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DCM Pawan Kalyan Met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Discuss Key State Issues



TPN, New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a private meeting on Wednesday evening in New Delhi. This marks the first one-on-one meeting between Pawan Kalyan and Amit Shah since Kalyan assumed the role of Deputy Chief Minister in the state government.

After the AP Cabinet meeting concluded, Pawan Kalyan flew to Delhi from Gannavaram Airport and went straight to Amit Shah's residence for the meeting. The discussion lasted for approximately 15 minutes, during which several crucial state matters were addressed.

One of the key topics of the meeting was financial assistance for Andhra Pradesh. Pawan Kalyan reportedly requested the allocation of funds from several important central government departments, including

the Panchayat Raj, Forest and Environment Departments, and the Cooperation Department. He also raised concerns about other pending funds due to the state, urging the Union Minister to expedite their release.

In addition to the financial discussions, Pawan Kalyan and Amit Shah touched upon the latest political developments in Andhra Pradesh. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the importance of fulfilling the promises made by the coalition government to the people of the state. This was seen as a critical point, as the state government continues to work on implementing various welfare schemes and infrastructure projects.

The meeting between the two leaders also included discussions about the implementation of the central government's policies in the state and how both the Union

and state governments can collaborate to achieve better governance and development outcomes. Pawan Kalyan is reported to have expressed his commitment to addressing the state's challenges while strengthening the relationship between the state government and the Centre.

After the meeting, Pawan Kalyan returned to Andhra Pradesh. This diplomatic engagement is expected to pave the way for enhanced cooperation between the state and central governments, particularly in addressing the financial needs and political developments in the region. The meeting highlights the ongoing efforts of the state leadership to ensure that the promises made to the people of Andhra Pradesh are fulfilled, with a focus on development, financial support, and governance.

CM Chandrababu Issues Stern Warning to Ministers Over Laxity



TPN, Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed strong dissatisfaction with certain ministers, warning that many have yet to show the seriousness required for their roles. Following a cabinet meeting held yesterday, Naidu held a separate session with his ministers, during which he criticized those who have not adjusted their behavior despite repeated instructions. "The government is facing criticism due to the actions of certain officials and ministers who haven't abandoned their soft approach," he stated, urging ministers to adopt a more disciplined and responsible attitude.

Naidu also pointed out that some officials, who were previously criticized during the former government, continue to act without regard for improvement, drawing unnecessary scrutiny to the current administration.

In the same cabinet meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan highlighted the issue of offensive social media posts made by certain YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders. He voiced frustration over the police's lack of action on complaints regarding these posts. Kalyan mentioned that some Superintendents of Police (SPs) remain unresponsive, even when approached directly. He expressed particular concern over police officers who allegedly favored Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration and continue to hold key positions.

He also noted the distressing impact of these posts on families, emphasizing that the government needs to take action to protect both public image and the well-being of its citizens.

AP Cabinet Approves Drone Policy Aiming for ₹1000 Crores Investment and Job Creation

Cabinet Approves Key Policies for Growth and Development



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, convened its fifth e-Cabinet meeting at the State Secretariat on Wednesday, approving a series of transformative policies and decisions aimed at boosting the state's infrastructure, economy, and welfare.

One of the most significant approvals was the Andhra Pradesh Drone Policy 4.0, which seeks to establish the state as a hub for drone technology. A drone development center will be set up in Kurnool, attracting investments of approximately Rs. 1,000 crores and creating direct employment for 15,000 people. The policy also aims to develop 100 drone manufacturing companies, 20 drone pilot training centers, and 50 skill development institutes, contributing to an expected revenue of Rs. 3,000 crores in the drone sector.

Trump Wins 2024 US Presidential Election in a Landslide Victory, Hails "Magnificent" Comeback

In one of the most stunning political comebacks in US history, 78-year-old Donald Trump has secured a commanding victory in the 2024 US presidential election, defeating incumbent Vice President Kamala Harris. With more than 270 electoral votes needed to win, Trump clinched 280 votes, while Harris has currently secured 224 votes, with results still coming in from some battleground states.

Trump, who had faced an assassination attempt on July 13, 2024, described his victory as "magnificent" and said that "God spared my life for a reason." His remarks reflected the deeply personal nature of his triumph, which came after a grueling and often contentious campaign.

"This is a magnificent victory for the American people," Trump declared in his victory speech. "We have made history tonight. The greatest political movement of all time has achieved the most incredible political win. We will help this country heal, fix our borders, and do what we have promised. I want to thank the American people. I will fight for you and your family with every breath in my body."



A significant factor in Trump's victory was his success in key battleground states, with Republicans sweeping seven states that had been Democratic strongholds in the 2020 election. Trump won crucial swing states like Georgia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and North Carolina, while also leading in Arizona, Michigan, and Nevada. The shift in these states, which had gone 6-1 in favor of Democrats in the 2020 election, was instrumental in securing his electoral college win.

Additionally, Republicans have regained control of both the Senate and the House of Rep-

resentatives, further strengthening Trump's political mandate.

In his speech, Trump thanked his supporters, his running mate JD Vance, his wife Melania Trump, and his children for their unwavering support throughout the campaign. He also expressed gratitude to Tesla CEO and X owner Elon Musk, who had been an outspoken supporter of Trump's candidacy.

"We have to thank Elon Musk for his incredible support," Trump said, referring to the tech billionaire who played a pivotal role in rallying support for the Republican campaign.

As the victory celebrations continue, Trump's resounding win sets the stage for what promises to be a transformative second term in office. With control of both houses of Congress and a strong political mandate, Trump has vowed to push forward with his agenda of border reform, economic revitalization, and strengthening America's position on the global stage.

For now, Trump's victory has reshaped the American political landscape and positioned him for a powerful comeback in Washington. The nation, it seems, is ready to witness the next chapter of his tumultuous but extraordinary political career.



CM Chandrababu Responds to Pawan Kalyan's Comments, Promises Overhaul of Police System

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In response to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's recent comments, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has assured that the state government will take strong measures to correct the police system. CM Naidu pointed out that it was the previous government's policies that contributed to the current state of the police force, which, according to him, requires a complete overhaul.



Addressing the concerns raised by Pawan Kalyan about the functioning of the police, CM Naidu acknowledged the existence of complaints related to corruption within the force, including allegations of individuals taking bribes. He emphasized that the government will act swiftly and implement corrective measures to bring the police force back on track.

Naidu stated that within a month, significant steps would be taken to re-

store the integrity and professionalism of the police, ensuring they work efficiently in maintaining law and order. He further made it clear that the government would no longer ignore social media posts and complaints, signaling a shift towards greater accountability and transparency in governance.

The Chief Minister's response underscores the government's commitment to reforming the police system and addressing public concerns regarding law enforcement in the state.

AP Ministers Congratulate to Nara Lokesh for Successful Investment Mission in the U.S.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Nara Lokesh, who recently concluded a successful week-long investment trip to the United States, was warmly felicitated by his fellow ministers at his residence in Undavalli. Upon his return to Amaravati, the ministers came together to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Lokesh displayed during his mission to attract investments to the state.



Minister Lokesh's efforts were hailed as exemplary by his colleagues, who expressed their admiration for his persistent work to build investor confidence in Andhra Pradesh. During the felicitation, fellow ministers emphasized that the challenges faced in enticing international investments were substantial, yet Lokesh's determination and leadership were setting a high standard for the rest of the team. They noted that his approach could potentially be a "game changer" in boosting the state's economic growth.

The ministers praised Lokesh for his proactive approach and his strategic

focus on making Andhra Pradesh a prime destination for industries. "The difficulty you are going through to attract investments to the state and create confidence among industrialists is an example for all of us," they remarked. They also expressed optimism that his continued efforts could position Andhra Pradesh as the leading state in terms of industrial growth and job creation in the coming years.

Lokesh, who is known for his focus on technology and innovation, had been engaging with top investors and industrial leaders in the U.S., advocating for Andhra Pradesh as a state ready to host international businesses. His successful trip underscores the government's commitment to transforming the state into a hub for industrial development and investment.

Purandeshwari Highlights Key Issues at Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

TPN, Sydney: Daggubati Purandeshwari, Member of Parliament and President of the Andhra Pradesh BJP, attended the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Sydney, Australia. Purandeshwari expressed her pride in joining representatives from various parliamentary nations for meaningful discussions on global issues.



During the conference, Purandeshwari highlighted the progress India has made under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, particularly in the area of women's empowerment. She noted that the event provided a significant platform to share India's achievements and discuss the empowerment of women, a central theme of the conference. Purandeshwari, who is also the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women's Parliamentary Steering Committee, emphasized the importance of increasing women's representation in legislatures across the globe.

The conference, which runs until November 8, is attended by over 50 countries, with various topics, including women's rights and legislative representation, being discussed. Purandeshwari is scheduled to return to India on November 11 after her participation.

Additionally, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatra also traveled to Sydney on November 3 to attend the same conference. Ayyannapatra was warmly welcomed by NRIs upon his arrival. He was accompanied by his son, Chintakayala Rajesh, and Legislative Assembly Secretary Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara.

Ministers Urge CM Chandrababu to Expose Rushikonda Palace to the Public, Highlighting Misuse of Power

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent Andhra Pradesh Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed shock over the lavish expenditure on the Rushikonda Palace in Visakhapatnam. The CM revealed that Rs. 60 lakh was spent on a single cupboard, and hundreds of crores were used for the construction's luxury elements, including furniture, flooring, and architecture. He called the palace an "Indra Bhavan" and stated that, in his 45 years of political experience, he had never witnessed such extravagant spending.



The remarks came after accusations from YSRCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy, who claimed that public funds had been misused for building personal luxuries. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh also criticized the palace, pointing out that the road leading to it was designed as a "royal" avenue and questioned the use of public resources for such grandeur.

During the meeting, several ministers urged the CM to show the palace to the poor, homeless, and farmers

in the state to expose the misuse of public funds. They criticized Jagan for advocating for the poor while constructing a lavish palace.

Chandrababu responded by agreeing that the issue needed attention and asked the ministers to come up with suggestions on how to utilize the Rushikonda building. The debate over the palace's construction has fueled growing tensions regarding the handling of public funds and has drawn sharp political reactions.

AP Cabinet Approves Key Policies to Boost Growth and Development – Minister Kolu Parthasarathy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kolu Parthasarathy briefed the media on several pivotal decisions taken by the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, aimed at enhancing the state's economic and industrial growth. Highlighting the challenges of the past five years, Parthasarathy emphasized the administration's commitment to utilizing the state's natural resources effectively and driving development.



One of the significant announcements was the approval of the AP Drone Policy, which includes establishing a Drone Corporation and a drone hub in Kurnool. This initiative is expected to attract investments worth thousands of crores and revolutionize industries like agriculture, logistics, and surveillance, creating numerous job opportunities.

The Cabinet also approved the AP Data Centers Policy, targeting the creation of 250 additional data

centers, which will strengthen the state's IT infrastructure and attract tech companies. Along with this, the AP Semiconductor Manufacturer Policy was approved, aiming to establish semiconductor manufacturing units and enhance Andhra Pradesh's role in the global tech ecosystem.

In another move, a new law was approved to replace the Land Grabbing Act, imposing stringent penalties for land encroachment, with punishments ranging from 10 to 14 years in

prison. The Cabinet also sanctioned the release of 331 crores for pending NRGs works, easing financial burdens on rural development contractors.

Other approvals include amendments to the AP Goods and Services Tax Bill, the ratification of three excise ordinances, and the revival of the Kuppam Area Development Authority. The Cabinet also endorsed the direct payment of student fees to college accounts and approved land allotments to 311 industrialists, further boosting industrial development in the state.

Minister Parthasarathy clarified that there was no discussion in the Council of Ministers about Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's remarks on Home Minister Anita. These decisions set a strong foundation for the state's future growth and technological advancement.

AP Govt Introduces New Standards for Quality Liquor Testing – Minister Kollu Ravindra

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Kollu Ravindra, the State Minister for Mines, Geology & Excise has announced the implementation of new testing standards aimed at ensuring the production of quality liquor for consumers. The government has introduced advanced testing procedures in Regional Excise Laboratories to modernize the quality assurance of alcoholic beverages.



Previously, only basic standards for Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA) samples were tested, but the new approach incorporates advanced Gas Chromatography (GC) technology to enhance the accuracy of tests. The new testing procedure will evaluate nine parameters for blended alcohol and thirteen parameters for ENA, ensuring the quality and safety of alcohol-

ic products.

Speaking about the modernization, Ravindra explained that the traditional testing process, which only focused on ethyl alcohol, acidity, aldehydes, methanol, and water combinations, has now expanded to include a wider range of quality measures. The new standards will

cover all major alcoholic beverages, including whiskey, brandy, vodka, gin, and rum, ensuring that these products comply with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines.

