caste enumeration, highlighting the significance of the event in the broader context of social justice and equitable representation.

## Harish Rao Calls for Exclusion of Primary School Teachers from Caste Census



TPN, Hyderabad: Former Minister and BRS MLA Harish Rao has urged Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to exclude primary school teachers from the upcoming caste census, which is set to begin on November 6. The state government has appointed 36,559 secondary grade teachers and 3,414 primary school headmasters to conduct a "Comprehensive House-to-House Family Survey."

In a letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Harish Rao expressed his concerns regarding the government's deci-

sion to utilize teachers for the survey, labeling it a violation of the Right to Education Act. He argued that the order issued by the education department on November 1, assigning teachers to the census, is contrary to established regulations. He emphasized that the essence of this order is that schools should operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and this new directive undermines that structure.

The trust in government schools is deteriorating, and your ill-advised decisions are becoming detrimental to students, parents, and teachers alike," he stated. Harish Rao contended that involving teachers in the family survey not only disrupts their primary responsibilities but also adversely affects the education of children, many

of whom come from families reliant on their income. He noted that the Right to Education Act clearly stipulates that teachers should be used only for census duties, disaster relief, and elections, and not for any other purpose.

Harish Rao concluded his letter by calling on the government to reconsider its decision and exclude primary school teachers from the comprehensive family survey in adherence to the Right to Education Act.

## Hydra Conducts Survey in **Aminpur Amidst Encroachment Complaints**



TPN, Aminpur: A survey was conducted on Tuesday under the auspices of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection (HYDRA) following complaints of encroachment on parks and roads. The survey was ordered by HYDRA Commissioner AV Ranganath, with officials from the JD Survey Office collaborating with HYDRA personnel.

Residents of Venkataramana Colony reported that Golden Key Venture had encroached upon roads and park land exceeding an acre. The survey was initiated in compliance with a High Court directive, as both parties involved had

approached the court regarding the matter.

Survey officers assessed an area of over 150 acres across five survey numbers in the presence of residents from Venkataramana Colony and Chakrapuri Colony, as well as representatives from Golden Key Venture. After examining the layouts based on the survey numbers and boundary stones, HYDRA has begun implementing measures to protect the roads. The officials are set to determine who has encroached upon the layout based on the findings of the survey.



## Minister Sridhar Babu Challenges **BRS** Leaders with Ten Questions

TPN, Hyderabad: In a strong rebuttal to the criticism leveled by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Telangana's Minister for Forest, Environment, and Endowments, Sridhar Babu, has issued an open letter demanding answers to ten pressing questions regarding the party's governance and accountability.

Minister Babu's letter comes nearly 11 months after the Congress party came to power, during which BRS leaders have alleged a lack of substantial progress beyond a few initiatives, such as the free RTC travel for women. He expressed indignation over what he termed "unfounded accusations" from BRS leaders and emphasized the need for clarity on several issues.

Among the ten questions posed by Minister Babu are significant concerns



about the families of the 1,200 martyrs from the Telangana movement, who he claims have been overlooked by the BRS government. He referenced a promise made by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) regarding support for these families, which he argues remains largely unfulfilled.

Babu also questioned the BRS's failure to deliver on housing and employment promises for marginalized groups, including Dalits, and criticized the party for its handling of unemployment issues and the Group 1 exam paper leak. He further challenged the BRS to address the irrigation promises associated with the Kaleswaram project and the status of housing for the homeless.

In a closing remark, he pointed out the stark contrast between the active presence of Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, and the perceived retreat of BRS leaders from public engagement following electoral setbacks. He asserted that the BRS is losing its political relevance, urging them to confront the realities of their governance record.

## **Bandi Sanjay Challenges** Rahul Gandhi to Address **Unfulfilled Promises in TG**

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TPN, Hyderabad: Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay has issued a bold challenge to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, urging him to tour Telangana and explain why the promises made during the election have yet to be fulfilled. Sanjay emphasized that while Gandhi has the right to travel anywhere in the country, he also bears responsibility for addressing the commitments made to the people of Telangana.

Sanjay recalled that during the assembly elections, Rahul Gandhi had visited significant locations, including the central library and the university, to assure the youth and various communities of numerous guarantees. He pointed out that Gandhi had promised six key assurances along with 420 guarantees aimed at women, farmers, and other groups.

"Why are Congress leaders coming to Telangana now without having implemented these promises?" Sanjay questioned, expressing disappointment in the current state of governance under the Congress party. He noted that the Telangana government has failed to deliver on its electoral commitments, underscoring the importance of accountability from political leaders.

Sanjay's remarks come in the context of ongoing political tensions as various parties gear up for upcoming elections, highlighting the critical role of promises in political campaigns and governance.

