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Varra Ravindra Reddy Caught by Police at Andhra-Telangana Border



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP social media activist Varra Ravindra Reddy, who has been embroiled in multiple controversies for allegedly posting obscene content about political leaders, has been apprehended by the police at the Andhra-Telangana border. The arrest follows a lengthy search by law enforcement after Reddy went absconding in connection with various cases.

Previously, Reddy had been detained and issued 41A notices but evaded further arrest when Kadapa police attempted to take him into custody in a separate case. For the past few days, police forces have been on the lookout for him.

Reddy's capture took place in the vicinity of Mahbub Nagar. He has been linked to inflammatory and derogatory posts targeting several prominent figures, including Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, Anita, Vijayamma, and Sharmila. As a result, cases have been lodged against him in Kadapa, Rajampet, and Mangalagiri police stations, prompting heightened efforts by the police to bring him in for questioning.

CM with Police Officials to **Review Social Media Posts** and Arrests

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu convened a Chandrababu crucial meeting with senior police officials to review the recent social media Holds Meeting posts and the arrests linked to political activities. The meeting, held at the state police headquarters, was attended by Director General of Police (DGP) Dwarakathirumala Rao, who briefed the CM on the ongoing investigations and actions taken by the police.

> The discussions centered around the rising concerns regarding objectionable social media content and the legal implications of such posts. The police are under scrutiny for the arrests made in connection



with social media activity, particularly in the context of the recent political tensions. CM Naidu expressed concern over the arrests and emphasized the importance of adhering to legal procedures while ensuring that law and order are maintained.

Sources indicate that the meeting also focused on the ongoing judicial review of some of the arrests, especially in

light of petitions filed by political leaders questioning the actions of the police. CM Naidu reportedly instructed police officials to exercise caution in handling such sensitive cases while respecting the legal rights of individuals.

YCP Leaders File Petition in High Court Over Alleged **Unlawful Arrests of Social Media Workers**

In a significant legal development, YSR Congress Party (YSCP) leaders have filed a petition in the High Court, alleging that several social media workers associated with the party were arrest-



ed without being produced before the court. The petition claims that these arrests were made in violation of legal procedures.

Representing the state government, Advocate General Dammalapati Srinivas informed the court that notices had been issued and court proceedings were ongoing in the matter. He assured the court that appropriate actions were being taken in accordance with the law.

In response, the High Court directed the police to submit CCTV footage from the relevant police stations, ensuring a judicial review of the arrests. This directive aims to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrests and ensure that due process was followed.

The case has drawn considerable attention, with political leaders and legal experts closely monitoring the court's actions. The outcome of this case could have significant implications for the handling of political dissent and social media-related issues in the state.

Investigation Launched into Illegal Red Gravel Mining at IS Jagannathapuram – DCM Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Officials have initiated an investigation into illegal red gravel excavations at IS Jagannathapuram in Eluru district following a report submitted to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's office. The inquiry comes after allegations of unapproved mining activities in the area.

Major irregularities in red gravel excavation were uncovered in IS Jagannathpuram village, Eluru district, following an investigation initiated

by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The company involved, Bekem Infra Projects Limited, has been found to have excavated over 6 lakh cubic meters of red gravel across 20.95 acres without the required permissions. This dis-



of the Deepam 2 scheme, where he observed extensive excavations near the Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple.

The investigation, led by the District Collector, revealed that only covery came after Pawan Kalyan a fraction of the excavations had ities.

been legally permitted. In total, 6,15,683 cubic meters of red gravel were mined in unauthorized areas. Furthermore, the gravel was falsely registered as having been excavated from approved sites. In response, the administration has issued notices to Bekem Infra for the illegal mining and show-cause notices to officials from the Revenue and Mines Departments for their negligence.

The Deputy Chief Minister exvisited the village for the launch pressed concern over the environmental damage caused by the excavation, including harm to local greenery and biodiversity. The Forest Department has been instructed to investigate and submit a report on the ecological impact of the unauthorized mining activ-

YS Sharmila Challenges Jagan and YCP MLAs to **Resign Over Assembly Absence**





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Notices Issued to Former MLA Kethireddy to Vacate Encroached Lands

TPN, Dharmavaram: The revenue authorities in Dharmavaram have issued a notice to former MLA Kethireddy Venkataramireddy's family, demanding that they vacate a farmhouse allegedly built on encroached pond land within one week. The notices were addressed to Gali Vasumathi, wife of Kethireddy's brother, over claims of occupying approximately 30 acres, including pond and government land.

The issue has political implications, gaining momentum when TDP leader Nara Lokesh spotlighted the alleged encroachment during his Yuvagalam Padayatra, challenging Kethireddy's occupation of the Dharmavaram pond. Lokesh pledged that TDP, upon gaining power, would take strict measures against such irregularities.

Revenue records reportedly indicate that while 25 acres were legitimately purchased from local farmers, the Kethireddy family allegedly extended their holdings to an additional 20 acres, encompassing public lands and a pond area. The farmhouse boasts luxurious features, including a horse racetrack and boating facilities. Further allegations include the occupation of 10 acres in Malla Kalva village under Dharmavaram mandal, for which the family has also been issued notices demanding explanations.



Former MLA Kethireddy refuted the accusations, characterizing the notices as politically motivated and claiming that his family's land dealings are lawful. With ongoing High Court proceedings related to the case, Kethireddy has signaled plans to file contempt charges against the authorities for issuing notices, labeling their actions as politically driven harassment.

The irrigation department, however, asserts that encroachments did occur, reiterating that the land is registered in Vasumathi's name and warning of possible government seizure if the lands are not vacated. This politically charged dispute continues to escalate, capturing significant public and media at-

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Big Update on Tirumala Laddu Controversy, CBI Launches Investigation with Additional Staff

Pradesh: Tirumala Laddu controversy, which has been making headlines for some time, is now under thorough investigation. In a significant development, the state government requested ditional assist Central Bureau





from that company.

of Investigation (CBI) team that has been appointed to probe the matter. The CBI, led by Director AS Viresh Prabhu, has already deployed a five-member team, which includes senior officials such as Guntur Range IG Sarvashrestha Tripathi and Visakhapatnam Range DIG Jetty Gopinath, among oth-

The controversy erupted after comments by former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, who alleged that animal fat was being used in the preparation of the famous Tirumala Laddu. Further scrutiny revealed troubling findings, including a lab report that confirmed the presence of animal fat and other objectionable ingredients in the Laddu. The ghee supplied by a Tamil Nadu-based company was found to be heavily adulterated, leading to the suspension of supplies

As the matter escalated, the Supreme Court intervened and formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into the issue. The SIT has already started its work in the field, with a special office set up in Tirupati. The CBI team, which has also reviewed the lab reports, is expected to conduct further investigations into the production process of the Laddu, including examining the diary of the supplier and the ghee used in the preparation.