The upgraded facilities at the Regional Probationary and Excise Laboratories in Vizag, Guntur, Chittoor, Kurnool, and Kakinada will conduct comprehensive checks to prevent chemical reactions and maintain the health and safety of alcohol users. Kollu Ravindra emphasized that these reforms are part of the government's ongoing commitment to promoting the health care of alcohol consumers, ensuring that the liquor industry meets the highest standards of quality and safety.

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In the Information Technology and Electronics sector, the Cabinet approved the Andhra Pradesh Data Center Policy 4.0, aiming to add 200 MW of data center capacity and position the state as a leading destination for AI-driven data embassies and data center parks. Similarly, the Andhra Pradesh Semiconductor and Display Fab Policy was introduced to attract foreign investments in the semiconductor industry, offering subsidies up to 30% for companies involved in semiconductor manufacturing.

On the legislative front, the Cabinet approved the Andhra Pradesh Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Bill-2024, which introduces severe punishments for

land grabbers, including 10-14 years of imprisonment. This bill seeks to protect government lands and prevent illegal land encroachments.

The Cabinet also moved to address long-pending payments for rural development works, approving Rs. 331 crores for contractors involved in projects from 2014-2019. Additionally, an amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act was passed, increasing the retirement age for judicial officers from 60 to 61 years.

Further decisions included the renovation of the Kuppam Area Development Authority and the creation of

the Pithapuram Area Development Authority to facilitate regional economic growth. The Cabinet also approved various amendments related to fee reimbursements and health services, including the conversion of the Pithapuram Community Health Center into a 100-bed regional hospital.

These measures reflect the government's commitment to driving development across multiple sectors, creating job opportunities, and improving governance and public welfare. The Cabinet's decisions are expected to foster significant industrial growth, enhanced infrastructure, and a more robust economic environment in Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Anagani Criticizes YCP Leaders for Alleged Land Grabs

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad has described the new Andhra Pradesh Land Grabbing Act-2024 as a "great milestone" in the state's history. Speaking to the media following a recent cabinet meeting, he emphasized that the new law would address widespread concerns about land grabbing, especially alleged encroachments by YCP leaders during their tenure.



The state cabinet, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, approved the AP Land Grabbing Act-2024, replacing the earlier AP Land Grabbing Prohibition Act of 1982. In their discussions, ministers highlighted the increase in land grab incidents under the YCP government, with reports suggesting that many public and private lands had been seized indiscriminately. Minister Anagani noted that "thousands of complaints" had been received from victims, who described their property as vulnerable to predatory encroachment.

"This Act will make trains run in the hearts of the land grabbers," said Minister Anagani, in a pointed remark directed at those involved in illegal land

occupation. The new law, he explained, provides for strict penalties: offenders can face imprisonment of 10 to 14 years and heavy fines. Additionally, any unlawfully acquired property will be subject to confiscation by the state.

To ensure efficient legal recourse, the government plans to establish a special court to handle land-grabbing cases. Victims will also have the option to either approach the court directly or file complaints with a dedicated committee headed by the district collector.

The new legislation, which applies to all types of land in the state, aims to restore public confidence by imposing severe consequences on those engaging in land encroachment and protecting the rights of property owners across Andhra Pradesh.

Roja Criticizes AP Home Minister Anitha Over Tirupati Assault Case

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP leader and former minister, Roja, has strongly criticized Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Anitha for allegedly mishandling a sensitive case involving the sexual assault of a Class X girl in Tirupati. Expressing deep sorrow over the incident, Roja took to social media to voice her frustration and demanded accountability from state authorities.



Addressing the issue publicly, Roja questioned whether those in power were genuinely addressing the father's pleas for justice. "Honorable Home Minister Anita Garu and SP Garu, place your hand on your heart and introspect," Roja said in her message. She condemned what she described as an attempt to downplay and sidetrack the case, questioning why the administration seemed to be withholding facts rather than pursuing swift justice.

Roja's remarks highlighted the anguish of the girl's father, who is reportedly seeking severe punishment for the perpetrators. "If the father of that child is begging for justice, can't you feel his pain?" Roja asked, appealing to officials to acknowledge the victim's family's suffering.

The incident has sparked outrage, with calls for thorough investigation and strict action against those responsible. Roja's criticism reflects growing public concern over the handling of the case and has intensified calls for transparency and accountability within the state government.

MLA Somireddy Accuses Aurobindo of Major Scandal in 108 Ambulance Service

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy has leveled serious allegations against Aurobindo Pharma, accusing the company of massive mismanagement and corruption in handling the 108 ambulance services under the YSR Congress Party (YCP) government. Speaking to the media on Wednesday, he claimed that Aurobindo's alleged negligence led to the loss of innocent lives due to delayed emergency response.



Reddy criticized the company for failing to uphold the "golden hour" principle—critical in emergency medical care. He stated that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had previously highlighted Aurobindo's shortcomings, yet no action was taken by the YCP administration. He further demanded that a murder charge under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) be filed against Aurobindo's owners, alleging that their negligence and greed cost many lives.

According to Reddy, the previous Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government contracted the GVK organization to manage the 108 ambulances from 2011 until 2021. Under GVK, the service charged Rs. 1.31 lakh per month per ambulance. However, after YCP awarded the contract to Aurobindo, costs reportedly surged, with Rs. 2.21

lakh being paid per ambulance. Reddy claimed this inflated expense burdened the state's finances by an additional Rs. 800 crores.

He also called for a comprehensive inquiry into the 108 ambulance services, alleging widespread misuse of funds and irregularities in trip registrations. Reddy criticized A2 Vijayasai Reddy and other YCP leaders for issuing government orders (GOs) that favored Aurobindo, facilitating what he described as looting of public resources. He demanded that the 108 services be transferred under the direct supervision of the Health and Family Welfare Department to prevent further mismanagement and ensure accountability.

Reddy's statements have intensified scrutiny on the government's handling of emergency services, amplifying calls for transparency and accountability in public health administration.

AP Congress Protests Power Tariff Hike, Demands Immediate Rollback

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) held a protest against the proposed power tariff hike, condemning the state government's decision to impose an additional financial burden on the people. Led by APCC President Y S Sharmila Reddy, Congress workers symbolically held up lanterns at Dharna Chowk in Vijayawada to criticize the government's alleged failure to "light the way" for the public.



Sharmila denounced the Rs. 17,000 crore electricity surcharge adjustment, arguing that it is the outcome of mismanagement by the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government, exacerbated by the policies of the current ruling alliance. "The so-called 'adjustment' in power tariffs will cripple households across the state," she stated, emphasizing that people are already burdened by an additional Rs. 6,000 crore surcharge, with concerns of another Rs. 11,000 crore to follow.

In her address, Sharmila accused the ruling parties of breaking their promises made in opposition, where they had vowed to lower electricity charges. "Now, barely five months into power, they're imposing even harsher burdens on the people," she remarked.

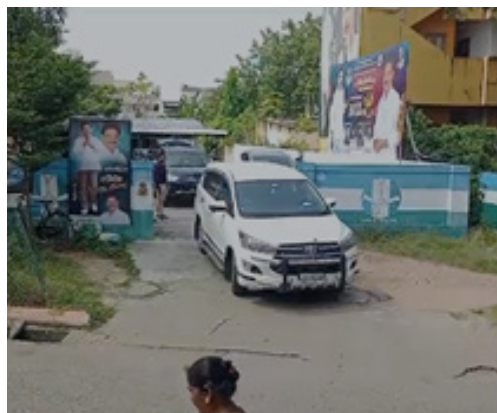
Sharmila also urged TDP leader N. Chandrababu Naidu to press the BJP-led central government for funds to ease the impact of the surcharge on Andhra Pradesh. The APCC further demand-

ed a thorough investigation into alleged irregularities in power procurement and distribution.

"The Congress calls for an immediate rollback of this surcharge adjustment and insists on refunds for people unfairly charged these additional fees," Sharmila concluded. The protest reflects growing public discontent and a call for transparency in state energy management.

Income Tax Raids Conducted at Former MLA Grandhi Srinivas's Properties

TPN, West Godavari: In a major operation, Income Tax (IT) officials conducted simultaneous raids on the properties of former Bhimavaram MLA Grandhi Srinivas on Monday. Accompanied by the Central Industrial Security Force, IT teams inspected Srinivas's residence, office, and other business locations across West Godavari district, as well as his office in Nagayalanka, Krishna district.



The coordinated searches reportedly covered multiple business complexes linked to Srinivas, sparking attention and speculation in the local community. Details on the findings remain undisclosed,

but the raids are part of ongoing investigations by the IT department into alleged financial irregularities.

These raids reflect the increased scrutiny of political and business figures in the state, with officials focusing on transparency and accountability in financial dealings. Further updates on the investigation are awaited.

Nandigam Suresh Denied Bail in High Court in 2020 Velagapudi Incident

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former YSR Congress Party (YCP) MP Nandigam Suresh faced a setback in the Andhra Pradesh High Court as his petition for bail was dismissed in connection with a 2020 incident in Velagapudi that resulted in the death of a woman named Mariamma.



The case dates back to 2020, when a clash erupted between two communities in Velagapudi, Tullur mandal. During the conflict, both groups reportedly pelted stones, leading to the tragic death of Mariamma. Her family subsequently lodged a complaint at the Tullur police station, sparking an investigation into the incident. Suresh was later implicated as the 78th accused in the case by police.

Suresh initially sought bail from the Guntur court, which rejected his request. He then approached the High Court, hoping for a favorable decision. However, after hearing the petition, the High Court dismissed his appeal for bail yesterday, leaving him disappointed.

This dismissal underscores the judicial stance on the case, as authorities continue their probe into the 2020 clash and the associated allegations.

MLA BV Jayanageswara Reddy Criticizes YCP for Statewide Road Damage, Pledges Repairs

TPN, Kurnool: MLA BV Jayanageswara Reddy has strongly criticized the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government, accusing it of neglecting road infrastructure across Andhra Pradesh during its five-year rule. Speaking at the launch of a road pothole-filling program near Nagireddy Petrol Station on Kurnool Road in Shiv Circle, Reddy highlighted the difficulties faced by motorists traveling between Emmiganoor and Kurnool due to deteriorated roads.

of the roads, remarking, "A journey that should take minutes now takes hours due to the damaged roads. I, too, have felt embarrassed to travel these roads over the past four months." Former MLA Chennakesava Reddy also shared similar sentiments, noting that he had to endure the same issues daily.

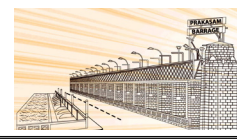
The coalition government has now released Rs. 200 crore for road repairs, which includes filling potholes and constructing a more durable road. Reddy announced plans to connect this road to

the National Highway and to develop it into a four-lane route for improved accessibility and safety. He added that steps are also being taken to expedite the delivery of Tidco houses.

The event saw participation from key political and community figures, including Jana Sena in-charge Rekha Goud, BJP leaders Narasimhu, and R&B engineers. TDP leaders Kondaiah Chaudhary, Pratap Urukundaiah Shetty, and others were also present, underscoring the cross-party support for improving road infrastructure in the region.



The MLA expressed frustration over the condition



N.T.R. District Police Launches Innovative Locked House Monitoring System to Enhance Security



TPN, Vijayawada: In Vijayawada N.T.R. District Police Commissioner's office launched the innovative Locked House Monitoring System (LHMS) aimed at enhancing home security and reducing thefts in the area. The initiative was unveiled by City Police Commissioner Shri S. V. Raja Shekhara Babu IPS, along with Crime DCP Mr. Tirumaleswar Reddy IPS and other senior officials.

making their homes vulnerable to theft. Recognizing this, the LHMS system has been introduced to monitor these locked houses. When individuals travel, they can register their details via the LHMS mobile app, available for download from the Google Play Store, or by calling the police directly. Once registered, the police will install Wi-Fi enabled surveillance cameras at the house free of charge.

In many cases, people leave their homes locked while traveling to other villages for work or personal reasons,

These cameras are connected to the control room, where any suspicious activity triggers an alarm. This allows

the police to respond promptly and prevent crimes by catching thieves in the act.

During the event, Police Commissioner Raja Shekhara Babu emphasized the importance of utilizing the LHMS app for the safety and security of homes. He encouraged residents to take advantage of this service, noting that it will provide immediate police intervention if any unauthorized person enters a registered property.

For more details and to avail of the service, people can download the LHMS app from the Google Play Store or contact the police at 9440906878. This new system is expected to strengthen the security framework in Vijayawada and provide peace of mind to residents, ensuring swift action against crime.

Vempalle Shareef's Short Story Collection 'Charala Pilli' Released, Receives Critical Acclaim



TPN, Vijayawada: The Telugu short story collection 'Charala Pilli' by Kendrasahitya Akademy Yuva Puraskar winner Dr. Vempalle Shareef was officially launched on Sunday at the Book Festival Building. The event saw noted poet Khadar Mohiuddin unveiling the book, where he highlighted the rise of Muslim narrative literature in the 1990s. Mohiuddin praised Shareef's work for capturing the struggles and experiences of the Muslim community over two decades, touching upon themes such as social conflict, economic hardship, and cultural pressures in contemporary India.