## BJP Challenges Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Rahul Gandhi's Telangana Visit

TPN, Hyderabad: In a strong rebuttal to Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's remarks, BJP State General Secretary Kasam Venkateswarlu questioned the purpose of Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to Telangana. He suggested that the visit was a mere political stunt ahead of elections in the neighboring state.

Venkateswarlu emphasized that if the Congress party truly cares for the Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana, it should implement the Udaipur Declaration. He challenged the Congress on its track record, asking,

gress party in the last assembly elections?" He also pointed to the Telugu Desam Party. He concluded by asserting that out the ongoing caste census survey aimed at supporting BCs and questioned the effectiveness of the comprehensive include the political legacies of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi.



family survey conducted by the previous government.

Addressing concerns regarding the current family survey, he criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for not disclosing details from the earlier survey and for allegedly asking for personal information despite Supreme Court orders against it. Venkateswarlu further countered Ponnam Prabhakar's statement about "DNA not being Telanga-

"How many BC candidates were given tickets by the Con- na," asking rhetorically if Reddy's political DNA is linked discussions about the "DNA of Telangana or Andhra" should

## Sitakka Responds to Food Poisoning Allegations, **Denies Political Maneuvering**

responded firmly to allegations made tion to safeguard student health. by former minister Harish Rao regarding the government's handling of re- Sitakka highlighted that the governcent food poisoning cases affecting stu- ment has covered all medical expenswith local officials, including Asifabad ous monitoring by medical staff. Collector Venkatesh Dotre and ITDO PO

TPN, Telangana: Minister Sitakka has Khushboo Gupta, ensuring prompt ac- Harish Rao criticized the government's response, stating it was inappropriate to politicize such a serious issue. Sitakka countered this by recalling numerous food poisoning incidents during dents. In a press release issued during es, with over Rs. 5 lakhs already paid. the BRS's tenure, noting that a High her tour of Maharashtra, Sitakka em- - She pointed out that students were ini- - Court inquiry was held on similar casphasized that the government acted tially treated at Manchiryala Max Cure es in Gurukul. She urged the opposition swiftly to provide medical treatment to Hospital before being transferred to to refrain from politicizing the situthe affected students. She coordinated NIMS for advanced care, with continu- ation and causing unnecessary fear among families.

## Minister Tummala Urges Farmers to Sell **Cotton at Government Purchase Centers**

mala Nageshwar Rao has advised farmers in Telangana to sell their cotton exclusively at the government-established purchase centers. During a review meeting with officials, including Uday Kumar, Director of the Marketing Department, Minister Tummala highlighted the necessity of utilizing these centers for cotton procurement.

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has set up a total of 105 purchase centers across the state to facilitate this process. Minister Tummala confirmed that all notified ginning mills have been given clear instructions to operate effec-

TPN, Telangana: Agriculture and Marketing Minister Tum-tively and support farmers during the purchasing season.

He also discussed with the CCI's CMD the potential relaxation of moisture content standards for cotton. In the event of any issues with cotton purchases, farmers are encouraged to contact the authorities via WhatsApp at 8897281111.

Minister Tummala urged Collectors and Marketing Officers to take swift action in addressing any challenges faced by farmers during the procurement process, ensuring a smooth and efficient operation for cotton sales this season.

### **TPCC President Mahesh Goud Hosts Successful Caste Enumeration** Meeting with Rahul Gandhi

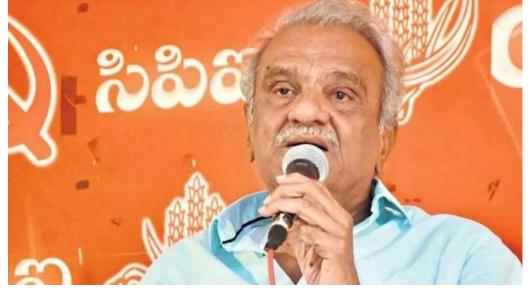


TPN, Hyderabad: In a significant gathering marking his first visit since Mahesh Kumar Goud took over as President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), AICC leader Rahul Gandhi participated in a consultative meeting on caste enumeration held at the Gandhian Center in Boinipally. The meeting, chaired by Mahesh Kumar Goud, drew participation from eminent academics, professors, and representatives from various caste associations, all expressing full support for the Congress government's caste enumeration initiative.

Rahul Gandhi emphasized the importance of conducting a caste census nationwide, highlighting Telangana as a model for this initiative. He pointed out that caste discrimination remains a serious societal issue and assured that comprehensive measures would be implemented to address and eradicate these discriminatory practices.

The meeting also included contributions from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, AICC in-charge Deepadas Munshi, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and various Congress leaders, MLAs, and MLCs. The successful turnout and discussions at this event have ignited renewed enthusiasm among Congress ranks, signaling a proactive approach to addressing caste-related challenges in society.