The investigation will be closely supervised by the CBI Director, and it is expected that the findings will shed more light on the controversial issue, which has hurt the sentiments of devotees across the country.

₹25 Lakh Medical Assistance Under Arogyashri in AP -Minister Sathya Kumar

TPN. Andhra Pradesh: Minister Sathva Kumar Yadav has announced that the state government will provide medical assistance of up to Rs 25 lakh per person under the Arogyashri healthcare scheme. Speaking to the media in Kakinada, the minister highlighted the government's dedication to transforming the healthcare sector, contrasting it with the perceived neglect of previous administrations.

Minister Sathya Kumar outlined the government's plans to improve medical facilities and accessibility throughout the state. "Our government is making significant efforts to strengthen the medical system. We have allocated Rs 4,000 crore in the current financial year to enhance healthcare services and infrastructure," he stated.

The Arogyashri scheme is designed to offer comprehensive health coverage to residents, ensuring access to essential and advanced medical treatments. Minister Sathya Kumar emphasized that the scheme



aims to relieve families from the burden of high medical expenses and provide better healthcare opportunities to the underprivileged sections of society.

The initiative is expected to offer timely medical interventions and critical care support to eligible citizens, reinforcing the government's commitment to the welfare of its people.

Major Development in Kadambari **Jethwani Case, Bail Hearing for YCP Leader Vidyasagar Continues**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant update, the Andhra Pradesh government has handed over the investigation of the Mumbai actress Kadambari Jethwani case to the CID. The case, which has drawn widespread attention, saw a crucial hearing in the CID court regarding the bail petition of YCP leader Kukkala Vidyasagar, who is the primary accused.

During the court session, a counter was filed by actress Jethwani against Vidyasagar's impleaded petition, prompting the court to schedule the next hearing for November 11. The CID court granted three days' custody of Vidyasagar to the police, in contrast to the one-week custody initially sought by the authorities.

The case has serious implications, with allegations of harassment and an unlawful case lodged against Jethwani by the Jagan government, reportedly based on a complaint filed by Vidyasagar. The investigation revealed the involvement of three senior IAS officers—former intelligence chief PSR Anjaneyu, Kanti Rana Tata, and



Vishal Ganni—all of whom have since been suspended due to their alleged roles in the matter. Vidyasagar's arrest has also led to his remand.

Kadambari Jethwani has alleged that the case against her was orchestrated as part of a conspiracy to coerce her into withdrawing a case against an industrialist. She accused the Ibrahimpatnam police of registering a false FIR and claimed that her subsequent arrest alongside her parents in Mumbai was engineered by PSR Anjaneyu. In her complaint, Jethwani called for the immediate arrest of Vidyasagar and sought police protection for herself and her family. The investigation continues under the CID's watchful eye.

Minister Narayana Warns of Investigation into Jagan Govt's Irrigation Department Corruption

Nellore: Narayana has raised concerns over alleged corruption within the Jagan government's irrigation department and announced an investigation into the matter. Speaking at the Irrigation Advisory Board meeting at the Nellore Collectorate, Narayana accused the current government of negligence and improper billing in irrigation projects, especially in relation to the canal systems. He emphasized that the canals had not been properly cleared of silt, leading to inefficiencies in water distribution.



lakh acres. The Minister also pointed out that 140 TMC of water could be drawn from these two reservoirs in total.

Further, Narayana held the current government responsible for the floods in the region, citing the alleged encroachment on canals under the YCP's administration. He claimed that the flooding, particularly in Budameru, was a result of such invasions and confirmed that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu had ordered the launch of "Opera-

tion Budameru" to address the crisis.

During the meeting, Narayana outlined plans to irrigate 8 lakh acres during the upcoming Rabi season. He confirmed that 55.100 TMC of water from Somashila would be used to irrigate 5.51 lakh acres, while 22.600 TMC from Kandaleru would cover 2.26 The Minister's comments indicate a broader strategy to expose alleged mismanagement and corruption in the irrigation sector under the Jagan government, which he claims has resulted in improper handling of infrastructure and resources.

Central Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar Warns of Strict Action on Welfare Hostels' Issues

TPN. Guntur: Central Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar has issued a stern warning regarding the welfare hostels in Guntur district, emphasizing that strict action will be taken if any problems are identified in these institutions. During a special meeting with officials from R&B, Highways, Municipal Corporation, and Railways, the Minister discussed key development issues and assured that welfare hostels would undergo thorough inspections soon to ensure their proper functioning.

Pemmasani also promised that any challenges re-



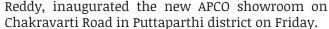
lated to these hostels would be addressed decisively, signaling a commitment to maintaining high standards for the facilities intended to support marginalized communities. He further announced that he would conduct monthly reviews of the city's issues to ensure effective governance and resolution of local problems.

In addition, the Central Minister provided an update on ongoing infrastructure projects, assuring the completion of the Shankar Vilas Bridge in the next six months,

underscoring the government's commitment to urban development in the region.

Govt Continued Support to Handloom Workers, Minister Savitha Calls for Respect for Craftsmen

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: State BC Welfare and Handloom Textiles Minister S. Savitha emphasized the government's commitment to supporting handloom workers, highlighting efforts to provide comprehensive encouragement to the sector. Minister Savitha, along with Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura



During the event, the minister remarked that this APCO showroom was the first to be opened in the newly formed district, emphasizing its importance in bringing the state's handloom textiles closer to the people. She encouraged citizens to wear handwoven clothing and acknowledged the government's steps under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to rejuvenate and promote the handloom sector. "In the past, handloom workers faced numerous challenges. Our government is determined to stand by them and improve their livelihood through various initiatives," she said.