Story writer Katragadda Dayanand, who presided over the event, expressed concern over the growing divisions in Indian society and attributed the conflict to the ruling class's influence on communal tensions. He warned that the concept of unity in diversity is under threat due to the rise of dominant religious ideologies.

KN Malleswari, convener of the Democratic Writers' Forum, analyzed Shareef's storytelling, emphasizing his exploration of human emotions and family dynamics within middle-class households. Critic Arunank Latha, editor of Chaya Publications, praised the fusion of language and narrative in 'Charala Pilli', noting that Shareef's stories convey Sufi philosophy and love. Poet and critic Anil Dany described the collection as essential storytelling for contemporary society.

Reflecting on his literary journey, Dr. Shareef shared that the stories in 'Charala Pilli' stemmed from real-life experiences, providing a candid portrayal of the lives, characters, and events in the Muslim community. The event was attended by prominent literary figures, including Darpanam Srinivas, V. Satyavathi, Nanduri Rajagopal, and others.



Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Takes Steps to Prevent Waste Dumping in Canals

TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Dhyanchandra, has emphasized the need for strict action against the dumping of waste in the city's canals. On Wednesday morning, the Commissioner visited the harbor canal to assess the situation and examine the sewage disposal in the area, taking a boat ride to closely inspect the condition of the canal.

Dhyanchandra directed the concerned authorities to ensure that no waste, including plastic and other debris, is discarded into the canals. He called for continuous monitoring of the canals to prevent the growth of vegetation such as horseshoes, which can obstruct the flow of water. The officials have also been instructed to carry out regular cleaning operations to maintain the cleanliness of the canals.

The Commissioner stressed that the health of the canals directly impacts the city's drainage system and overall sanitation. He urged citizens to avoid the practice of dumping waste in the waterways, which could lead to serious environmental and health issues.

The Municipal Corporation has vowed to take further measures to keep the city's waterways free of pollutants and to ensure sustainable practices for waste disposal.

Transfer of Estate Officers in Rythu Bazaars Sparks Controversy in NTR District

TPN, V.V.S.Madhubabu: The recent memo issued by the Agriculture Marketing Department regarding the transfer of Estate Officers (EOs) in the Rythu Bazaars in NTR District has raised eyebrows, with accusations of political interference and allegations of financial dealings surrounding the transfers.

The Agriculture Department's directive allows Estate Officers who have served at the same Rythu Bazar for two years to apply for transfers. However, the process has been clouded by MLA recommendations and allegations of under-the-table payments, with some claiming that transfers are only granted to those who can offer financial incentives.

In N.T.R. District, a total of 11 Estate Officers (EOs) are currently assigned to 12 Rythu Bazaars. These officers include Ramana in Jaggayapet, Ravi in Nandigama, Ajay in Kanchikacharla, Chittibabu in Mailavaram and Tiruvuru, Balaji in Bhavanipuram, Ramesh in Kedareshwarpet, Koteswara Rao in Ajit Singh Nagar, Uday Kiran in Payakapuram and GS Raju Road, Srinivas Shastri on Sambamurthy Road, John Victor in Krishna Lanka, and Karunakar in Patamata and APIC Colony.

The Agriculture Department has recently issued a memo allowing for transfers of EOs who have been in their current positions for two years. However, there is a growing concern as transfers seem to be influenced by MLA recommendations. This has raised questions about transparency,



with some alleging that financial transactions are involved in securing these transfers. Despite these issues, the transfer process continues to be scrutinized by the public and political leaders.

While the monthly salary of Rythu Bazar EOs is relatively low, with most officers earning around ₹25,000, there are rumors that they are expected to pay between ₹2-5 lakhs for a transfer to a preferred location. Such claims have led to suspicions about illegal income and corruption within the transfer process. The controversy surrounding the transfers has prompted questions about the integrity of the system, with critics arguing that the Rythu Bazar EO transfers are being used as a way to enrich those involved rather than focusing on the interests of the public and farmers.

Officials in the department, however, maintain that the transfer process is based on established guidelines and that all necessary recommendations are followed.



YCP Influence in Coalition Govt Sparks Controversy Over Police Cases Against Alliance Leaders

TPN, V.V.S.Madhubabu: Tensions have escalated in the Mylavaram constituency following allegations that TDP and Janasena activists are being unfairly targeted by the ruling YCP in the coalition government. Activists claim that the police, under the influence of YCP leaders, are filing illegal cases against opposition party members, causing unrest within the region.

A prime example of this alleged bias is the behavior of B. Mohan Rao, Sub-Inspector of the Reddigudem Police Station, who activists accuse of turning a blind eye to illegal activities by YCP supporters. They argue that while TDP-affiliated JCBs were fined for transporting soil for road construction projects in Rangapuram, similar activities involving YCP vehicles and JCBs went unchecked.

The activists point to the registration of cases against TDP vehicles despite having proper permits for their activities, while YCP vehicles allegedly engage in illegal soil transport with no repercussions. Furthermore, allegations are being made against SSI Mohan Rao for aiding illegal activities, including the transport of illegal ration rice in the region.

TDP activists have also raised concerns about the removal of photos of MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad and claims of harassment targeting party members. They assert that despite the change in government, the harassment continues with police actions, including the reopening of old cases and the threat of rowdy sheets.

TDP leaders say that the police are being used as a tool to target them, with accusations that the ruling party is leveraging its influence to suppress opposition voices and intimidate activists. The ongoing tensions have led to frustration among TDP members, who feel that justice is being selectively applied under the current administration.

98.2% of Insurance Claims Settled in NTR District, Final Claims to Be Addressed Soon



TPN, NTR District: The settlement of insurance claims for flood-affected vehicles and property in NTR District has reached an impressive 98.20 percent, with the remaining claims expected to be settled soon. District Collector in charge, Dr. Nidhi Meena, emphasized the need for insurance companies to expedite the resolution of the few pending claims. Dr. Meena, alongside DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimha, held a review meeting with representatives of insurance companies at

the District Collectorate on Wednesday. During the meeting, they discussed the registered, settled, and outstanding claims. A total of 15,459 claims were filed, including 12,638 motor vehicle claims and 2,821 property claims. Of these, 605 claims were withdrawn, and 325 were rejected, leaving 14,529 net claims.

The Collector in charge highlighted that 98.20 percent of claims had been resolved, with work ongoing for the remaining cases. However, issues such as the scarcity of spare parts for electric vehicles and challenges with attachment loans and RC cancellations have delayed the final settlements. Dr. Meena reiterated that the Chief Minister had paid special attention to the timely settlement of insurance claims and urged insurance companies to speed up the final process. Motor vehicle inspector R. Praveen, GM-DIC B. Sambaiah, and other insurance representatives attended the meeting.

IT Raids on Shrimp Trader's Properties in Nagayalanka Amid Alleged Ties to YCP Leader

TPN, Vijayawada: In a dramatic turn of events, Income Tax (IT) officials conducted simultaneous raids on multiple properties of prominent shrimp trader Chennu Lakshmana Rao in Nagayalanka, Krishna district. The raids targeted his residence, ice factory, and other business establishments, sparking widespread attention.



Business circles in the region speculate that these actions are connected to Lakshmana Rao's associations with Granthi Srinivas, a renowned shrimp exporter and influential leader from the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP). Srinivas has been a significant figure in the local business and political landscapes, and his alleged ties with Lakshmana Rao may have triggered the raids, according to sources.

The operation has left the local community and business sectors

in a state of uncertainty, with many questioning the motive behind the IT department's surprise actions. While the authorities have yet to provide further details on the matter, the raids are being closely watched, especially in the context of the ongoing political dynamics in the region. As investigations unfold, the impact on local businesses and political affiliations remains a key area of focus. The IT department's move has raised eyebrows, with many awaiting clarification on whether the raids are politically motivated or linked to financial irregularities within Lakshmana Rao's enterprises.

Gandhi Hill to be Developed as a Major Tourist Destination – MLA Sujana Chaudhary



TPN, Vijayawada: In a bid to enhance tourism in the region, MLA Sujana Chaudhary has announced plans to develop Gandhi Hill, a memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, as a major tourist attraction. Speaking at the inauguration of the Gandhi Hill Planetarium and Nakshatra Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, Sujana Chaudhary expressed his excitement over the modernization of the planetarium, which had been closed for 10 years. The modernization, which cost Rs 82 lakh, aims to promote science and technology and raise awareness about space and planetary motions among students.

The MLA shared that he will soon meet with Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) officials to discuss further development plans for Gandhi Hill, with the goal of making it a prominent tourist spot. Several local leaders, including Zonal Commissioner Ramesh Keertana, CM HO Incharge Suresh Babu, and Technical Adviser Narayanamurthy Kotami, were present at the event.

BJP Leaders Highlight Govt's Development Efforts in AP



TPN, Vijayawada: BJP national executive member Somu Veerraju, state leader Balakrishna Yadav, and coordinator of the Bridge Program, Kilaru Dileep, participated in the Varadhi program at the BJP state office in Vijayawada. During the event, Somu Veerraju received petitions from the public regarding various issues, addressing their concerns while discussing the state's progress under the coalition government.

Veerraju expressed strong criticism of Rahul Gandhi and the opposition, emphasizing the achievements of the "double engine government" led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He pointed out that the coalition government has prioritized development, citing initiatives such as the pension increase, the free gas scheme, and the successful implementation of welfare programs that directly benefit the poor. He added that the government is correcting the mistakes made by the previous YCP administration, stating that the coalition is moving forward with a focus on both development and welfare.

The BJP leader highlighted the government's efforts to improve Andhra Pradesh's financial situation, pay off debts incurred under the previous regime, and implement new policies to foster industrial growth. He also mentioned key projects like the Polavaram project and railway infrastructure development.

Veerraju took a firm stance on the opposition, advising YCP leaders to study the government's policies and focus on issues like Amaravati's development and industrial policies. He also criticized the YCP government for not prioritizing these important issues and blamed them for the state's stagnation in the last five years.

In response to broader political matters, Veerraju questioned Rahul Gandhi's leadership, accusing him of failing to address important national issues such as the attack on Hindu temples in Canada and the ongoing Gaza conflict. He suggested that Gandhi's reactions showed a bias against secularism and religious communities, stating that the opposition should treat all religions equally.

BJP media in-charge Paturi Nagabhusanam concluded the event by felicitating Somu Veerraju with a shawl, acknowledging his contributions to the party and the state's progress.

Bollineni Rajagopal Naidu Sworn in as TTD Chairman

TPN, Tirumala: Bollineni Rajagopal Naidu (B R Naidu) was officially sworn in as the chairman of the new governing body of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Wednesday morning at the Swarna Mandapam in Srivari Temple. Along with Naidu, 17 members of the new board also took the oath of office. Executive Officer Shyamala Rao was sworn in by Naidu, marking the start of the new leadership at TTD. The ceremony continued at Rangamayakula Mandapam in Srivari Temple, where the new chairman, members, and Endowment Commissioner Satyanarayana, who took charge as an ex-officio member, signed the oath-taking documents. Following the formalities, the newly appointed members vis-



ited Lord Balaji and were offered blessings by Vedic scholars, who covered them with Seshavastras.

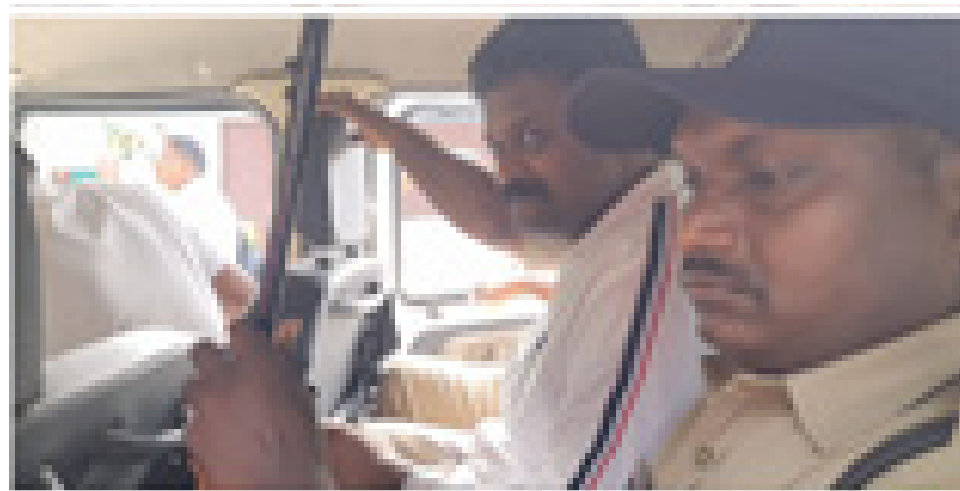
In addition to B R Naidu, three TDP MLAs – Jyotula Nehru (Jaggampeta), Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy (Kovur), and M S Raju (Madakasira) – have been appointed as members of the TTD board. Other key members include former Union Minister Panabaka Laksh-

mi, Bharat Biotech Managing Director Suchitra Ella, and several prominent figures from various sectors. These include Akkina Munikoteswara Rao, TDP leaders Mallela Rajasekhara Goud, Janga Krishnamurthy, Kuppan Cluster In-charge M Shantaram, and TDP spokespersons Tammishetti Janakidevi and Nannuri Narsireddy. Notable appointees from outside the state include Telangana

Janasena Vice President Bongunuri Mahender Reddy, movie art director Buragapu Anandsai, and several industrialists and experts such as Sannapaneni Sadashiva Rao, Jasti Purnasambashiva Rao, and Naresa Kumar. The new board also includes members like former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court H L Dutt, and Saurabh Bora, an economic expert from Maharashtra. Bhanuprakash Reddy, the local BJP representative, was also appointed to the board.