## CPI National Secretary K. Narayana Criticizes Congress and BJP Governments



TPN, Telangana: In a recent press conference held in Palakurti, CPI National Secretary K. Narayana expressed his strong dissatisfaction with the current Congress and BJP governments, calling for a fundamental change in governance to improve conditions in Hyderabad. He emphasized the need for a thorough cleansing of the existing administration, stating that these parties are creating a troubling atmosphere in the state under the guise of the HYDRA initiative. Narayana urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to clarify his position regarding this

Narayana asserted that the government must operate as a true democracy, ensuring that all displaced individuals receive the support they need. He argued against the necessity of a statewide HYDRA model, insisting that the role of security forces should focus on protecting citizens rather than threatening displaced populations.

Narayana further criticized the BJP government for its 12 years in power, claiming it has failed to provide jobs and has instead seen a rise in prices and corruption. He point-

ed out that India ranks 11th in the world development index, while political leaders mislead the public during election seasons.

Accusing Union Home Minister Amit Shah of serious misconduct, including the wrongful imprisonment of Professor Saibaba, Narayana called for accountability and justice. He proposed a law to cancel the memberships of MLAs who switch parties and condemned what he described as the politics of corruption and migration promoted by the current Congress-led government.







#### **Congress Leader Deepadas Munshi Files Defamation Suit Against BJP's NVSS Prabhakar**

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana's political scene intensified as AICC in-charge Deepadas Munshi appeared in the Nampally Criminal Court today to address corruption allegations made by BJP leader and former MLA NVSS Prabhakar. Munshi has filed a defamation case against Prabhakar, who accused her of accepting luxury gifts, including Benz cars, in exchange for granting Congress tickets in Telangana.

In response to these allegations, the court instructed Prabhakar to present supporting evidence. Although he initially missed several hearings, Prabhakar appeared today following a warning from the court. The hearing has now been adjourned to December 5.

Several Congress leaders, including MPs, ex-MPs, and party activists, gathered at the Nampally court in support of Munshi, underscoring the case's significance within Telangana's political landscape. The defamation suit adds further tension to the ongoing rivalry between Congress and the BJP, highlighting the charged atmosphere as Telangana approaches the upcoming elections.

#### **Man Arrested for Blackmailing Wife** with Private Photos

TPN, Hyderabad: A woman who recently returned from the UK has filed a complaint at the Film Nagar police station, accusing her husband of blackmailing her by threatening to leak their private photos. She also claims he extorted money from her and coerced her into marriage.

According to reports, the woman met the accused through a social media platform, and after becoming friends, they frequently met and fell in love. The man promised they would marry each other, but over time, he began demanding money. She eventually gave him jewelry worth Rs 10 lakh, which he claimed would be used for a gold loan. When she attempted to distance herself, he allegedly started blackmailing her, threatening to share private photos online and ruin her reputation.

Under duress, she was forced into a secret marriage at an Arya Samaj temple. Afterward, she moved to the UK, where he obtained a dependent visa. However, once there, he reportedly subjected her to both physical and mental abuse.

A case has been registered against the accused, and further investigation is ongo-

#### Foundation Stone Laid for Rs 2.5 Crore Eye Hospital in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha laid the foundation stone on Tuesday for the Lions Eye Hospital in Balanagar, a project valued at Rs 2.5 crore. The new hospital aims to enhance eye care services in the region and expand access to quality healthcare for the community. In his address, Minister Narasimha praised the management of the Y. Kishan Rao Lions Eye Hospital for their dedicated service to the public over the past 40 years, commending their commitment to affordable and quality healthcare.

The event was attended by several prominent figures, including hospital chairman Y. Naveen Rao, vice chairman Kukatpally Madhavareddy, and Congress constituency in-charge Bandi Ramesh, among others. The new facility is expected to be a significant addition to healthcare infrastructure in Hyderabad, with plans to deliver advanced eye care services to underserved communities.

## **KTR Stands with Auto Drivers, Calls Out Congress's Unfulfilled Promises**

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) voiced his support for Telangana's struggling auto drivers at the "Auto Drivers' Mahadharna" held at Indira Park, accusing the Congress government of neglecting the community's welfare.

KTR expressed concerns over the drastic drop in earnings for auto drivers, claiming that while drivers earned around Rs. 2,000 daily during KCR's administration, they now struggle to make even Rs. 200-300 under the current Congress government. This financial strain has, according to KTR, led some drivers to consider or even commit suicide.

KTR also criticized Congress for failing to fulfill promises made during Rahul Gandhi's visit last year, including monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 and the establishment of an Auto Drivers' Welfare Board. He questioned the Congress's implementation of the Mahalakshmi scheme, which pledged Rs. 2,500 for drivers.