Minister Savitha highlighted recent efforts to improve marketing opportunities for handloom products. Over the last five months, APCO has implemented various development programs and trained



showroom managers through skill development initiatives to enhance sales. The organization achieved sales of Rs. 18.36 crore up to October this year, a significant increase compared to the previous year. Additionally, APCO supplied handloom clothing worth Rs. 28.86 crore to welfare departments, reflecting a Rs. 12 crore increase from the prior year.

Puttaparthi MLA Sindhura Reddy commended the government's measures to support handloom families and promote their products. She urged the youth to embrace handloom products, noting that modern designs and online sales have broadened their appeal. Highlighting the international acclaim for Dharmavaram silk sarees and Kalankari creations, Reddy stressed the importance of protecting the handloom industry and supporting artisans.

The inauguration was attended by APCO Vice Chairman R. Pawanmurthy, General Manager Nageswara Rao, AD Ramakrishna, and other officials.

YS Sharmila Challenges Jagan and YCP MLAs to Resign Over Assembly Absence

la, President of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee, has issued a bold challenge to her brother, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, President of YSRCP and Pulivendula MLA, as well as other YCP MLAs, to resign from their posts if they choose not to attend assembly sessions. The remarks were made during a media conference in Machilipatnam, where Sharmila was asked about her stance on attending legislative meetings. This challenge marks the latest chapter in the growing political tensions between the siblings.

Sharmila criticized Jagan for avoiding assembly sessions, al-

TPN, Machilipatnam: YS Sharmi- leging that he does so because he party, is obligated to attend and lacks the courage to engage as an MLA without the title of Leader of the Opposition, a role denied to him due to the number of YCP seats. "If Jagan or any YCP MLA does not have the courage to face the Assembly, they should resign from their posts," she declared.

> Sharmila's criticism centered on the fundamental role of MLAs in addressing the issues of their constituencies within the legislature. She emphasized that the Assembly is a vital forum where representatives should speak for their people, challenge the government, and contribute to state development. "Every MLA, regardless of

voice the concerns of those who elected them," Sharmila asserted.

Jagan's decision to abstain from legislative sessions has drawn widespread criticism, with detractors accusing him of neglecting his duties as an MLA. Sharmila's challenge is expected to intensify the pressure on Jagan and other YCP leaders to justify their absence and their role in legislative affairs.

It remains to be seen how Jagan and the YCP will respond to Sharmila's pointed remarks and whether they will address her challenge directly.



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Minister Atchannaidu Criticizes Jagan Mohan Reddy, **Defends Coalition Govt**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Atchannaidu strongly defended the coalition government, emphasizing its democratic nature and impartiality. He stated that any individual found guilty of misconduct would face legal consequences, regardless of their party affiliation. Addressing the media on Friday, Atchannaidu criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for allegedly misusing his power over the past five years by targeting government opponents with legal cases, accusing him of deriving "satanic pleasure" from such actions.

Atchannaidu asserted that their coalition government functions without favoritism, contrasting it with what he portrayed as Jagan's politically motivated actions. He alleged that Jagan's approach towards individuals was marked by personal vendettas, cloaked under the guise of free expression. Atchannaidu accused Jagan of supporting posts against women, branding it as a misuse of the principle of free speech.

Expressing outrage, the minister condemned derogatory social media content allegedly posted under Jagan's watch. Referring to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's distress over social media posts, Atchannaidu questioned Jagan's stance and whether he condoned false and hurt-



ful posts targeting family members. Issuing a stern warning, he declared, "Khabardar Jagan, if you make women cry, don't expect us to remain silent!"

The minister assured that stringent actions would be taken against crimes such as sexual violence and pledged to continue addressing public grievances, even while out of power. Atchannaidu underscored his commitment to responding to societal issues and protecting the dignity of women, vowing that no individual's rights would be violated under the coalition's governance.

TDP MLC Bhumi Reddy Questions Jagan Mohan Reddy's Commitment to Governance

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLC Bhumi Reddy Ramgopal Reddy has raised several pointed questions about the leadership of former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking at a media conference at the TDP office in Mangalagiri, Bhumi Reddy questioned why Jagan, who has allegedly avoided participating in Assembly sessions, even needs a political party. He also criticized Jagan's decision to announce Gautham Reddy as an MLC candidate only to later backtrack, demanding clarity on the

Bhumi Reddy expressed dissatisfaction with Jagan's governance, particularly in Pulivendu, where he claimed public problems remain unresolved. He suggested that Jagan should resign from his post, allowing for a more effective leader to take over. The TDP MLC criticized Jagan for his absence from the Assembly and accused him of fleeing from accountability.

Additionally, Bhumi Reddy demanded



that MLC elections be conducted through the ballot method, asserting that this is the preference of Jagan himself. The TDP leader accused Jagan of knowing "how to do irregularities in elections," hinting at potential election manipulations. Bhumi Reddy's comments underscore a growing dissatisfaction within the TDP regarding Jagan's political conduct and commitment to addressing public issues.

TDP Leader Varla Ramaiah Slams Jagan Over Support for Social Media Activist

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Politburo member Varla Ramaiah issued a strong rebuke to YSRCP Chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for his defense of social media activist Varra Ravindra Reddy. Speaking at a press conference, Ramaiah criticized Jagan for supporting Reddy, who has been accused of making unethical and derogatory remarks about Jagan's sister, Y.S. Sharmila. Ramaiah questioned Jagan's judgment, stating, "Is Jagan ashamed to support someone who made obscene comments about his own sister?"

Varla Ramaiah expressed disbelief over Jagan's willingness to stand by Varra Ravindra Reddy, who allegedly made offensive posts targeting Sharmila. Ramaiah challenged Jagan to publicly justify his actions, calling the remarks "obscene and despicable." He accused Jagan of failing to protect the dignity of his own family, alleging that Jagan's support for Reddy reflected poorly on his character and relationship with his sister.

Ramaiah also condemned Jagan for allegedly spending lavishly on a "war room" to shield individuals who post objectionable content online. "How can Jagan agree to save someone who made such disgusting comments?" he asked. He further criticized Jagan's lack of response to past insults and



expressed concern over the mental state of YCP leaders given Jagan's stance.