The new governing body is expected to take charge of TTD operations with a focus on enhancing services for Srivari devotees. A media conference with the new members will be held later at Annamaiah Building.

Borugadda Anil Remanded for 14 Days in Assault and Attack Cases in Thullur



TPN, Guntur: Two cases were registered against Borugadda Anil, a local figure in Thullur of Guntur district, during the recent elections. The Thullur police presented Anil in the Mangalagiri court today, where he was charged with assaulting a flying squad, attacking an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), and allegedly attacking individuals from Bihar working at a local dhaba.

The charges filed against Anil include Sections 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 341 (Punishment for wrongful restraint), and 390 (Robbery) of the Indian Penal Code.

Following the hearing, the Mangalagiri court remanded Borugadda Anil to 14 days of judicial custody. Authorities have taken this action as part of their ongoing investigations into the incidents related to election-related violence and disturbances in the region.

The case has sparked local discussions, especially regarding the involvement of political figures and the escalation of tensions during the election period.

Venkatrami Reddy Has Been Arrested for Posting an Objectionable Photo of CM Chandrababu

TPN, Guntur: A person named Venkatrami Reddy has been arrested for posting an objectionable and morphed photo of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on social media. The incident was reported by Guntur DSP Jayaram Prasad, who confirmed that a case was filed against Reddy under relevant sections for spreading offensive content.

According to the DSP, the photo of the CM was altered and shared on Facebook, leading to a swift police investigation. Venkatrami Reddy was arrested and produced before the court, which remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days. DSP Prasad also issued a stern warning to the public, stating that strict action will be taken against individuals involved in posting objectionable content on social media.

Action Taken Against Kadapa SP Harshvardhan Raju for Negligence

TPN, Kadapa: The Andhra Pradesh government has become serious about the controversial episode involving YCP social media activist Varra Ravinder Reddy. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, along with Ministers Lokesh and Anitha, expressed their anger over the actions of Kadapa SP Harshvardhan Raju in this matter. The government is preparing to take action against the Kadapa SP, signaling its seriousness regarding the issue.



The situation arose when Varra Ravinder Reddy, an activist involved in spreading misinformation on social media against alliance leaders, was arrested by the Chinnachau police in Pulivendula. He was brought to Kadapa and held at the Kadapa Taluk police station. However, despite being in police custody, the Rajampet police later found that Ravinder Reddy had been released after receiving a 41A notice, prompting concerns about negligence and mis-handling.

The Kadapa SP, Harshvardhan Raju, is under intense scrutiny following reports that Ravinder Reddy was released under the influence of YCP MP Avinash Reddy. This sparked an internal investigation led by Kurnool Range DIG Koya Praveen, who is meeting with SP Harshvardhan Raju to understand the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In response to public outcry, the state government has decided to transfer Kadapa SP Harshvardhan Raju and suspend another CI from the district. Allegations surfaced that YCP leader Varra Ravinder Reddy, who is reportedly close to former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's family, was treated leniently despite multiple complaints regarding his posts on social media. The government has taken swift action, and further official orders regarding the SP's transfer are expected soon.

Krishna District Sensitizes Students on Safety and Awareness



TPN, Krishna Dist: In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of students, IPS Gangadhara Rao has ordered a district-wide awareness campaign across schools in Krishna District. The campaign focused on key topics such as good touch and bad touch, cyber crimes, drug abuse, traffic rules, and emergency services like Dial 100/112.

1. Understanding Good Touch & Bad Touch:

Students were educated on the importance of recognizing the difference between "good touch" and "bad touch," learning to identify suspicious behavior, and understanding self-defense strategies.

2. Precautions Against Cyber Crimes:

Children were briefed on the precautions they should take while using smartphones and social media. Emphasis was placed on the importance of parental involvement in preventing cyberbullying, hacking, and the protection of personal information.

3. Drug Prevention:

The program also addressed the harmful physical and mental effects of drug use. Students were encouraged to avoid unhealthy substances and adopt a healthy lifestyle while promoting awareness on this critical issue.

4. Awareness of Traffic Rules:

Key traffic rules such as road safety, wearing helmets, seat belts, and following traffic signals were explained to ensure students' safety while on the roads.

5. Dial 100/112 Services:

Finally, students were made aware of how to access emergency assistance by dialing 100/112 in case of any emergency, ensuring immediate support from the nearest police station.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to promote safety, health, and responsible behavior among the youth in Krishna District.



The Fragile Power of American Democracy and Soft Power in a Changing World

As the 2024 US presidential election nears its conclusion, Donald Trump appears poised to win, having secured crucial battleground states like Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Georgia. With Kamala Harris staring at defeat, the election results have already sparked widespread debate about the future of American democracy. Despite over 66 million Americans having voted early, claims of voter fraud and election rigging are circulating on social media, echoing the "Stop the Steal" movement from 2020. This has led many to believe that, if Trump loses, he might once again reject the results.



For many, this reflects a troubling decline in the democratic ideals that once made the US a global beacon of freedom and stability. The US, once the gold standard of peaceful transitions of power, now faces deepening political polarization, eroded trust in government, and a fractured public sphere. As an Indian observer of elections, I am struck by the contrast—while India's democracy has its flaws, it remains remarkably resilient, with smooth transitions of power being a common expectation.

Yet, even amid these internal challenges, America's global influence endures, largely through its soft power. The US presidential election is not just a national event; its outcome has far-reaching implications for global geopolitics. Ukraine, European democracies, and global allies all have their eyes on the race, hoping for a Harris win and the promise of stability. In contrast, Trump's "America First" approach, which upended international relations and fostered nationalist movements abroad, raises concerns about the future of global partnerships.

Historically, the US has prided itself on being a champion of democratic values: the rule of law, individual rights, and freedom of speech. This ideal of American exceptionalism has been exported globally, particularly through Hollywood, music, and media, which have carried the American Dream to every corner of the world. From films like *Captain America* to the global influence of artists like Michael Jackson, American culture has become synonymous with ideals of freedom and opportuni-

ty.

American soft power is also evident in its world-class educational institutions, technological innovations, and digital platforms, which have reshaped communication and fostered global connections. With companies like Apple, Google, and Facebook shaping modern life, America's influence extends far beyond its borders.

However, the US now faces growing competition from other nations, particularly India, which has seen its own cultural and soft power reach new heights. From the global celebration of Diwali to the worldwide popularity of Bollywood, India's cultural exports are making a mark. The rise of Indian cinema, in particular, is undeniable, with Bollywood stars like Shah Rukh Khan becoming global icons. As India's soft power grows, it could one day challenge the US's dominance in this area.

Despite its current position as the world's most influential exporter of soft power, the US is at a crossroads. Its democracy, once an inspiring example for the world, is under strain. The future of American soft power, and its ability to continue leading the global stage, hinges on how it navigates its internal divisions and upholds the values that once made it a beacon of freedom. As the 2024 election results unfold, the world will be watching to see if America can regain its moral authority and maintain its status as a global leader.

The Khalistan Issue: A Complex Security Challenge Misrepresented in Western Media



The ongoing Khalistan issue has long been a sensitive and complex matter for India, involving a demand for a separate Sikh state. However, Western media coverage, such as a recent article in *The New York Times* by Anupreeta Das titled "Sikh Activists See It as Freedom. India Calls It Terrorism," often portrays the Indian government's actions against Khalistani separatists in a simplistic and skewed manner. The article suggests that India's response to the Khalistan movement is authoritarian, driven by Hindu nationalist agendas, and disconnected from genuine security concerns. Such portrayals not only lack nuance but also fail to recognize the gravity of the threats posed by the Khalistani movement, both historically and in the present day.

Das argues that the Indian government has used heavy-handed tactics against Sikhs advocating for Khalistan, labeling them as terrorists without acknowledging the movement's legitimate grievances. She contends that the Indian authorities have used the rhetoric of terrorism to suppress what she describes as a call for freedom. While these claims might resonate with some voices within the Sikh diaspora, they fail to account for the broader and more disturbing aspects of the Khalistan movement, which have included violence, extremism, and support for separatist terror in the past.

A deeper dive into the history of the Khalistan movement reveals a far more complicated and

troubling picture. The demand for a separate Sikh state reached its peak during the 1980s when militants, led by figures like Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, escalated violence in Punjab, leading to thousands of deaths. The 1984 anti-Sikh riots, which followed the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards, further fueled the separatist cause, leading to widespread terror across the region. The Indian government's subsequent military action, Operation Blue Star, aimed at removing militants from the Golden Temple in Amritsar, was a direct response to the armed insurrection.

Although the Khalistan movement has lost much of its momentum since the 1990s, there remains a faction of radical elements, both within India and among the Sikh diaspora, that continue to advocate for separatism. India's ongoing measures against these groups are not mere political suppression; they are responses to the real and present security threats posed by extremist factions that continue to engage in violent acts and terrorist activities.

The *New York Times* article fails to account for this historical and ongoing context, instead focusing mainly on the perspective of Khalistani activists without presenting a balanced view of the situation. By doing so, it risks oversimplifying a complex issue and misrepresenting India's actions as overly harsh, rather than as legitimate responses to security threats rooted in decades of violence and extremism.

Bonded Labour in Karnataka: A Continuing Struggle Despite Legal Progress

Nearly five decades after the Bonded Labour Abolition Act of 1976 was passed to eradicate one of India's most exploitative practices, bonded labour remains a persistent issue in several regions of the country. Bengaluru, along with at least 10 other districts in Karnataka, continues to witness the exploitation of individuals under the bondage system, undermining the progress made through legislation. Despite the law, which was meant to end this practice and protect vulnerable communities, bonded labour is still a harsh reality for many, particularly in rural areas.

The Bonded Labour Abolition Act was introduced to free individuals who were forced to work under oppressive conditions for little or no pay, often in a state of debt bondage. According to the law, any form of bonded labour was made illegal, and individuals involved in it were to be rehabilitated with government support. However, in Karnataka, a state known for its urbanization and economic development, this social ill continues to affect marginalized communities such as Dalits, tribals, and lower-caste groups.

In Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka, people are still subjected to this form of servitude, particularly in sectors like construction, agriculture, domestic work, and brick kilns. Many bonded workers, including women and children, are trapped in exploitative conditions, working for long hours without pay, and in some cases, under threat of violence or physical harm. They are often forced to work for their employers in exchange for loans or advances that they can never repay, thus perpetuating the cycle of exploitation.



One major issue contributing to the persistence of bonded labour is the lack of enforcement of existing laws. Despite being illegal, bonded labour is often difficult to detect, as it operates in the shadows of informal labour markets. Additionally, corruption, inadequate law enforcement, and a lack of awareness among the affected communities hinder efforts to combat the practice effectively.

Moreover, while the government has made efforts to rehabilitate victims of bonded labour, the support structures in place are often insufficient. Many individuals rescued from bonded labour face difficulty in adjusting to life outside the system due to the lack of skills, education, and social support.

2024 US Election: A Circus of Absurdity and Missed Opportunities

The 2024 US presidential election has turned into an exhausting spectacle, leaving many voters disillusioned and questioning the very nature of the democratic process. As the race to the White House enters its final stages, the constant drama, disjointed policies, and personal attacks from both sides have made it more of a reality show than a serious political contest. The latest survey from Pew Research shows that while 69% of Americans are closely following the election, what they're getting in return is far from satisfactory. Voters are most interested in candidates' stances on key issues, but instead, the campaign trail has been filled with distractions and divisive rhetoric.

The Absurdity of the Campaign

The current state of the election is marked by a shocking lack of substance. Former President Donald Trump's campaign has swung back to his MAGA rhetoric from 2020, stirring controversy with personal attacks and inflammatory remarks. Meanwhile, Vice President Kamala Harris's campaign has struggled to break free from the baggage of the Biden administration. Her position, mostly framed as the "saner" alternative to Trump, fails to inspire confidence or a sense of direction. The focus on personalities over policies has turned the race into a "circus of the absurd."