KTR presented specific demands, urging the

government to:



- Provide Rs. 5,000 monthly support for auto drivers,

- Establish an Auto Drivers' Welfare Board in the next legislative session, and

Ensure mandatory third-party insurance for drivers, warning against any attempt to reduce insurance coverage.

He further condemned central government policies that he claims adversely impact auto drivers and demanded their reversal.

Calling out Congress's unfulfilled promises, KTR alleged that various groups, including unemployed youth, farmers,

women, and the elderly, feel betrayed. He noted that even Congress leaders privately admit dissatisfaction with the government's lack of action.

KTR also urged the police to show leniency toward protesting auto drivers and appealed to the media to support workers' rights without fear, emphasizing that BRS would continue to advocate for Telangana's people in the legislature.

The event highlighted BRS's commitment to standing by Telangana's working class, with KTR vowing to hold Congress accountable for its prom-

## 4-Year-Old Boy Rescued from Kidnapping in Dabeerpura; Accused Arrested

TPN, Hyderabad: A 4-year-old boy, Shoeb, was rescued from a kidnapping incident within 12 hours, and the accused, Shaik Rafeeg, a 35-year-old laborer, was apprehended under the jurisdiction of the Afzalgunj po-

The ordeal began when Shoeb's mother, Rubeena Begum, filed a complaint with the police after her son went missing. Shoeb had accompanied his father to Osmania General Hospital, but when they failed to return, Rubeena searched for them. She found her husband sleeping at the hospital but could not locate Shoeb.

Concerned for her son's safety, Rubeena approached the Afzal-



gunj police, revealing her husband's history of alcohol addiction and a previous suicide attempt three months earlier.

The police quickly initiated a search, reviewing CCTV footage from various locations, including Public Garden and multiple

railway stations. They identified the suspect on camera at Dabeerpura flyover, which led them to the site where they rescued Shoeb and arrested Rafeeq. The accused has been charged under Section 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for kidnapping.

## **Mandatory Helmet Rule Enforced** in City to Curb Road Accidents

TPN, Telangana: Starting today, wearing helmets while riding motorcycles is mandatory in the city, with the police taking strict action against violators. The traffic police have initiated special drives to enforce this rule, emphasizing that riding without a helmet will result in a fine of Rs 200.

In addition to the helmet mandate, serious penalties will be imposed for driving on the wrong side or taking incorrect routes, with fines reaching up to Rs 2,000. This enforcement comes in response to heightened concerns from the High Court regarding road accidents in the city. The court has previously ordered increased drunk-driving checks near pubs to improve road

Additional CP Traffic, Vishwaprasad, stated, "We have implemented the helmet requirement today, aiming for 100% compliance among bike



riders. Most two-wheeler fatalities in road accidents occur due to the absence of helmets, so we are tightening regulations to prevent these tragic incidents."

The police are committed to making the roads safer and will continue to conduct special enforcement drives to ensure compliance with traffic regulations.

### **Hindu Organisations Call for Bandh in Shamshabad Over Temple Vandalism**

TPN, Hyderabad: Several Hindu organizations have called for a bandh in Shamshabad municipality on Wednesday to protest the recent vandalism at a temple in Airport Colony, Shamshabad. Activists have urged locals to voluntarily observe the bandh to emphasize their demand for the immediate arrest of those responsible for damaging idols of deities. On Tuesday, members of Hindu organizations gathered at the Shamshabad bus stand, where they burned an effigy representing the "terrorist" behind the attack. Protesters then blocked the road, demanding that the police arrest the actual perpetrators and investigate what they allege is a conspiracy behind ongoing attacks on temples in the city.



### **Hyderabad Woman Brutally Raped by Three Men**

**Police Launch Investigation** 

TPN , Hyderabad : A horrific incident has come to light in Hyderabad, where a woman was brutally raped by three men after being deceived by their false promises. The Maduranagar police have registered a case and are actively investigating the matter.

The victim, a daily wage worker who supports her family by working on construction sites, was on her way home after completing her shift yesterday. While waiting for a bus at Hi-Tech City Cross Road, she was approached by three men in an auto. They lured her with the promise of a job washing clothes at their house, which she agreed to, hoping for additional income.

The men then took her to a residence within the Maduranagar police jurisdiction, where they assaulted her. The woman's screams alerted a nearby passerby, who witnessed the crime and rushed to her aid. Upon being discovered, the attackers fled the scene.

The victim, traumatized by the incident, recounted her ordeal to the witness, who immediately helped her report the crime at the Madhuranagar Police Station. Authorities have since registered a case, sent the victim for medical treatment, and initiated a search for the three suspects, who remain at large.

This incident has sent shockwaves across the city, with calls for justice and stricter safety measures for women.