Turning his attention to broader issues, Ramaiah referenced past incidents where he claimed that the YCP government mistreated critics, including the alleged harassment of Dr. Sudhakar and the case of a young Dalit woman's assault. He accused Jagan of selective outrage and questioned his silence on posts targeting his own fam-

Ramaiah concluded by challenging Jagan to uphold democratic values and take responsibility for protecting his own family's dignity, as well as that of all citizens.

Minister Parthasarathy Criticizes Jagan Mohan Reddy's Stance on Democratic Values

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy has criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of hypocrisy for speaking on democratic values despite allegedly leading an undemocratic government. Parthasarathy expressed outrage at Jagan's stance, stating that it is ironic for someone with a questionable record to lecture on democracy. The minister questioned whether Jagan was defending and supporting those who have insulted

women, suggesting that he failed to respond when his own mother and sister faced criticism.

Parthasarathy further stated that no official within the alliance government would need to conceal

themselves "beyond the seven seas," alluding to the transparency and accountability they aim to uphold. He dismissed Jagan's ambitions to return to power as "foolish."

The minister accused Jagan of creating disorder within the state's police system and using the CID to target opposition leaders. He highlighted what he described as the brutal treatment of an MP from Jagan's own party, claiming such actions are un-

precedented in the nation. Parthasarathy concluded by accusing Jagan of supporting leaders involved in wrongdoing, criticizing his failure to hold them accountable for their actions.

Lakshmi Parvathi Sharp Critique of Chandrababu Naidu's Governance

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YS-RCP leader Lakshmi Parvathi launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and the coalition government, alleging widespread corruption and misuse of power. Parvathi remarked that people like Hitler met their end without a sense of direction, drawing a controversial analogy to current political circumstances. She claimed that cases were being indiscriminately filed without regard for public welfare and that social media is exposing corruption in Naidu's administration.

During a media interaction on Friday, Parvathi ref-

erenced the tragic case of Geetha Anjali from Tenali,

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of Chief Minister, he is a mere figurehead with others controlling the state's affairs.

Lakshmi Parvathi accused Naidu of orchestrating conspiracies, including using a "boochi" (bogeyman) narrative to topple NTR's government. She further alleged that TDP faked a letter from Vijayamma on Twitter, forcing her to release a clarifying video. Parvathi painted Naidu as the mastermind behind driving Vijayamma out of her home.

She expressed disappointment with actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan, claiming he failed to hold Naidu accountable despite prior statements promising to do so. Parvathi also targeted the state's Director General of Police (DGP), labeling him a "failure officer." Referring to Y.S. Sharmila's allegations of offensive posts from Balakrishna's household, Parvathi questioned why no legal action was taken.

who reportedly committed suicide due to posts allegedly made by ITDP. She criticized the circulation of demeaning posts targeting women and accused Naidu of failing to prevent such incidents. Parvathi went on to assert that, although Naidu holds the title

Jogi Ramesh Hits Back at Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Krishnaprasad's Comments

TPN, Ibrahimpatnam: YSRCP leader and former minister Jogi Ramesh launched a sharp counter to Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Krishnaprasad's remarks. Ramesh, speaking at a public meeting, claimed that local leaders are "agitated and uneasy" following his appearance. He asserted that despite not being an MLA, his influence in the constituency remains strong and widely recognized by the people.

Ramesh accused Krishnaprasad of looting Mylavaram's natural resources, claiming that illegal activities in the constituency have persisted, first under YSRCP and now allegedly with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). He referred to Krishnaprasad as "Mylavaram's Veerappan," accusing him of illegal mining and exploitation of forest land and resources. Ramesh also alleged corruption, stating, "Is this the same Krishna Prasad who steals ash and demands commissions for setting up brandy shops?"

The former minister challenged Krishnaprasad to a public debate, proposing venues like Aitavaram, Gollapudi, and even at a Gandhi statue. He accused Krishnaprasad's family of misconduct and claimed that they belong to an "uncultured family" with a tainted history.

Ramesh also targeted the alliance between the TDP

The MLA further claimed that Jagan's actions were

part of a larger conspiracy to destabilize Andhra

in the state.



and Krishnaprasad, warning that such ties would not last and predicting Krishnaprasad's exit by 2027. "He came to us, betrayed us, and joined you. What guarantee do you have that he won't betray you too?" Ramesh questioned. He urged all parties, including TDP, to reject leaders who allegedly exploit public resources.

Ramesh emphasized his commitment to contesting the next elections from Mylavaram on behalf of the YSRCP, leaving the decision to the people. He concluded by challenging the MLA to resign and face the electorate independently, questioning the consistency of his loyalty and integrity.

MLA GV Anjaneyulu Accuses Jagan of Plotting

to Destabilize AP, Calls for His Arrest TPN, Vinukonda: TDP MLA GV Anjaneyulu has strongly criticized YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of exposing a "criminal and factional mentality." Anjaneyulu alleged that Jagan was attempting to intimidate the police, even going as far as threatening the Director General of Police (DGP), and that he was inciting rowdies to create chaos

an attempt to plot the destruction of the state. "If rowdy sheeters and murderers are sent to jail, YSRCP will be almost empty," he remarked, insinuating that the party's ranks were populated by criminals.

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Anjaneyulu called for Jagan's immediate arrest, stating that only through such actions could peace be restored and crime reduced in the state. His

statements reflect ongoing political tension and the accusations of factionalism that have been a hallmark of the state's politics in recent years.

VIJAYAWADA

Seaplane Service from Vijayawada to Srisailam Trail Run Was Successfull

CM Chandrababu & Central Minister Rammohan Naidu Will Inaugurate Today



TPN, Vijayawada/Srisailam: In a first for Andhra Pradesh, the state government has launched a seaplane service from Vijayawada's Punnami Ghat to Srisailam. The inaugural flight, scheduled for Saturday, will be undertaken by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Central Minister Rammohan Naidu. The duo will fly to Srisailam by seaplane and return to Vijayawada's Punnami Ghat by the same route.