Both Trump and Harris seem stuck in their own political traps. Trump, unable to resist his dramatic flair, has ignored the lessons from previous campaigns, focusing on controversy rather than policy. Harris, on the other hand, has failed to course-correct despite criticism from within her own party, particularly regarding foreign policy issues. In essence, both candidates have become so entrenched in their narratives of vilifying the other side that they have done little to address their own shortcomings.



A Lack of Vision

What's most troubling, however, is the lack of clarity around policy proposals from both candidates. Trump's platform on critical issues like the Middle East, Russia, and China remains vague and largely transactional, while Harris's rhetoric about peace contradicts her administration's actions. The absence of any coherent vision for the future is unsettling, both for American voters and for the global community. As the US faces pressing challenges on the world stage—such as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, the rise of China, and global economic instability—voters are left with no clear indication of how either candidate would approach these issues.

A Global Concern

The outcome of the US election has far-reaching consequences beyond American borders. US foreign policy under any president inevitably impacts the global geopolitical landscape, from trade policies to security arrangements. However, given the lack of serious debate in the current election cycle, it's impossible to predict how either Trump or Harris will shape these policies.

In conclusion, the 2024 US presidential election has degenerated into a spectacle of personalities, egos, and empty rhetoric. What was once a defining moment for democracy has become a disappointing reminder of how low the bar has fallen for political discourse. Voters deserve more than this circus; the world deserves better.

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 land-

scape. 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.

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

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.



lateral 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 initiatives and addressing the needs of Indian citizens residing in Australia.

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 bi-

able 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.

As Jaishankar concluded his remarks, he expressed optimism about the future of India-Australia relations, reiterating the government's commitment to strengthening ties with Queensland and the broader Australian community. The new Consulate General in Brisbane represents a significant milestone in this ongoing effort, reflecting India's strategic vision for its international engagement.

Jaishankar's visit also included discussions with local leaders and business representatives to explore opportunities for collaboration in areas such as education, technology, and sustain-

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.

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

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

The Chief Minister's comments come amid rising political tensions and growing calls for greater security across various parts of the state. Adityanath specifically referred to the ongoing efforts to dismantle criminal networks in Uttar Pradesh, which he claimed have been severely curbed under the BJP government's leadership. He highlighted the party's "tough stance" against illegal activities and its focus on ensuring the safety of citizens, contrasting it with the record of other political parties in handling crime. "We will bulldoze the mafia, and no one will be allowed to disrupt peace and security," Adityanath said, drawing applause from the crowd. He further stressed that the BJP's approach was the only one that could guarantee safety and security for every citizen in the state, claiming that the party's track record of eradicating criminal elements was unmatched.

In his speech, Adityanath took a veiled swipe at opposition parties, claiming that their inability or unwillingness to take strong action against mafias had allowed crime to flourish in the past.



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.

This year's Winter Session is expected to address various pressing issues and legislative matters, with political observers speculating that significant discussions and debates could take place on a range of national and international topics.

The announcement comes at a time of growing interest in the functioning of Parliament, as it prepares for the 2024 general elections. The session will be a key occasion for the government to push through important legislation and provide updates on ongoing governance issues.

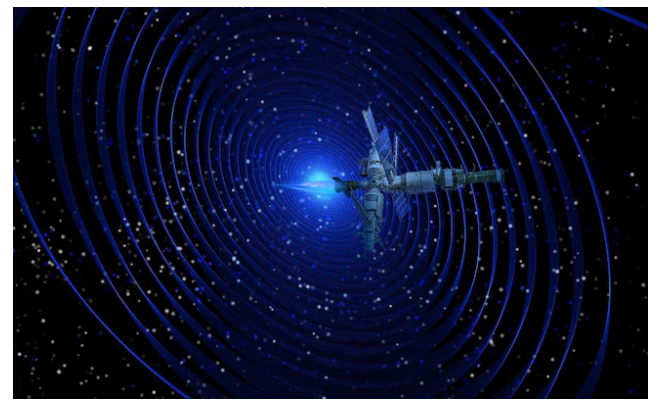
As the Winter Session approaches, all eyes will be on Parliament, where decisions taken will impact the country's legislative priorities and its constitutional framework.

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

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

Speaking at the Indian Space Conclave 3.0 in New Delhi, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, highlighted the importance of this mission.

He noted that Proba-3 will include two satellites that will work together to create a 144-meter-long solar coronagraph, a specialized instrument that will allow scientists to study the Sun's elusive corona. The Sun's corona is difficult to observe due to the overwhelming brightness of its solar disk, but the Proba-3 mission will enable precise observations with unprecedented proximity and detail.



Singh emphasized the significance of the mission, calling it the "world's first precision formation flying mission." The Proba-3 will allow scientists to study the Sun's corona with unparalleled clarity, offering new insights into solar phenomena.

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

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

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



Kamala Harris: A Trailblazer for Women and Minorities in U.S. Politics

Kamala Harris has shattered multiple barriers in her political career, from being the first woman and the first African-American and Indian-American to serve as U.S. vice president, to becoming a symbol of hope for women in politics. Despite facing challenges, including a tough loss in her 2020 presidential bid, Harris has continued to break ground in American politics, fulfilling many "firsts" along the way.

Born to immigrant parents—her father from Jamaica and her mother from India—Harris was raised in California, where she developed a strong sense of both her Black and Indian heritage. In an op-ed published shortly before the 2024 election, Harris reflected on her childhood visits to India and the lessons her mother, Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher and civil rights activist, instilled in her and her sister. Harris emphasized that she was taught to honor her diverse roots while embracing her American identity.

Harris' political career began in the Bay Area, where she made history as the first woman, African-American, and Indian-American district attorney of San Francisco. She then became California's first female and Black attorney general, where her bold leadership gained her national recognition. Her rise continued



when she was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming one of only three Asian Americans ever to serve there and the first Indian-American senator in history.

As vice president, Harris continues to serve as a powerful figure in U.S. politics. Not only did she make history as the first woman to hold the office, but she has also wielded significant influence, casting the most tie-breaking votes in Senate history.

Her pivotal role in the Biden administration is a testament to her leadership and influence on issues ranging from healthcare and climate change to small business support and civil rights.

Harris remains a role model for women and people of color aspiring to leadership roles, proving that barriers can be broken, and dreams can be realized, no matter the challenges.

Heartiest Congratulations My Friend: PM Modi To Trump On Big US Win

As the US election results began to point toward a decisive victory for Donald Trump, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi swiftly congratulated the Republican leader on his historic comeback to the presidency. In a message shared on social media platform X, Modi referred to Trump as "my friend" and expressed his heartfelt congratulations. "Heartiest congratulations, my friend @realDonaldTrump on your historic election victory," Modi wrote.

The Indian Prime Minister went on to highlight the importance of strengthening the India-US partnership, saying he looked forward to working with Trump to build on the successes of his previous term. "As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership. Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability, and prosperity," Modi added.

Trump's victory was a significant moment in what had been expected to be a tight race. The Republicans managed to flip all seven battleground states, a remarkable feat considering the Democrats had won six of those states in the 2020 election. In his victory speech, Trump addressed his supporters, calling the results a "magnificent victory for the American people." He also reflected on the assassination attempt he survived in July, stating, "God spared my life for a reason."

Describing the Republican campaign as the "greatest political movement of all time," Trump promised to focus on healing the nation and securing its borders. "We have made history for a reason tonight. We have achieved the most incredible political win," he said, emphasizing his commitment to fight for the American people and their families.



"Lost Faith": Michigan Muslims Shun Harris Over Mideast Turmoil

Amid the ongoing violence in the Middle East, many Arab-American voters in Dearborn, Michigan, are shifting their political support away from the Democratic Party, with some backing Green Party candidate Jill Stein. Soujoud Hamade, a 32-year-old real estate lawyer and registered Democrat, cast her vote for Stein in the 2024 US presidential election, expressing her frustration over the Biden-Harris administration's steadfast support for Israel.

"It's very emotional," said Hamade, a Lebanese-American, after voting in the Arab-majority city of Dearborn, which is pivotal in the battleground state of Michigan. "Every time I watch the news or get on social media, I see my people being decimated, I see my home country being destroyed." Disillusioned with the political establishment, Hamade views her vote for Stein as more than a protest. She hopes to help Stein reach five percent of the national popular vote, a threshold that could provide the Green Party with federal funding and potentially challenge the dominance of the two-party system in US politics.

Dearborn, known for its significant Middle Eastern population, largely backed President Joe Biden in 2020. However, recent polling indicates a shift away from the Democratic Party among Muslim and Arab-American voters, driven by frustrations over US foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East. Stein, a left-wing Jewish physician, has gained support from voters like Muhammad Hijazi, a 28-year-old engineer who identifies as a "single-issue voter." Hijazi, disillusioned with both the Democrats and Republicans, believes Stein is the only candidate opposing "genocide" and offering a more principled stance on Middle East peace.

China Calls for 'Peaceful Coexistence' As Trump Set For Win

As the US presidential election approaches, China finds itself closely watching the race, knowing that the outcome will have significant global implications. Whether it's Democrat Kamala Harris or Republican Donald Trump who wins, the broader trajectory of US-China relations is expected to remain adversarial. Both parties have increasingly viewed China as a competitor, with a growing consensus in Washington on the need to counter China's rising influence.

China has expressed its desire for "peaceful coexistence" with the United States regardless of the election outcome. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning recently reiterated China's commitment to handling bilateral relations based on "mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation." She emphasized that China would continue to approach its relationship with the US through these guiding principles, irrespective of the presidential race.

While Mao refrained from commenting directly on the prospect of a second Trump term, she noted that the US election was an internal matter and that China respects the choice of the American people. She also addressed whether Chinese President Xi Jinping would congratulate Trump in the event of a victory, stating that such matters would be handled "in accordance with usual practice" once the results are officially announced.



Jaishankar Meets Key Leaders in Australia to Strengthen Bilateral Ties

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is currently on an official visit to Australia, from November 3 to 7, aimed at deepening India's comprehensive strategic partnership with the country. During his visit, Jaishankar met Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and conveyed warm greetings from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Jaishankar expressed his appreciation for the guidance provided by Albanese in strengthening the India-Australia bilateral relationship. On social media platform X, Jaishankar wrote, "Delighted to call on PM Anthony Albanese in Canberra today. Conveyed warm greetings of PM @narendramodi. Value his guidance for deepening India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership."

The meeting comes as both nations continue to strengthen their ties in areas such as trade, security, and technology. Jaishankar's visit also signals ongoing efforts to enhance cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, a priority for both India and Australia as part of their shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar also met with Peter Dutton, the leader of Australia's Liberal Party. The two leaders discussed key global issues and expressed mutual appreciation for the growing strength of the India-Australia bilateral relationship. "Shared perspectives on global issues and appreciate his support for our bilateral ties," Jaishankar said after the meeting.

Additionally, Jaishankar held talks with New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Winston Peters, in Canberra. The discussions focused on a wide range of issues, including education, technology, agriculture, and people-to-people ties. They also exchanged views on regional security concerns, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, and broader global issues.

In another engagement, Jaishankar met with the UAE's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The two diplomats shared cordial exchanges on strengthening India-UAE relations, with Jaishankar posting on X, "So nice to meet my friend DPM & FM @ABZayed of UAE in Canberra today."



Netanyahu Fires Defence Minister Yoav Gallant Amid Gaza Conflict Tensions

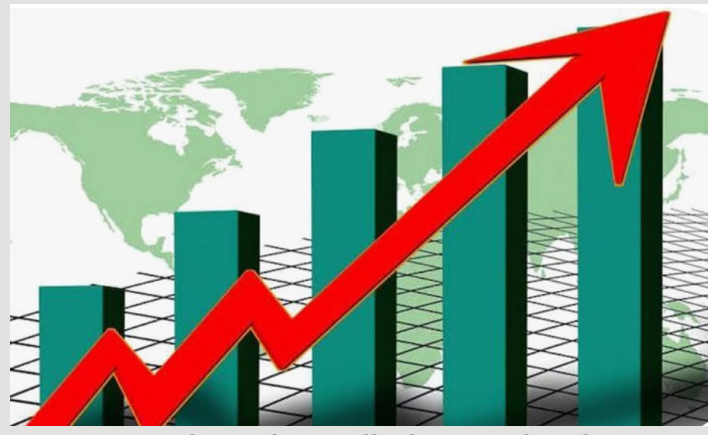
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed his defence minister, Yoav Gallant, on Tuesday following mounting public disagreements over Israel's military operations in Gaza. Gallant, a key figure in Israel's tough stance on Hezbollah, had recently called for a ceasefire and advocated for a hostage release deal in Gaza, signaling a rift between him and Netanyahu over the handling of the war.

In a statement, Netanyahu's office explained that trust between the two leaders had eroded over the past few months, leading to Gallant's ousting. The Prime Minister appointed Israel Katz, a former top diplomat, as the new defence minister. Gideon Saar was appointed to replace Katz as the country's foreign minister.