#### **Another Mahatma Gandhi Statue Vandalized** in Hyderabad; Police **Investigation Underway**

TPN, Hyderabad: Another statue of Mahatma Gandhi was reportedly vandalized at Pragati Nagar Ambi Pond in Nizampet, Hyderabad, raising concerns about the repeated desecration of national icons in the city. Police have been alerted, and an investigation is underway to identify those responsible for the act.

Locals speculate that the vandalism may have been committed by an individual under the influence, as intoxicated people are often seen around Pragati Nagar Lake at night.

This incident follows a similar act of vandalism that occurred during the Diwali festival. Four minors reportedly burst firecrackers on a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Bowenpally. According to Bowenpally Sub-Inspector Shiva Shankar, the children, aged 15 to 16, claimed they did it "just for fun." Among the group, two had dropped out of school, while the others were still studying. The police are currently seeking legal advice regarding the possibility of filing a First Information Report (FIR) against the minors.

The children, who were briefly in custody, later made a public apology in a video alongside their parents, expressing regret for their actions.

These incidents have prompted renewed calls for respect toward national symbols and icons, highlighting the need to educate young individuals on the importance of such monuments in the country's history.

## KCR Pays Tribute to Dasarathi Krishnamacharya on Death Anniversary

**TPN**, **Hyderabad:** BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) paid tribute to renowned poet and lyricist Dasarathi Krishnamacharya on his death anniversary, acknowledging the profound impact of Dasarathi's work on the Telangana statehood movement. KCR highlighted the significance of Dasarathi's slogan, "Naa Telangana... Koti ratanala veena," in shaping the cultural identity of Telangana.

In his tribute, KCR emphasized that Dasarathi's contributions to the statehood movement are invaluable. He noted that the previous BRS government had initiated numerous programs to honor Dasarathi's legacy and ensure that future generations recognize his pivotal role in the struggle for Telangana's identity and statehood. The tributes reflect the continuing respect and admiration for Dasarathi's influence on the cultural landscape of Telangana.





# MLA Harish Rao visited students receiving treatment at NIMS Hospital

**TPN**, **Telangana**: Former Minister and MLA Harish Rao visited students receiving treatment at NIMS Hospital after a food poisoning incident at the Vankidi Gurukula School in Komaram Bhim district. He provided updates on the health of eighth grader Mahalakshmi, who is recovering, and ninth grader Jyoti, whose condition remains critical. Additionally, Rao expressed concern for Shailaja, a ninth grader on a ventilator.

Rao criticized the government for its handling of residential schools, stating that parents who enrolled their children with hopes of quality education have lost trust due to deteriorating conditions. He revealed that 36 students have died in government residential schools over the past eleven months, attributing these deaths to the government's failure to provide adequate infrastructure and care.

Around 600 students have suffered from food poisoning recently, and Rao emphasized the urgent need for permanent solutions rather than temporary fixes. He lamented the lack of attention from government officials, who are preoccupied with elections in other states, and called for a serious commitment to improving the plight of students in government residential schools, urging that

investment in education is crucial for the state's future.



### Ministers Visit Vankidi Tribal Ashram School Students at NIMS Hospital Following Illness

TPN , Hyderabad: Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Konda Surekha visited the students from Vankidi Tribal Ashram School in Komuram Bheem Asifabad district who fell ill and are currently receiving treatment at NIMS Hospital. The ministers inquired about the students' health from NIMS Director Dr. Birappa and emphasized the need for quality medical care for the affected female students.

During their visit, Minister Prabhakar expressed shock over the tragic death of Ayan Hussain, a 9th-grade student at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule (MJPTBCW) Residential School in Nirmal, who died due to seizures earlier in the day. Ayan reportedly started shivering after waking up and suffered fits shortly after being taken to the medical room. Despite being rushed to the area hospital in Nirmal, he passed away during treatment. Minister Prabhakar offered his condolences to Ayan's family and ordered officials to provide a detailed report on the incident.

Additionally, he announced an ex-gratia payment of two lakh rupees to Ayan's family and promised an outsourcing job for one of the family members. Prabhakar urged authorities to regularly monitor the health of students and to keep parents informed if any student falls ill.

# Drone Catches Fire During Vikarabad Digital Master Plan Survey

TPN , Hyderabad: A drone deployed for surveying the digital master plan for Vikarabad development caught fire after becoming entangled in high-tension wires on Tuesday, raising concerns about a possible technical malfunction.

Local revenue officials, along with municipal authorities and representatives from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, are conducting the survey using large drones. On Tuesday, the drone ascended to a certain height but then descended suddenly, getting caught in the high-tension wires before igniting. It subsequently fell into an agricultural field.

Officials believe the drone may have experienced a technical issue that caused it to lose control of the remote connection.