Ahead of the official trip, a successful trial run was conducted at Punnami Ghat on Friday, led by experts and overseen by CP Rajasekhara Babu and the district Collector. CP Babu noted that a series of seaplane trial runs were held to ensure smooth operations, with additional preparations made to accommodate an expected audience of 1,000 people witnessing the landmark event.

The arrival of CM Chandrababu has prompted extensive security measures, with heavy police deployment and the activation of Greyhounds forces to patrol the surrounding forests of the Srisailam Dam backwaters. The NDRF has also been alerted, with high-speed engine boats on standby for any necessary rescue operations in the reservoir. Security has been further heightened with inspections by dog squads, bomb squads, and ongoing assessments by District Collector Rajakumari and SP Adhiraj Singh Rana.

This initiative marks a milestone in tourism and connectivity between Vijayawada and Srisailam, highlighting the government's commitment to innovative transportation solutions.

Minister & MLA Visits MLC Candidate Alapati Raja Following Mother's Passing

TPN, Eluru: On Friday, Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishnaprasad, along with State Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar and graduate MLC candidate Alapati Rajendra Prasad (Raja), paid their respects to the late Vanajakshi, the mother of Raja, who passed away on the 31st of last month.

The leaders visited Raja's residence in Lakshmipuram village, Pedavegi Mandal, Eluru district, to offer their condolences. They

paid tribute to Vanajakshi by placing flowers on her portrait, expressing their heartfelt sorrow over her passing. The group also prayed for her soul to rest in peace.

The visit was attended by several leaders from the NDA Grand Alliance of Mylavaram Constituency, who joined in paying respects to the late Vanajakshi and offering their support to Raja during this difficult time.



Vasireddy Padma Calls for **Stronger Laws to Protect Women from** Social Media Attacks



TPN, Vijayawada: Former Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh State Women's Commission, Vasireddy Padma, has criticized the current laws for being insufficient to protect women from social media harassment and attacks. Speaking to the media, Padma condemned the ongoing defamation of political leaders' families, including that of CM Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and the women Home Minister, through harmful social media posts. She stressed that weak laws cannot safeguard women from the rising threat posed by social media abusers, whom she referred to as "psychos."

Padma has called on the National Commission for Women (NCW) to file a petition in the Supreme Court seeking the implementation of stricter laws against social media harassment. She urged the Supreme Court to revisit its previous rulings on social media, citing the need for a more robust legal framework to tackle the growing problem of digital abuse targeting women.

Padma, who served as the chairperson of the Women's Commission during the tenure of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government, expressed her dissatisfaction with the handling of women's issues by the current administration. After resigning from the YSRCP, she criticized Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for his lack of commitment to the welfare and protection of women. Padma also criticized the inaction of key officials, including the former Home Minister, during her time in the party.

Vasireddy Padma reaffirmed her intention to remain politically active and serve the people, voicing her belief that strong, courageous leadership is essential for the state's progress. She also pointed out growing dissatisfaction within the party and among its leadership.

Public Concerns Addressed at Janavani Program by Janasena Party Office in Mangalagiri



TPN, Mangalagiri: On Friday, the Janasena Party's central office in Mangalagiri hosted the Janavani program, providing a platform for people from different parts of the state to voice their concerns and submit petitions. The petitions were received by Ungutur MLA, Mr. Patsamatla Dharmaraju, who was present at the event to listen to the public's grievances.

The program was attended by several key members of the party, including State Secretaries Mrs. Ghantasala Venkatalakshmi and Mr. Mandali Rajesh, along with legal team members such as Mr. Baiyavarapu Narasimharao. The event aimed to address the concerns of citizens directly, with the Janasena leadership assuring that the issues raised would be taken into consideration and followed up on accordingly.

The Janavani program has become an important initiative for the party, allowing the leadership to stay connected with the public and ensure that their concerns are heard and acted upon. This interactive platform is part of Janasena's commitment to transparency and citizen engagement in political affairs.

First Cotton Buying Center Inaugurated in Nandigama Constituency - MLA Tangirala Soumya

TPN, Nandigama: MLA Tangirala Soumya inaugurated the first cotton buying center The MLA highlighted the central governexpected to greatly benefit local farmers. The new cotton procurement center, set up by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) at the Nandigama market yard, aims to provide fair pricing and ease of access for cotton producers in the region.

During the inauguration ceremony, MLA Soumya emphasized that farmers can now sell their cotton directly to the center, eliminating the need to rely on private buyers and reducing the transportation costs associated with selling to distant markets. On the opening day, processes such as payment methods and moisture testing were thoroughly reviewed. The buying price for quality cotton was set at ₹7,521 per quintal, ensuring that farmers receive a fair value for their produce.

in the Nandigama constituency, a move ment's initiative to support cotton farm ers through subsidies provided by CCI and urged all eligible farmers to make full use of the center. Soumya stated that the marketing officers present at the purchase center will extend all necessary assistance and cooperation to the farmers to streamline the buying process.

> She also mentioned that both central and state governments are actively working to implement Swaminathan's recommendations for agricultural reforms. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has recently taken significant steps to modernize agriculture, including promoting drone technology in farming practices, further showcasing the government's commitment to farmer welfare.

Vijayawada's Long-Awaited VR Siddhartha College Bridge Finally **Open to Commuters**



TPN, Vijayawada: After a lengthy wait of over five years, commuters in Vijayawada will finally benefit from the VR Siddhartha College Bridge, which was officially made accessible on Thursday. The completion of the Beatty Road over the bridge marks the end of traffic congestion on Bandaru Road, offering an alternative route for residents and travelers.

The construction of the bridge began in 2018 under the auspices of the CRDA, with the goal of alleviating traffic issues along the Vijayawada Port Road. Initially funded by the Siddhartha Academy, the project faced setbacks when the YCP government took office in 2019 and halted CRDA works due to a lack of funds. However, with the arrival of the coalition government, work resumed, and within months, MLA Bode Prasad initiated several key improvements.

Under the leadership of MLA Bode Prasad, sound barriers were installed to prevent noise pollution, a drainage system was built, and a BT road was constructed at a cost of several lakhs, making the bridge fully accessible. The work was completed by the Siddhartha Academy, which funded the construction of the road over the bridge.