Gallant, who had served as Israel's defence chief since 2022, expressed that despite his dismissal, Israel's security would remain his life's mission. His firing comes amid an intensifying war in Gaza, which was triggered by Hamas's deadly attack on Israel on October 7 last year, killing 1,206 Israelis, mostly civilians. In retaliation, Israeli forces have launched a brutal military campaign in Gaza, which, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, has resulted in 43,391 Palestinian deaths, most of them civilians.

Meanwhile, the conflict has spilled over into Lebanon and Syria. Israeli forces have conducted air raids across southern Lebanon and Syria, targeting Hezbollah militants and weapons storage facilities. In Lebanon, Israeli airstrikes on the coastal town of Jiyeh killed one person and injured 20, while Hezbollah launched rockets and drones into northern Israel. The violence has claimed at least 1,964 lives in Lebanon since Hezbollah joined the conflict in late September.

Trump Victory Boosts Indian Markets; IT, Realty, and Oil & Gas Stocks Lead Rally



Domestic stock markets rallied on Wednesday. Donald Trump's victory in the United States led to a run. IT, realty, oil and gas shares lifted the benchmark indices. India Wix's 8% cool-off suggests easing uncertainty. Indices, which started with modest gains in the morning, rallied as Trump's lead grew. Sensex 900 and Nifty rose by 270 points. This has increased the wealth of investors by Rs.4.5 lakh crore. The rupee settled at an all-time high of 84.28 against the dollar.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,476 in the previous session, opened at 79,771 today. It had earlier hit an intraday low of 79,459. It then rebounded gradually to reach an intraday high of 80,569. It eventually closed at 80,378, a gain of 901 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,308 and touched a low of 24,204 and a high of 24,537. A total jump of 270 points to close at 24,484. Nifty Bank gained 110 points to settle at 52,317.

In Nifty, 41 companies gained while 9 lost. BEL, Adani Enterprises, TCS, Wipro, HCL Tech are top gainers. SBI Life, Titan, HDFC Life, Indus Ind Bank and Trent were the biggest losers. Auto, IT, media, metal, pharma, realty, healthcare, consumer durables, oil and gas indices rose higher.

In NSE, 2904 stocks were traded and 2213 gained. 620 were lost. Shares of 94 companies hit 52-week highs.

TeamTeez's Q2 profit fell 9.9% to Rs 24.6 crore. GE Power posted a profit of Rs 66.8 crore against a net loss of Rs 61.8 crore. Swiggy IPO was subscribed 0.10 times on the first day. Jefferies has given GAIL India a Buy rating. Astra Microwaves has signed a joint venture agreement with Manjira Digital Systems. CAMS shares performed well for the seventh session in a row. HUDCO shares recorded eighth consecutive session of gains. 5.59 million shares changed hands in two block trades in ICICI Bank. 1.91 million shares changed hands in Ambuja Cement. SBI estimates that Q2 GDP growth may slow to 6.5 percent and FY2025 growth may be 7 percent. Mankind Pharma shares soar after Q2 profit jumps 29%.

stock recommendations :

1. CCL Products (India) Ltd. (CCL)



CCL is primarily engaged in the production and export of instant coffee. It has a strong export presence, making it one of the major players in the global coffee industry. The company benefits from a diversified product portfolio across freeze-dried, spray-dried, and liquid coffee. CCL

has shown consistent growth in revenue and profitability. It maintains healthy operating margins, benefiting from its efficient production and sourcing strategies. Recent quarters have reflected solid revenue growth due to increased demand in key markets.

2. eClerx Services Ltd.
eClerx provides data management, automation, analytics, and other operational support services to clients in sectors like financial services, retail, and digital marketing. Its niche in delivering knowledge-intensive solutions makes it a preferred outsourcing partner. The company has a stable revenue stream from long-term contracts with clients. However, growth in recent years has been moderate, reflecting a shift toward automation across industries. Margins are stable due to cost-efficiency measures.



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3. Zensar Technologies Ltd.
Zensar is an IT services and solutions provider, offering digital transformation, cloud solutions, and analytics. Its key clients are from the U.S. and Europe across industries like BFSI, retail, and manufacturing. Zensar's revenue has been growing, though with some fluctuations due to client demand cycles. Margins have been under slight pressure, partially due to currency fluctuations and wage inflation in the IT sector.



4. Deep Industries Ltd. (DeepInd)

Deep Industries is engaged in the oil and gas sector, primarily providing services related to natural gas production, drilling, and workover services. Its services are essential for upstream energy companies, especially in India. Deep Industries has shown revenue growth aligned with energy sector demand. However, profitability can vary significantly with oil and gas price fluctuations. The company has maintained a stable balance sheet, though it is capital intensive.



5. Piramal Pharma Ltd. (PPL Pharma)

Piramal Pharma, a leading player in the pharmaceutical sector, is involved in contract development and manufacturing, complex generics, and consumer healthcare. Its diversified portfolio includes API manufacturing, injectable manufacturing, and healthcare consumer products. The company has shown robust revenue growth due to its diversified portfolio and strategic acquisitions. Profitability has been stable, although high R&D costs and competition can affect margins in certain segments.



Airtel Expands Connectivity in Ladakh's Border Areas

In a significant move to enhance connectivity in the challenging terrains of Ladakh, Bharti Airtel has successfully installed mobile towers in two strategically vital locations along the Indo-China border—Galwan and Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO). This marks a major milestone for Airtel, making it the first private telecom operator to provide mobile network services at an altitude of 16,700 feet above sea level, extending its reach to India's northernmost military outpost. The tower installations were carried out in collaboration with the Leh Signalers, the telecom said in a press release on Wednesday. With this expansion, Airtel's network now reaches some of the most remote regions in Ladakh, significantly improving telecommunications access for residents and military personnel.

In total, Airtel has set up 17 mobile towers across critical locations, including Kargil, Siachen, Galwan, DBO, and Changthang. These installations will offer mobile network connectivity to villages and communities that were previously cut off from telecommunication services due to their remote and high-altitude locations. Airtel's strategic move is expected to enhance communication lines in sensitive border areas where fast and re-

liable connectivity is crucial, especially for military operations and emergency responses. Galwan and DBO are of immense strategic significance, given their proximity to the Karakoram Range and their relevance in the context of recent military tensions between India and China.

With these mobile towers, Airtel aims to improve logistics, enhance safety, and streamline emergency responsiveness in these high-altitude regions, where rapid communication can be life-saving. The network expansion will also benefit local communities, offering better access to essential services, information, and emergency support.

Bharti Airtel, headquartered in India, is a leading global communications provider, with over 550 million customers in 15 countries, including India, Africa, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The company ranks among the top three mobile operators globally and remains committed to expanding its services to underserved and strategically important regions. This expansion further solidifies Airtel's position as a key player in the telecommunications sector, especially in regions with difficult terrain and strategic importance.

Indian Stock Market Opens in the Green Amid US Election Uncertainty



As the counting for the fiercely contested US presidential election began, the Indian stock market opened on a positive note on Wednesday, driven by buying activity in key sectors such as real estate, media, energy, private banking, and infrastructure.

The **Sensex** was up by 610 points, trading at 80,087.35, reflecting a rise of 0.77%. Meanwhile, the **Nifty** gained 180 points, reaching 24,393.40, a rise of 0.74%. The market trend remained largely bullish, with 1,820 stocks on the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** trading in the green, while 449 stocks were in the red.

The **Nifty Bank** index stood at 52,289.75, up by 82.50 points or 0.16%, while the **Nifty Midcap 100** index surged to 56,589.90, a gain of 474.45 points or 0.85%. The **Nifty Smallcap 100** index was also in the green at 18,651.70, gaining 148.25 points or 0.80%.

In the Sensex pack, top gainers included HCL Tech, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, Tech Mahindra, Maruti Suzuki, Sun Pharma, and Axis Bank. On the other hand, Titan, Tata Steel, Hindustan Unilever, Kotak

Mahindra Bank, Tata Motors, and SBI were among the top losers.

Market experts observed that the sharp rebound in the market on Tuesday suggested a possible halt to the downward trend witnessed in previous days. "The fact that the rebound is being led by fundamentally strong large banking stocks is significant and could indicate the continuation of the positive trend," they said.

The experts further noted that while the US elections may create short-term noise in the markets, it will be the economic fundamentals that will drive the market direction in the coming weeks.

In Asia, stock markets in Jakarta, Shanghai, and Tokyo were trading in the green, while Seoul, Bangkok, and Hong Kong were in the red. The US stock market also ended on a positive note, following the election results.

In India, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth **Rs 2,569 crore** on November 5, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought equities worth **Rs 3,030 crore** on the same day.

Oil falls on stock build, firm dollar as Trump win projected



Crude oil prices dropped by 2.5% on Wednesday, November 6, snapping a five-day winning streak. The decline was largely driven by the strengthening US dollar, as early reports suggested that Republican candidate Donald Trump was gaining ground in the race for a second term as president.

drop in US oil stocks and heightened geopolitical unrest. **US crude oil inventories** fell by 0.5 million barrels, which was contrary to expectations of a 1.5-million-barrel increase. This was a significant shift from the previous week, when inventories had risen by 5.5 million barrels.

The stronger US dollar places downward pressure on oil and other commodities, making them more expensive for buyers using other currencies. **Brent crude oil futures** fell to **\$73.64 per barrel**, marking a drop of 2.5% from the previous close of **\$75.53**, while **WTI crude futures** dropped to **\$70.22**, down 2.45% from the prior close of **\$71.99**.

"Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and the possibility of OPEC+ de-laying production increases supported the recovery in crude prices. However, the strengthening US dollar and weak economic data from Europe tempered the gains," Kalantri added.

Dollar Index Reaches Four-Month High

Crude prices have been volatile in recent days, influenced by a mix of factors, including OPEC+'s decision to delay its December production plan for the second time, rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, and expectations surrounding the upcoming **US Federal Reserve policy meeting**. Additionally, signs of economic recovery in **China**, the world's largest crude importer, have been affecting market sentiment.

The **US Dollar Index** surged by 1.9% to **105.30**, marking its highest level in nearly four months. This increase came amid growing expectations of a Trump victory in the **2024 US presidential election**. The dollar's strength was further fueled by Trump's improving position in several key swing states, particularly **Pennsylvania**, which Trump won, putting him just three electoral votes shy of securing the White House.

Volatile Crude Oil Market

Rahul Kalantri, VP of Commodities at Mehta Equities, commented on the volatility, noting that crude oil prices rebounded last week, driven by a

As the election results unfold, analysts expect oil prices to remain volatile, driven by fluctuations in the dollar and ongoing geopolitical developments.

WhatsApp's New 'Search on Web' Feature Aims to Tackle Fake Images

WhatsApp, the popular messaging platform owned by Meta, has long been a go-to app for staying connected with friends, family, and colleagues. However, it has also become a breeding ground for misinformation, especially in the form of fake images and messages. While WhatsApp has implemented various measures to tackle this issue, the growing use of AI-generated fake images has once again raised concerns about the authenticity of visual content shared on the platform.



To address this challenge, WhatsApp is reportedly working on a new feature that will make it easier for users to verify the authenticity of images without having to leave the app. This new functionality, called 'Search on Web,' is designed to help users quickly perform a reverse image search using Google Lens, which can determine whether an image has been altered or is circulating on the internet.

In the latest beta version of WhatsApp for Android, users can access the 'Search on Web' feature by tapping on any image shared in a chat and then selecting the three-dot menu button in the top-right corner. Once selected, the option will allow users to initiate a reverse image search directly within the app. This streamlined

process eliminates the need to manually open a browser, go to Google Lens, and upload the image for verification, making it much quicker and more convenient for users to check the credibility of an image before forwarding it.

Currently, the 'Search on Web' feature is available only to a limited group of testers in the WhatsApp beta program. This means it may take some time before it is rolled out to the broader user base. However, once it becomes widely available, this feature is expected to be a valuable tool in the fight against misinformation and fake news on the platform, helping users make more informed decisions about the content they receive and share.

Amazon Launches 'Amazon Clinic' in India for Online Doctor Consultations

Amazon has launched a new healthcare service in India called *Amazon Clinic*, designed to provide online doctor consultations for over 50 different medical conditions. Similar to popular platforms like Practo, Amazon Clinic aims to offer affordable, accessible, and convenient healthcare services directly through its app, starting at a price of Rs 299 per consultation.

Currently, Amazon Clinic is available exclusively for Android and iOS users, meaning it cannot be accessed from desktop devices. Users looking to book a consultation must first create a profile, which includes basic information like their name, age, gender, and phone number.

The service offers two primary modes of consultation. Depending on the medical condition, users can either opt for an instant online consultation or schedule an appointment for an in-person visit. While virtual consultations are available for a wide range of conditions, clinic visits are limited and may offer fewer options in terms of doctor availability and location.