Vikarabad was selected by the Union Ministry among other towns to create a Geographical Information System (GIS)-based master plan as part of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 initiative, which is partially funded by the Central Government. The survey is being carried out by Vikarabad district authorities in collaboration with officials from the Municipal Survey of India.



#### MLA Palwai Harish Babu Protests Against Forest Department Misconduct with Hunger Strike

TPN , Komuram Bhim: MLA Palwai Harish Babu began a hunger strike in front of the Sirpur (T) Forest Department office to protest the alleged misconduct of forest officials who unlawfully prosecuted and assaulted seven individuals from the Bengali camp last week. The MLA accused the officials of previously extorting large sums of

text of culling wild animals and linked these actions to the Kagaznagar DFO.

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Since the start of the hunger strike, Harish Babu's health has reportedly deteriorated, prompting medical attention. He has demanded immediate action against the officials responsible for their excessive use of force against innocent farm-



ers, criticizing the government for failing to address these ongoing attacks.

In response to the hunger strike, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) assured that action would be taken against the implicated officials. Following this assurance, Harish Babu announced the suspension of his strike but warned that he would escalate his protests if authorities do not follow through.

The MLA has also lodged complaints with the state government, the minister, and the Human Rights Commission, highlighting allegations of corruption related to the misuse of central government funds allocated to the forest department in the Kagajnagar division.

### ACB Registers Case Against Panchayat Secretary for Bribery

**TPN**, **Kothagudem:** The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has filed a case of criminal misconduct against Pullaiah, the secretary of Regalla gram panchayat in the Laxmidevipalli mandal, for allegedly demanding a bribe from a local resident.

According to an official release from the ACB on Tuesday, the accused demanded ₹18,000 from the complainant in exchange for issuing a no objection certificate necessary for an electricity meter connection at a new house being constructed by the complainant's mother, Kanthi.

The case highlights ongoing concerns about corruption at the local government level, prompting the ACB to take action against officials misusing their positions for personal gain. Investigations are currently underway to address the allegations and ensure accountability.

#### Telangana to Implement Half-Day Schedule for Primary Schools Starting Wednesday

TPN , Hyderabad: Starting Wednesday, 18,241 government primary schools in Telangana will adopt a half-day schedule, not due to weather conditions but because teaching staff have been reassigned to conduct a caste survey. Approximately 40,000 educators, including 36,559 Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) and 3,414 primary school headmasters, will participate in this survey for three weeks, resulting in a shortage of staff for regular classes after lunch.

The revised school hours will be from 9 AM to 1 PM, compared to the usual 9 AM to 4 PM, with students dismissed after receiving their mid-day meals. This change comes at a critical time as students prepare for the National Achievement Survey (NAS) examination, scheduled for December 4, which evaluates learning outcomes for Classes III, VI, and IX.

In addition to primary school staff, over 6,256 personnel from various educational roles will assist with the survey. While SGTs and headmasters are expected to work during holidays for the survey, primary school teachers in upper primary and high schools have been exempted from these duties and will continue with their regular schedules.

#### 340 Paddy Purchase Centres Operational in Nalgonda: Civil Supplies Commissioner DS Chauhan

**TPN**, **Nalgonda:** Civil Supplies Commissioner DS Chauhan emphasized the importance of government procurement centres for paddy on Tuesday, urging farmers to bring their harvest without hesitation.

During a surprise inspection of procurement centres operated by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Nalgonda district, Chauhan reassured farmers about the procurement process. He warned against falling for the false promises of middlemen and assured that paddy delivered to the centres, free from impurities and excessive moisture, would be purchased immediately, with payments credited within three to four days.

In Nalgonda district alone, 340 procurement centres have been established, including 80 dedicated to fine paddy, with 15,000 metric tonnes already procured. Chauhan noted that more paddy is expected to arrive this month, forecasting a total of 143 lakh metric tonnes statewide this year, including 80 lakh metric tonnes from fine varieties.

To further support farmers, he highlighted that advanced cleaners and dryers have been installed at 10 locations in the district, with plans to procure 100 high-speed dryers statewide.

## 5Staff Members Suspended at MJP School in Nirmal Following Student's Death

TPN , Nirmal: Five staff members of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Residential School in Nirmal have been suspended following the tragic death of a Class IX student during a baseball game at the institution. The suspension order was issued on Tuesday by the principal secretary of the BC Welfare Department. The suspended individuals include the school principal, a night duty teacher, and three outsourced staffers. They were found negligent in their duties, which directly contributed to the circumstances surrounding the death of the student, Fayaz Hussain. The department's action underscores its commitment to ensuring safety and accountability within educational institutions.