The newly completed bridge will ease traffic congestion during peak hours, providing a direct route for passengers coming from Bandaru, Uyyur, Kankipadu, and Eluru roads. Commuters traveling from Vijayawada to Enikepadu, Eluru Road, and Kankipadu will benefit from this smooth alternative, which will significantly reduce traffic on Bandaru Road.

For many, the dream of traveling without congestion on the bridge has become a reality, thanks to the dedicated efforts of MLA Bode Prasad and the coalition government.

Revenue Officials Allegedly Involved in Sand Smuggling in Mylavaram

TPN, Mylavaram: In Ibrahimpatnam Mandal of Mylavaram Constituency, sand smuggling has become a rampant issue, with farmers claiming that their crops are being destroyed by illegal sand miners. The smuggling is reportedly taking place day and night, with large and small trucks transporting sand freely.

Farmers in the region allege that despite repeated complaints, no action is being taken by the local authorities. They have accused the Chief Officer of the Ibrahim-

patnam Revenue Department and his staff of turning a blind eye to the ongoing smuggling. Reports suggest that revenue officials are complicit in the operation, as they allegedly benefit from the illegal activities through regular payments. Farmers are frustrated by the lack of response from the authorities, with many stating that the revenue staff, who are accustomed to the monthly routine, are either indifferent or directly involved in the operation.

The situation has worsened to the point

where farmers have been forced to contact the Vijayawada police control room, pleading for protection for their fields. Despite their complaints, the farmers claim that their concerns continue to fall on deaf ears, with the local revenue office showing little to no initiative in stopping the smuggling activities. The widespread destruction of crops by the illegal sand mining is threatening the livelihoods of the farmers, but local authorities appear to be indifferent to the situation.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Pays Tributes to Late Alapati Vanajakshi in Eluru Dist

charge minister Nadendla Mano-MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad, paid homage to the late Alapati Vanajakshi, mother of Tenali's former MLA Alapati Raja, at Lakshmipuram village in Pedavegi mandal. Vanajakshi, aged 91, passed away recently in her hometown.

During their visit, Minister Nadendla Manohar and MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad expressed their condolences to the grieving

TPN, Eluru: Eluru district in- Alapati family and honored Vanajakshi's memory by offering floral har, accompanied by Mylavaram tributes to her portrait. The minister extended his sympathies to the family members and acknowledged Vanajakshi's legacy within the community.

> The visit highlighted the support extended by government representatives during a time of loss for the family, reflecting their commitment to standing by citizens in moments of personal grief.





Bhavani Island Prepares for Tourists Post-Floods, Rehabilitation and **Adventure Games to Resume**

TPN, Vijayawada: Bhavani Island, a popular tourist attraction in Vijayawada, was recently inspected by V. Swami Naidu, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in charge of the Bhavani Island Tourism Development Corporation (BITC). The visit focused on assessing the flood damage and reviewing the ongoing rehabilitation programs aimed at restoring the island's infrastructure and attractions.

With the Kartika month underway, CEO Swami Naidu emphasized the importance of resuming adventure games for tourists starting Monday. The authorities were directed to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place to guarantee a pleasant and seamless experience for visitors. Efforts to bring back the island's pre-flood greenery and maintain its cleanliness were prioritized.

The CEO ordered the swift restoration of key services, including the electricity supply, RO water systems, the maze garden, and the mirror maze. The functionality of the island's sound system must also be restored promptly, and any sand accumulation on the roads is to be cleared within a week.

BITC General Manager Ramani, Manager Ravindra, and other officials were present during the inspection, lending support to the efforts aimed at revitalizing Bhavani Island as a key tourist destination in Vijayawada.

IT Raids Continue for Third Day at Former MLA Grandhi Srinivas's Properties

TPN, Bhimavaram: The Income Tax (IT) Department's raids on the properties and businesses of YSRCP leader and former Bhimavaram MLA Grandhi Srinivas entered their third day on Friday. The IT officials, hailing from Chennai, conducted searches at multiple locations, including Grandhi's residence and the homes of his business partners and associates, amid allegations of tax evasion amounting to several crores.

The raids began on Wednesday and continued through midnight, extending to Thursday and Friday. Reports indicate that numerous important documents and significant amounts of cash have already been seized. Searches were carried out at seven different locations in Bhimavaram, focusing on Grandhi Srinivas's followers and business associates. Grandhi Srinivas, who owns shrimp processing and export units, is known to have dealings with other shrimp traders in the region, adding a commercial dimension to the investigation.



Grandhi Exports Private Limited (GVR) under Old Singaraikonda Panchayat in Prakasam District, a shrimp processing and export business owned by Grandhi. Eleven IT officers scrutinized company records, reportedly seizing a number of key documents. This is the second IT raid on Grandhi's residence; the first was conducted three decades ago.

heels of a recent complaint made tense atmosphere.

IT officials also targeted Sagar by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to District Collector Nagarani, alleging that Grandhi Srinivas was involved in irregularities related to the procurement of land intended for housing for the poor. Pawan Kalyan claimed that the land was bought at inflated prices, prompting further scrutiny. The ongoing IT raids have since sparked significant political debate, with accusations and The IT investigation comes on the counter-accusations creating a

Female Aghori Sparks Stir in Telugu **States with Controversial Remarks**

TPN, Visakhapatnam: The sudden emergence of a female Aghori in the Telugu states has sparked widespread public interest and controversy. Crowds have been thronging temples where she has made appearances, drawn by both curiosity and her sensational remarks. The Aghori, identified as Srinivas, has made headlines with her fervent calls to stop cow slaughter and end sexual assault on children.



making waves on social media, particularly following her announcement to self-immolate at the Mutyalamma temple in Secunderabad. This led to heightened security by the police, with a two-tier protection setup and Her recent presence has been the involvement of her family for Mahanandi Srisailam.

safety. As she traveled through Andhra Pradesh, the Aghori's visits attracted large gatherings, most recently in Visakhapatnam where she conducted special rituals on the occasion of Nagula Chavithi.

In her comments to the media, the female Aghori lamented police interference, even claiming her car accident was due to harassment. She stated her determination to continue her religious pilgrimage, with planned visits to Yaganti and



TPN, Visakhapatnam: In a major development, the Rushikonda Beach south side road will soon be reopened for public use, providing direct access to the beach. The reopening comes after local community leaders appealed to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu during his recent visit to the area. In response, Naidu instructed officials to facilitate traffic on this route once again.