Once a user has selected their consultation type, they can connect with a doctor based on availability or pre-schedule an appointment at a convenient time. Each consultation lasts between 10 to 30 minutes, providing enough time for a focused discussion on the patient's health concerns.

Amazon Clinic covers a variety of specialties, including dermatology, gynaecology, paediatrics, nutrition, and mental health counselling. The platform assures that all doctors listed on Amazon Clinic have at least three years of experience in tele-con-



sultation, ensuring a level of expertise in remote healthcare services.

This new service is expected to benefit a wide range of users across India, offering a simple and reliable way to access healthcare services without having to leave their homes. As *Amazon Clinic* is rolled out nationwide, it could become a game-changer for people seeking affordable healthcare, especially in areas where access to medical professionals may be limited.

Stay tuned for updates on the expansion of this service and the potential for further features in the future.

Gemini AI Assistant Gains New Extension for Controlling Smart Home Devices

Google's AI-powered virtual assistant, Gemini, is expanding its capabilities with a new extension that allows users to control their smart home devices directly from the assistant. As Android devices receive more support for this evolving AI, Gemini is quickly closing the feature gap with Google Assistant, adding more functionality to manage daily tasks and smart appliances.



The new Google Home extension is now available for Gemini users who have the app installed and set as their default virtual assistant. This update allows users to control a range of smart home devices, such as lights, sockets, switches, thermostats, fans, curtains, smart TVs, washing machines, air conditioning units, and more. To get started, users must ensure that both their Gemini app and smart home devices are connected to the same Google account.

However, there are some limitations to the new functionality. While Gemini can handle most smart home control tasks, it is not yet capable of managing security devices that require a PIN, streaming video from cameras, or executing automated routines.

In addition to controlling smart appliances, Gemini's natural language processing abilities stand

out. Unlike Google Assistant, which is limited to specific commands, Gemini can understand and act on more complex or personalized prompts. For instance, users can ask, "Set the dining room for a romantic date night," or "Adjust the AC to a comfortable temperature for sleeping," and Gemini will interpret and complete the request accordingly. This flexibility allows for a more intuitive and conversational user experience.

To use the new smart home features, Gemini users need to open the app, sign in with their Google account, and connect the assistant to Google Home. Once the connection is made, users can enable the extension, granting Gemini permission to access and control their smart devices.

As Gemini continues to evolve, it is expected to add even more functionality, including the rumored ability to handle calling and messaging on the lock screen, bringing it even closer to the performance of Google Assistant.

Rare 1,000-Year-Old Gold Coin Featuring Jesus Christ Discovered in Norway

Archaeologists and treasure hunters alike continue to make fascinating discoveries that offer a glimpse into ancient civilizations. Recently, a story went viral on social media about a man who, using a metal detector, uncovered a remarkable treasure in the mountains of Norway. This treasure, a rare gold coin, is believed to be over a thousand years old and features an image of Jesus Christ, making it an extraordinary find.

The man, an independent treasure hunter, ventured into the mountains of Vestre Slidre in Norway, where his metal detector began to beep. Intrigued by the sound, he started digging and breaking rocks, eventually unearthing the ancient coin. Experts have since identified the coin as a Byzantine gold piece, likely minted between 977 and 1025 AD, during the reigns of Byzantine emperors Basil II and Constantine VIII.

The coin is exceptionally rare because it features an image of Jesus Christ holding the Bible on one side, while the other side depicts the empire of the time. Such coins were originally produced in Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, under the rule of Emperor Constantine the Great. The coin's rarity is heightened by the fact that it was found more than 1,600 miles from its place of origin, suggesting it had traveled far from where it was originally minted.

Experts believe that the coin may have been brought to Nor-



way during the reign of Harald Hardrada, a Viking king who is said to have returned to Norway after military campaigns in the East. The coin might have been lost after his return, remaining buried for nearly a thousand years before it was discovered by the lucky treasure hunter.

While the exact journey of the coin remains unclear, its discovery offers a fascinating insight into the trade and movements of people during the medieval period. Experts are still investigating how such a coin made its way to Norway, but it is undoubtedly a treasure that has captivated both history enthusiasts and archaeologists alike.

The more carbon dioxide you emit, the more likely you are to be bitten by mosquitoes

Many people have been told that mosquito bites are caused by "sweeter" blood, but recent research suggests there might be a more scientific explanation: carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Mosquitoes are primarily attracted to CO2, which humans and animals exhale during respiration. This discovery sheds light on why some individuals seem to be more prone to mosquito bites than others.



Dr. Jinendra Jain, a consultant physician at Wockhardt Hospital, Mira Road, explains that it's not the sweetness of the blood that attracts mosquitoes but the levels of CO2 in the air. "Mosquitoes are drawn to higher concentrations of carbon dioxide, which is commonly exhaled by humans and animals," Dr. Jain says. Increased CO2 levels, especially in areas with warmer temperatures and climate change, create an ideal environment for mosquito breeding.

Dr. Mallika Motta, MD (Homeopathy) at The Vital Dose Homeopathy Clinic, adds that mosquitoes have nerve cell receptors that can detect carbon dioxide from over 30 feet away. "This is one of the primary ways mosquitoes locate their hosts," she explains. The more CO2 a person exhales, the more likely they are to attract mosquitoes. This explains why larger groups of people, who emit more carbon dioxide, are often more susceptible to mosquito bites.

Furthermore, human activities that increase CO2 emissions, such as burning fossil fuels, could contribute to higher concentrations of CO2 in the atmosphere, making it a more attractive environment for mosquitoes.

Apart from CO2, mosquitoes are also attracted to certain compounds found in human sweat and on the skin. Lactic acid, ammonia, and other body chemicals can make a person more appealing to these pests.

In conclusion, while factors like body odor and sweat do play a role, carbon dioxide emissions—both natural and human-induced—are a key factor in why mosquitoes target certain individuals more frequently. Reducing CO2 emissions could not only benefit the environment but may also help lower the frequency of mosquito bites in certain areas.



Rishabh Pant Climbs to Top 10 in ICC Test Rankings



Indian wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has made a significant leap in the ICC Test rankings, climbing five spots to reach sixth place following impressive half-centuries during the third Test against New Zealand in Mumbai. Pant's rise brings him close to his career-best ranking of fifth, which he last held in July 2022. This marks a notable achievement for the 26-year-old, who has been in excellent form with the bat.

Pant's performance in the Mumbai Test was one of the key highlights, as he continued to showcase his explosive batting ability. He now sits just behind England's Joe Root, who remains at the top of the Test batter rankings, with New Zealand's Kane Williamson in second place, followed by Harry Brook (third), India's Yashasvi Jaiswal (fourth), and Australia's Steve Smith (fifth).

Along with Pant, New Zealand's veteran batter Daryl Mitchell also saw a remarkable improvement, climbing eight places to reach seventh in the latest rankings. Mitchell's first-innings score of 82 in Mumbai played a significant role in his rise, making him one of the most consistent performers for New Zealand.

India's Shubman Gill also made progress, moving up four places to 16th after his solid 90-run performance in the first innings against New Zealand. Meanwhile, New Zealand's Will Young, who was pivotal in his team's success, surged 29 places to 44th overall, following a series of strong performances.

In the bowling rankings, India's Ravindra Jadeja climbed two spots to claim sixth position, thanks to his match-winning 10-wicket haul against New Zealand. Teammate Washington Sundar also moved up, advancing seven places to 46th among Test bowlers.

The rankings also saw some movement in the ODI charts, with West Indies' Shai Hope rising five places to 12th among ODI batters, and South Africa's Keshav Maharaj climbing to 19th in the Test bowling rankings after a stellar performance against Bangladesh.

These updates reflect the latest performances in both Test and ODI formats, highlighting the continuous rise of key players across various teams.

Goal Is To Win Silverware: Punjab Kings Satish Menon Ahead of IPL 2025 Auction

Punjab Kings have made an early move ahead of the IPL 2025 auction by announcing the retention of batters Prabhsimran Singh and Shashank Singh. These two key players will continue their journey with the franchise, bolstering their squad for the upcoming season.

Prabhsimran, who has been with Punjab Kings since 2019, has been a consistent performer, amassing 756 runs in 34 matches with an average of 22.24 and a strike rate of 146.23. On the other hand, Shashank made a significant impact last season, scoring 354 runs in 14 games at an impressive average of 44.25 and a strike rate of 164.65, cementing his place as a valuable asset for the team.

In a statement ahead of the highly anticipated auction, Punjab Kings CEO Satish Menon emphasized the franchise's ambition for IPL 2025, stating that the goal is "nothing short of silverware." He stressed the importance of the upcoming auction, especially with the team having the maximum purse to strengthen their squad further. Menon also praised their newly appointed head coach, Ricky Ponting, calling him one of the "sharpest minds in cricket." He expressed confidence that the former Australian captain would bring fresh insights and strategies to the team, creating a squad capable of challenging for the title.

Speaking about Prabhsimran, Menon highlighted the player's growth over the past six years, saying the franchise has placed significant trust in him.



"He played some fantastic innings last year, and we believe he is on the cusp of breaking into the big leagues," Menon said.

Regarding Shashank, Menon noted his versatility in batting at multiple positions and his exceptional fielding skills, both of which were key factors in retaining him for the new season. "He continues to play with the same passion and determination," Menon added.

With Ricky Ponting now at the helm, Punjab Kings are eyeing their maiden IPL trophy in 2025, and the upcoming auction will be crucial in shaping a squad capable of achieving that goal.

David Warner Announced as Sydney Thunder Captain for BBL | 14

David Warner has been named the captain of Sydney Thunder for the upcoming Big Bash League (BBL) season, just weeks after having his leadership ban lifted. Warner takes over from Chris Green, who remains a player for the team but will no longer serve as skipper. The announcement comes shortly after a three-member independent panel cleared Warner to return to a leadership role, determining that he had met all the necessary criteria for his ban to be lifted.

Warner, who has been a key figure for Sydney Thunder since the BBL's inception, expressed his excitement about returning to a leadership role. "Captaining the Thunder again this season means a lot to me. I was part of the team from the start, and now to be back with that 'C' next to my name feels fantastic," Warner said. "I'm looking forward to leading from the front and sharing my experience with the young talent coming through."

The veteran left-hander also highlighted the importance of leadership off the field, aiming to foster a team environment where players can relax, bond, and stay grounded. "Leadership off the field is just as crucial. I want to create an environment where we can all take a break from the game, bond, and enjoy ourselves," Warner said. He added that building camaraderie through activities like team meals, golf outings, and fan engagement would be a key focus of his leadership style.

Warner also acknowledged the strong leadership of his predecessor Chris Green, as well as the contributions of Jason Sangha before his injury. "Greeny



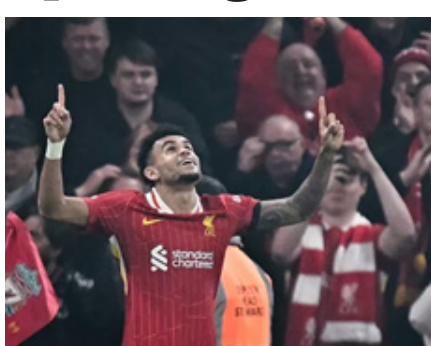
is an exceptional talent with fantastic leadership qualities. Jason Sangha too, before his injury, provided great insight, and I know they're guys I can lean on this season," he said.

After a disappointing finish last season, with Thunder finishing at the bottom of the table, the team will be hoping Warner's captaincy will help them turn things around in BBL|14. The tournament kicks off on December 15, with Thunder's first match against Adelaide Strikers in Canberra on December 17.

Sydney Thunder BBL|14 Squad
David Warner (c), Wes Agar, Cameron Bancroft, Sam Billings, Oliver Davies, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Gilkes, Chris Green, Liam Hatcher, Sam Konstas, Nic Maddinson, Nathan McAndrew, Sherfane Rutherford, William Salzmann, Daniel Sams, Jason Sangha, Tanveer Sangha.

Diaz Hat-Trick Seals 4-0 Win for Liverpool, Spoiling Alonso's Return

Luis Diaz stole the show with a sensational hat-trick as Liverpool thrashed Bayer Leverkusen 4-0 at Anfield on Tuesday, continuing their perfect start to the Champions League group stage. The victory sent Liverpool to the top of their group with 12 points from four games, nearly securing a spot in the knockout phase and moving closer to direct qualification for the last 16.



loss, saying, "It's a bitter feeling, but I really appreciate and am thankful for the warm reception from the fans."

The game remained tightly contested in the first half, but Liverpool broke the deadlock in the 60th minute with a moment of brilliance from Curtis Jones.

Cody Gakpo also got on the scoresheet for Liverpool, who maintained their 100% record in Europe under new manager Arne Slot. The win was another impressive display by the Reds, who have now won 14 of their 16 matches across all competitions under Slot.