## **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 to read.

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 constitu-

#### 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

## **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 tradi-

#### **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.

Dietary distinctions can also be used as a means of denigrating others, as when an American presidential candidate wrongly accused Haitian immigrants of eating dogs and cats, linking such principles. practices to subhuman behavior. Conversely, the South Korean government banned dog meat consumption before the 1988 Seoul Olympics to align with global norms. These dietary codes are not random; they possess a deep internal logic, often governed by religious, cultural, and ethical



#### **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-

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.

#### acteristics like foot and dental structure. In the 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

wealth 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 foundand South Africa as its three founding members. By then, England and membership of the Imperial Cricket 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 ICC's structure for years to come. This two members, often seen as comparable to that of an English county second XI.

The 27th meeting of the Common- ed in 1909 with England, Australia, Despite the disparity in cricket standards, South Africa was granted full 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 clause reinforced the influence of the British Empire, where cricket was deeply embedded as a cultural and institutional cornerstone.





## INDIA

## 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.



#### 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.

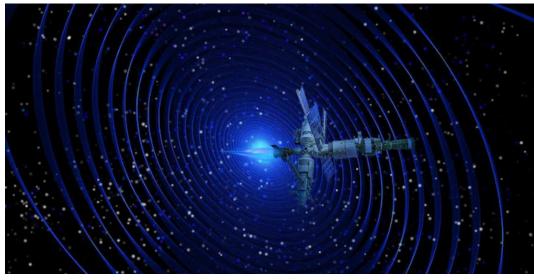
The Chief Minister's comments come amid rising political tensions and growing calls for greater security across various parts of the state. Adityanath specifically referred to the ongoing efforts to dismantle criminal networks in Uttar Pradesh, which he claimed have been severely curbed under the BJP 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

"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.



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

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

India's space agency, the Indian Space Proba-3 will allow scientists to study the Research Organisation (ISRO), is set to Sun's corona with unparalleled clarity, offering new insights into solar phenomObservation Mission in December 2024

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 industrt.

#### 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 the economy, foreign polihave already cast their ballots cy, immigration, and climate in early voting, underscoring change have dominated disthe high level of participation cussions, with both candidates

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 mem-

## 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

Moreover, it is noteworthy that it closes at the top level. It is better to stay 

The BSE Senex, which closed at 78,782 78,542 today. It touched an intra-79,523. It eventually closed at 79,476, up 694 points. The NSE Nifty opened



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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

crossed resistance at 4000/78800. jumped. Metal, banking, finance, realty, oil and gas indices rose more.

1763 gained. 1051 were lost. Shares of 77 companies hit 52-week highs. 22 in the previous session, opened at companies hit 52-week lows. Voltamp Transformers received orders worth day low of 78,296. reached a peak of Rs.263 crore. Citi has maintained its buy rating on Indraprastha Gas. Titan shares traded flat on the back at 23,916, touched a low of 23,842 and of Q2 results. Procter and Gamble,

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

presence in the

organized seg-

#### Greenlam LAMINATES ment of the in-

terior 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 pre-

2. JSW Steel: Part of the JSW Group,

mium positioning and controls costs.



Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, Privy Spe- JSW Steel is among India's largest plays a crucial cial, Deepak Fertilizers, Nalco, Suven steel producers and has expanded role in supsignificantly 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 infra- high structure development continues in al iron ore India and globally, JSW Steel's scale prices and efficiency position it well, though recent years. Revenue is directly cyclical downturns in steel prices linked to iron ore prices and volcould impact short-term profitability. umes. Given the high demand for

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

ore domestically.NMDC has benefited from strong demand for iron ore and globin



steel in India, NMDC is well-positioned for stable growth. However, any regulatory shifts and global price changes could impact profitability.

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-



pecially in its edible oil segment, due to rising consumer health consciousness and the backing of the Patanjali brand Patanjali Foods stands to benefit from the growing consumer shift toward natural and Ayurveda-based products, though cost pressures from raw materials will be an ongoing challenge.

### 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.

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

To ensure uniformity and fairness, the regulator has laid down specific guidelines for mutual fund schemes participating in this investment. One of In conclusion, SEBI's move to allow mutual funds 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,"



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.

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

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 vious year. Similarly, deposits grew by 11.8%, 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-

the Indian banking system have grown fast- slightly lower than the 13.4% growth observed er than credit, according to the latest data for 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-todate (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 targets.



## India's consumer spending on goods to grow 7 pc in

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 next 5 years in electronics, has been a key driver of this growth. The country's strategy has 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

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

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.





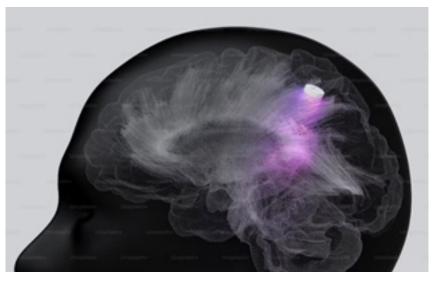
## **Study Identify Amygdala Cell Clusters To Treat Anxiety and Depression**

 $R^{ ext{esearchers}}$  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 The research team, led by graduate stua 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.