The southern route, originating near the former Green Resorts and opposite the Rushikonda Venkateswara Swamy Temple, was constructed by the tourism department to accommodate increasing tourist traffic after Rushikonda Beach received Blue Flag recognition. The route, which featured a double road and a divider, offered direct beach access, making it a preferred option for visitors. A toll



lar traffic, but the route was closed power in 2019.

gate was set up to manage vehicu- In recent years, the southern road was blocked off due to the demafter the YCP government came to olition of Harita Resorts and the construction of a new building intended for the Chief Minister's of-

fice. The closure, compounded by the removal of bus stops on the Visakha-Bhimili beach road, led to significant inconvenience for tourists and locals. For nearly five years, traffic remained completely halted on this route.

Following discussions between MP Sribharat, TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao, and the Chief Minister, a plan was devised to reopen the road. The authorities have been instructed to install security measures, including barricades, to control access to the Rushikonda building, ensuring its protection while allowing traffic flow. Once security enhancements are in place, the road will be opened for public use, offering an additional route to Rushikonda Beach and reducing congestion at the Rushikonda Police Station Junction.



Sri Reddy Apologizes to Lokesh, Pawan Kalyan, and **Anita, Pledges No More Controversial Posts**

TPN, Vijayawada: Actress Sri Reddy has publicly apologized to Nara Lokesh, Pawan Kalyan, and Anita in a video statement, expressing regret for her previous comments against them and their families on social media. Her apology comes in the wake of the coalition government's strict crackdown on objectionable social media posts, particularly targeting YCP activists.

In her statement, Sri Reddy acknowledged her past remarks and vowed to refrain from making further posts that could offend these leaders or their families. "I am making this decision keeping in mind my family and my future. I don't want my family to suffer because of my actions. Moving forward, my social media account will not be used to spread false information or make any derogatory comments," she said.

Sri Reddy also urged political leaders to be lenient towards social media activists, including herself. "Please consider easing the measures being taken against social media posts. I appeal for leniency for me and other activists," she stated in her video message.

The coalition government has recently taken a firm stance against online posts deemed offensive, leading to increased scrutiny and legal actions targeting specific individuals. Sri Reddy's public apology signals her willingness to steer clear of controversy in light of these developments.

Four Injured in Car-Lorry **Accident**

TPN, Srikakulam: Four people sustained injuries when their car collided with a lorry in Jadupudi of Kanchili mandal, Srikakulam district. According to locals, a family of four from Madurai was traveling to Puri Jagannath Swamy temple in Odisha via Visakhapatnam. During their journey, a lorry lost control and struck their car on the Jadupudi National Highway. The impact caused the car to hit a road pillar and overturn. Fortunately, due to the deployment of airbags, the passengers survived with only minor injuries. Responding swiftly, personnel from the 1033 vehicle emergency team transported the injured to the Sompet Government Hospital.





The Enduring Struggle for Women's Freedom: From Tehran to the U.S.

single powerful image, and sometimes, that image can speak louder than any form of armed resistance. One such image went viral last week: a young woman, stripped to her underwear, defiantly walking across the campus of Tehran's Islamic Azad University. Her long hair, uncovered, flowed freely as she folded her arms in a gesture that was both protective and resolute. This act of rebellion came after she was accosted by Iran's morality police for not adhering to the strict hijab law, which mandates that women wear headscarves and loose clothing. Eyewitnesses reported that the woman was physically roughed up by the police before taking off her clothes in protest.

Her dramatic act, bold yet desperate, highlighted the ongoing struggle of Iranian women against the theocratic regime that has sought to control their bodies for decades. Since the 1979 revolution, Iranian women have been forced to comply with a regressive dress code, with those who fail to do so facing severe punishment, including arrest, violence, and indoctrination in "re-education" centers. In this case, the young woman was later taken by police to an undisclosed location, reportedly a psychiatric hospital, where authorities dis-

Dissent can often take the form of a missed her act of resistance by labeling. This impulse to control women's bodies her mentally ill. This use of the term "crazy" is a common tactic in patriarchal societies, where bold women who defy conventional expectations are often pathologized and silenced.

> This is not the first time Iranian women have resisted the authoritarian state's attempt to control their lives. In 2022, the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, after she was arrested by the morality police for allegedly not wearing her hijab properly, sparked massive protests across the country. Women led the charge, cutting their hair and discarding their headscarves as a sign of defiance. The rallying cry, "Women, Life, Freedom," resonated worldwide as women's rights became a global cause. Yet, the regime's response was brutal, with more than 500 protesters killed and thousands ar-

The oppression of women in Iran is part of a broader global pattern. Across the Middle East, women face stark gender inequalities, from child marriage to restricted access to divorce and custody. Iran's female labor participation rate is one of the lowest in the region, a direct result of the regime's systemic marginalization of women.

and deny them freedom is not confined to theocratic regimes. In countries with progressive legal frameworks, such as the U.S., the battle for women's rights is also under threat. In 2022, the conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, stripping American women of their constitutional right to an abortion. This shocking reversal exemplifies a growing global trend to limit women's control over their reproductive rights. With Donald Trump's return to power, there are growing fears that this erosion of rights will continue, with further restrictions on contraception, reproductive health, and abortion access.

The question remains: why is misogyny so deeply entrenched in societies around the world, and why does the state continue to dictate women's choices, from their attire to their reproductive rights? Despite the setbacks, the fight for women's freedom is far from over. As the young woman in Tehran demonstrated, women across the globe will continue to rise up, reclaim their autonomy, and fight for equality. Her defiant stance bare and unbowed—reminds us that the struggle for women's rights is ongoing, and that no matter the obstacles, women will never give up.

Taliban's Diplomatic Ambitions and the Return of Trump: A **Complex Path Ahead**



Following Donald Trump's victory in the 2024 U.S. elections, the Taliban's interim government in Kabul wasted no time in reaffirming its diplomatic ambitions. In a carefully crafted statement, the Taliban expressed its hope for a pragmatic approach from the incoming Trump administration towards Afghanistan. Although the group refrained from congratulating Trump—an act ideologically at odds with their interpretation of Sharia law—they acknowledged the historical significance of the Doha Agreement, which had played a key role in facilitating the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021.