For Xabi Alonso, the result was bittersweet. The former Liverpool midfielder, who was a key part of the club's Champions League-winning side in 2005, received a warm reception from the Anfield crowd, but couldn't hide his disappointment at the outcome. Alonso, who guided Leverkusen to a league and cup double last season, had opted to stay at the helm of the German club rather than succeed Jurgen Klopp at Liverpool. He reflected on the

His perfectly weighted pass found Diaz, who chipped Leverkusen goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky with composure. Just two minutes later, Gakpo doubled Liverpool's lead with a header from a Mohamed Salah cross, which was initially ruled offside but overturned after a VAR review.

Diaz completed his hat-trick with two more goals in the final stages: one with a controlled finish from a Salah cross and another after Darwin Nunez's shot was blocked, leaving Diaz to tap in.

Leverkusen, who sit fourth in the Bundesliga, now face an uphill battle to qualify, but Alonso remains confident of progressing, with three of their remaining four Champions League games at home.

Ben Stokes Skips IPL 2025 Auction, Faces Ban for IPL 2026

Ben Stokes has shocked the cricketing world by choosing not to register for the IPL 2025 mega auction, effectively ruling himself out of the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League. Stokes, the England Test captain, was noticeably absent from the long list of 1,574 players who signed up for the auction, which is scheduled to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on November 24 and 25.

The 33-year-old all-rounder's decision means he will also be ineligible for the IPL

2026 mini auction, as per the IPL governing council's new rules. These rules state that any overseas player who skips a Big Auction will be barred from participating in the following year's player auction. This marks a significant turn for Stokes, who had also opted out of the previous IPL season to focus on his fitness and workload management.

Stokes' absence from the auction is a blow for IPL fans and teams alike, but his decision reflects a growing trend of players

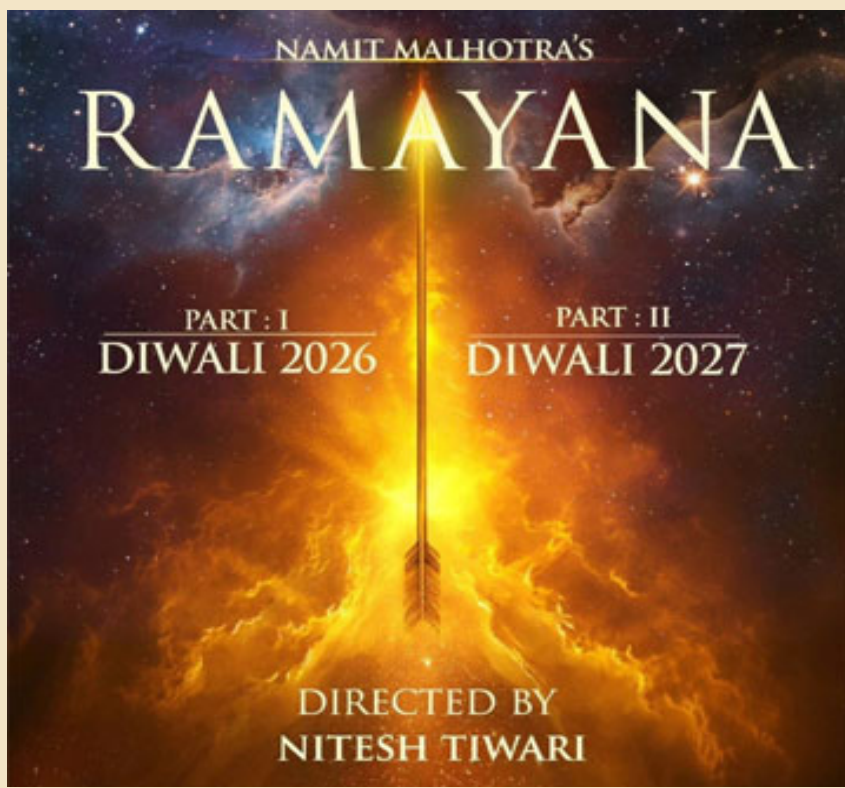
managing their international commitments more carefully. In contrast, fellow England cricketer James Anderson, at 42 years old, has made the decision to enter the IPL auction for the first time. Anderson, who retired from Test cricket earlier this year, hasn't played a T20 match since 2014.

Also entering the auction this year are several high-profile players, including Australian spinner Nathan Lyon and fast bowlers Mitchell Starc and Jofra Archer. Starc, who was the most expensive player in the

previous auction, is back in the pool with a base price of Rs 2 crore, while Archer is also listed for the same price.

With teams allowed to retain up to six players, the upcoming mega auction will have 204 available slots, with each team boasting a purse of Rs 120 crore. Teams like Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore lead with the largest available budgets, while other franchises like Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians have smaller amounts to spend.





Ranbir Kapoor's 'Ramayanam' Coming to Diwali 2026 & 2027

Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor is set to star in the grand period drama *Ramayanam*, following the success of his intense thriller *Animal*. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, known for his visionary storytelling, *Ramayanam* has been creating a buzz ever since its announcement, and the anticipation around this project is only growing stronger.

Ranbir Kapoor will take on the iconic role of Lord Ram, while the talented Sai Pallavi will portray the role of Sita. Their pairing has already caught the attention of fans, and there's palpable excitement surrounding the film. The movie is based on the ancient Indian epic *Ramayana*, which narrates the

story of Lord Ram, his wife Sita, and his battle against the demon king Ravana. With its rich mythology and emotional depth, the film promises to be a visual spectacle and a major cultural event.

It has now been officially confirmed that *Ramayanam* will be released in two parts, making this one of the most ambitious projects in Bollywood's history. The first part of the film is slated for a grand release during Diwali 2026, marking a major festival release. The second part will follow a year later, also scheduled for a Diwali release in 2027. This ensures that Bollywood will have a major blockbuster competing for box-office supremacy during the Diwali sea-

son for the next two consecutive years.

Given the scale of the project, with its grand set designs, epic battles, and larger-than-life performances, *Ramayanam* is expected to dominate the cinematic landscape. It has already been earmarked as a multi-crore venture, drawing massive expectations from audiences and industry insiders alike. The movie's release during Diwali in 2026 and 2027 will be a significant milestone in Indian cinema, as it will not only showcase high-budget filmmaking but also revitalize interest in India's rich mythological heritage. Fans across the country are eagerly waiting to witness this epic retelling on the big screen.

Pushpa 2 Sets Record-Breaking Pre-Sales in North America Ahead of Release

Pushpa 2: The Rule is gearing up for its grand release in theaters on December 5th, but the buzz surrounding the film has already reached unprecedented heights, especially with its record-breaking pre-sales in North America. Even though the film's U.S. premiere is still a month away, the early ticket sales are making waves, signaling a massive opening for the highly anticipated sequel.



As of November 5th, 6 AM PST, *Pushpa The Rule* has already raked in an impressive \$410,029 from 2,750 shows across 715 locations in North America. With a staggering 14,855 tickets sold, these pre-sale numbers are a testament to the growing brand of *Pushpa*, which has quickly become a cultural phenomenon since the release of its first part, *Pushpa: The Rise*.

To put these figures in perspective, the pre-sales for *Pushpa: The Rise* were around \$400,000 in North America, but *Pushpa 2* has already surpassed that total 30 days before its premiere. This marks a clear sign that the second installment is generating far more anticipation and excitement among audiences, showing the immense growth of the

franchise.

Canada bookings are yet to open, but with these early numbers, it's clear that the film is set to shatter records and exceed expectations across the continent. The massive pre-sales, especially at such an early stage, hint at an explosive premiere that could set new benchmarks for South Indian films in North America.

Given the phenomenal pre-release demand, *Pushpa The Rule* is on track to become a massive box office juggernaut. As the days draw closer to its release, expectations are sky-high, and it's poised to surpass existing records and dominate the global box office.

Suriya Announces Release of Second Trailer for Kanguva

The highly anticipated Kollywood film *Kanguva*, starring Suriya in dual roles, has been generating buzz for months. Directed by Siruthai Siva, this period action drama has fans eagerly waiting for more updates. What makes the film even more exciting is the fact that the theatrical trailer was released months ahead of the film's actual release, setting the stage for one of the most talked-about films of the year. Typically, big-ticket films unveil their trailers just a couple of weeks before release, but *Kanguva* surprised everyone by launching its first trailer two months in advance, leaving fans on the edge of their seats.

With the film's release date now approaching, fans were hoping for another trailer to build on the excitement, but until recently, the makers had remained tight-lipped about the possibility of a second trailer. Some fans expressed their disappointment, unsure whether they'd get another sneak peek before the film hits theaters. However, today, Suriya himself delivered a much-needed update to his fanbase.

The star actor took to social media to confirm that the second trailer for *Kanguva* is indeed on the way. This announcement has reignited the excitement among fans, who were eager to see more of the action-packed drama unfold before its release. Given the success of the first trailer, the second one is expected to play a crucial role in driving advance bookings and keeping the film in the spotlight.



In addition to Suriya's powerful dual roles, *Kanguva* also features Bobby Deol and Disha Patani in pivotal roles, further heightening anticipation. The film's music, composed by Devi Sri Prasad, is also expected to add to its appeal, with fans looking forward to some memorable tunes that complement the film's grand scale.

As the release date nears, *Kanguva* is shaping up to be one of the biggest event films of the year, and the release of the second trailer will undoubtedly fuel even more excitement in the lead-up to its debut.

'Bhairavam' Sparks with First Look Poster of Nara Rohit

Tollywood's highly anticipated multistarrer *Bhairavam* is creating a buzz even before its release, thanks to the efforts of director Vijay Kanakamedala. The film has already attracted significant attention from audiences, with early excitement centered around the first look posters of its lead stars.

The makers recently unveiled the first look of hero Bellamkonda Srinivas from *Bhairavam*, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Fans are eager to learn more about the film's storyline, especially with the intriguing title that hints at a gripping narrative. Following the success of Srinivas's poster, the filmmakers have now dropped the highly anticipated first look of Nara Rohit's character. Rohit plays the powerful and intense role of 'Varada', and his action-packed look has stirred curiosity among viewers.



In addition to Bellamkonda Srinivas and Nara Rohit, *Bhairavam* also stars actor Manchu Manoj, who is expected to bring another compelling performance to the film. Although Manoj's first look is yet to be revealed, fans are eagerly awaiting more updates about his character.

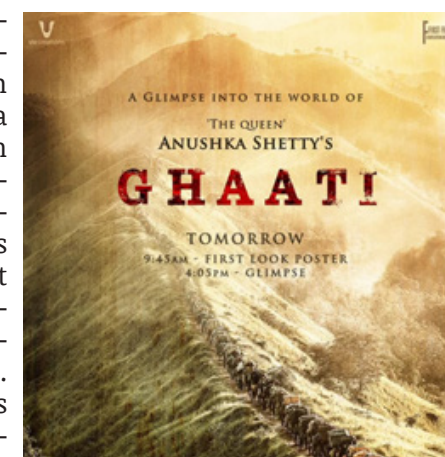
Produced by KK Radhamohan under the banner of Sri Sathya Sai Arts, *Bhairavam* is expected to be a high-octane entertainer. Sricharan Pakala, known for his distinctive music, is composing the soundtrack for the film, adding to the anticipation surrounding the project.

With strong performances, a talented cast, and a promising director at the helm, *Bhairavam* is set to be one of the most exciting films in Tollywood's lineup. Fans are already buzzing with excitement for the next poster reveals and are eager to see how the film unfolds on the big screen.

Anushka Ghaati Generates Buzz with First Look and Glimpse Announcement

Anushka Shetty continues to dominate the southern film industry, building a pan-India image with her stellar performances. Following the success of her previous projects, she is now set to star in a highly anticipated film titled *Ghaati*, directed by Krish. This social drama is already piquing the interest of fans, especially after the release of the pre-look, which has gone viral on social media.

On the occasion of Anushka's birthday, exciting updates about the film were announced. The first look poster will be unveiled tomorrow at 9:45 AM, and the much-awaited glimpse video is set to be released later at 4:05 PM. The pre-release stills, which show people carrying bundles along a hilly path, have already generated a lot of buzz. This teaser image gives a glimpse of the unique and gripping story that Krish plans to bring to the big screen, promising an innovative approach to filmmaking.



Ghaati will explore the intense theme of revenge, focusing on a victim who turns into a criminal to avenge their pain. This intriguing premise has raised curiosity about the narrative, as audiences are eager to see how the film unfolds.

The film is jointly produced by UV Creations and First Prem Entertainments and will have a post-theatrical release on Amazon Prime Video, further expanding its reach. Anushka Shetty's strong fanbase and the film's exciting plot are expected to make *Ghaati* a major success.

In addition to *Ghaati*, Anushka is also starring in *Kathanar - The Wild Sorcerer*, which marks her entry into Mollywood. Directed by Rojin Thomas, this film adds another exciting project to her diverse portfolio. Fans are eagerly awaiting her next moves, with *Ghaati* being one of the most anticipated films of her career.