Department of Psychology, explained that the findings shift the focus from the overall structure of the amygdala to its cellular and other emotional disorders.



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.

dent 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.

Drew Fox, Associate Professor in UC Davis' These discoveries could pave the way for more precise treatments, offering hope for individuals affected by anxiety, depression,

## 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

 $S_{\text{protection agency}}$ 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-compli-

## Peanut The Squirrel Became An Election Issue In US

 $T^{
m he}$  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

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

Afew 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.





 $\mathbf{I}$ ndian 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

#### **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

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

#### 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).

in his 50th match as captain in Tests.

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 his-

tory to average over 50 across all for-

mats (Tests: 54.78, ODIs: 60.31). Although

he hasn't scored a century in T20Is yet,

T20I Dominance

#### 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.

## **India Head Coach Manolo Marquez Names** 26 Probables for Malaysia Friendly

Tndia's senior men's football team head Lcoach, 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

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 Jhin-

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.

## **Indian Boxer Mandeep Jangra** Wins WBF's **World Title**



Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra made **L**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-yearold 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.

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

India's captain, Harmanpreet Kaur, has risen to Lthe 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

 $\mathbf{D}^{ ext{elhi}}$  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-yearold midfielder, a three-time Olympian, replaces Dutchman Jorrit Croon, who has

withdrawn from the tournament due to an es for the Kookaburras, scoring 75 goals. 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 match-

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 tourna-

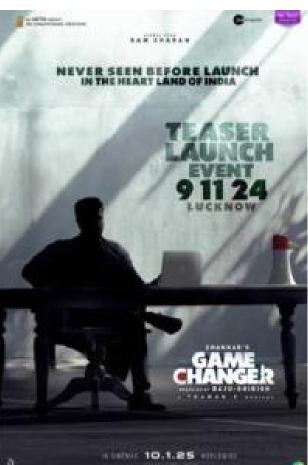
## Ram Charan's 'Gamechanger' Teaser **Launch to Take Place in Lucknow**

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m film}$  Charan's much-anticipated film \*Gamechanger\* is gearing up for its promotional phase as the makers prepare for its grand release during Sankranthi 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**

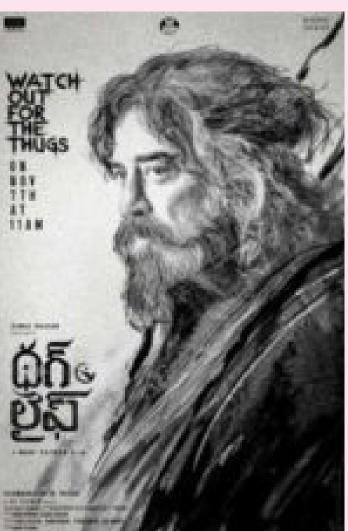
Universal hero Kamal Haasan, who recently captivated audiences with \*Bharatiyadu 2\*, is all set to appear in another major project titled \*Thug Life\*. Directed by the legendary Mani Ratnam, this film has generated immense excitement, especially given that it marks their reunion after many years. 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.

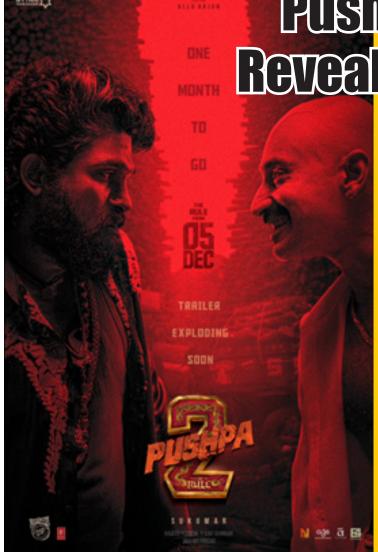
Music for \*Thug Life\* is being composed by the iconic AR Rahman, ensuring that the film's soundtrack will add to its appeal. The production is backed by leading names such as

Kamal Haasan, R Mahendran, Madras Talkies, and Red Giant Cinemas, bringing together a formidable team to bring this ambitious project to



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



 I 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 hint- The film also boasts a stellar soundtrack 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 faceoff 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 powerful characters.

The highly anticipated pan-India 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.

ed at releasing the film's trailer as the 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

## "Lady Singham" **Track Unleashed in** \*Singham Again\*



The excitement around \*Singham Again\* contin-Lues 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 tense fight scenes featuring Rajinikanth, armed ■ appeared in \*Vettaiyan\* 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 inwith 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.