For the Taliban, the primary goal now is to secure international legitimacy. While it has managed some recognition, especially from regional powers, the group remains isolated on the global stage. This isolation is partially due to its violent history and its failure to meet international human rights standards, particularly with respect to women's rights. Nevertheless, it has been making strategic efforts to engage diplomatically, focusing on presenting itself as a stabilizing force in the region, particularly in its battle against the Islamic State Khorasan (ISKP).

India's engagement with the Taliban underscores the pragmatism behind such diplomatic efforts. Despite a complicated and contested history, Indian officials continue to hold dialogues with the Taliban, including meetings with senior figures like Mullah Yaqoob, the acting defense minister and son of the group's founder, Mullah Omar. This diplomatic channel remains crucial for India, given its longstanding people-to-people ties with Afghanistan.

However, Trump's return to power presents new challenges for the Taliban. His administration's unpredictable foreign policy could lead to heightened tensions, particularly with Iran and regional proxies. Trump's hardline stance on Iran, especially his past decision to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal, suggests that the Taliban may face increasing pressure as the U.S. adopts a more aggressive stance in the Middle East. In particular, the potential for conflict between Israel and Iran could complicate the Taliban's position, especially given its ideological alignment with Tehran.

The Taliban's diplomatic maneuvering also faces significant internal challenges. Afghanistan remains a deeply divided country, with power struggles between factions in Kabul and Kandahar, as well as ongoing border tensions with Pakistan. Despite these internal fractures, the Taliban has managed to stabilize its control, drawing support from groups like Al-Qaeda and Hamas, which see the regime as an ideological ally.



The Unresolved Contradictions of Indian Society: Ambedkar's Warnings Echo Today

Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, its principal architect, offered a sobering observation: "On 26th January, 1950, we are going to enter a life of contradictions. In politics, we will have equality, and in social and economic life, we will have inequality." Seventy-five years later, these contradictions persist, casting a long shadow over India's democratic experiment.

In the social realm, India continues to grapple with entrenched caste-based exclusion and discrimination. In rural areas and even in some urban corners, inter-caste dining or inter-caste marriage remains taboo, sometimes resulting in violence or social ostracism. The caste system's concept of "purity," which has little to do with hygiene but everything to do with social hierarchy, continues to influence the behavior of India's elite. Not long ago, a judge had a court purified with Ganga jal because his predecessor had been a Shudra. Despite constitutional guarantees, many Hindu temples remain off-limits to lower castes, while the practice of manual scavenging, where Dalits are sent to clean septic tanks without adequate protection, continues unabated. The Prime Minister once even suggested that such individuals are performing a "higher, spiritual function," a statement that sparked public outrage.

Economically, the picture is equally grim. Despite

At the conclusion of the drafting of the Indian the country's rapid growth, nearly 80% of Indians remain excluded from key decision-making positions in government, business, and institutions of power. The structures of inequality—whether in education, bureaucracy, or the judiciary—remain deeply entrenched, leaving vast swathes of the population with little access to the levers of power.

> Ambedkar's prescient words seem as relevant today as they did in 1950. Despite technological and economic advancements, these social and economic disparities have not been addressed, and the dream of equality, fraternity, and liberty remains elusive. Ambedkar warned that if these goals were not achieved, the democratic experiment itself could be at risk. Yet today, when voices like Rahul Gandhi or millions of concerned citizens echo Ambedkar's concerns, they are branded as "urban Naxals" or enemies of the nation. Is the state claiming that Ambedkar's warning has been fully addressed? If not, does the Constitution not permit individuals or political leaders to highlight and challenge these inequalities? The current right-wing discourse seeks to frame calls for equality as attempts to "divide Hindu society," but the question remains: Was Hindu society not divided for millennia by caste? Even the chief ideologue of the right-wing, Mohan Bhagwat, publicly acknowledged that for centuries, upper-caste Hindus have treated lower-caste Hindus as "animals."

The True Legacy of Global Engagement: **India's Pre-Independence Trade History**

Globalisation is often hailed as a key driver of prosperity, but it has also faced its fair share of criticism in recent years. Despite the debates, the fundamental concept of engaging with the world through trade, commerce, and the exchange of ideas remains a timeless one. Under the right conditions, such engagement can foster mutual growth and benefit. But the idea that India's engagement with the global world

began only after the 1990s economic reforms is a misconception, one that overlooks a long and rich history of trade and cultural exchange dating back to pre-independence times.

Trade has long been seen as an indicator of a society's openness to the outside world. It involves not just the exchange of goods and services, but also the flow of ideas, technologies, and cultural influences. For much of India's history, the subcontinent was far from isolated. Long before the economic liberalisation of the 1990s, India had a well-established history of international trade, particularly with regions like the

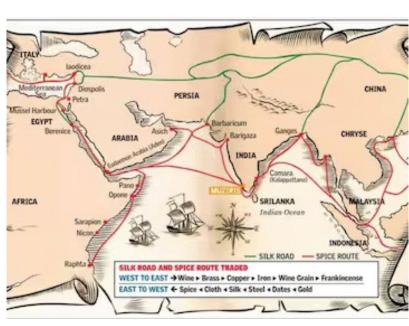
Middle East, Southeast Asia, China, and even Europe.

The ancient Silk Route, for example, was one of the most significant trade networks in the world, and India was a key player. Indian merchants exported a range of goods—spices, textiles, precious stones, and more—while also importing goods like silk and gold. This exchange was not just about products; it also facilitated the flow of ideas, from religious philosophies such as Buddhism to innovations in mathematics and astronomy.

Furthermore, India's ports, such as those in Gu-

jarat, Maharashtra, and Kerala, were thriving hubs of commerce for centuries. The trade in Indian cotton textiles, spices, and other goods was vital to the global economy long before the advent of the modern globalisation we know

Yet, the narrative that India only began engaging with the world after the economic reforms



of the 1990s is misleading. In reality, the British colonial period severely disrupted India's global trade networks. While the British empire sought to control and redirect trade flows for its own benefit, it cannot be said that India was a closed society before that.

In fact, India's rich history of trade and cultural exchange shows that global engagement was an integral part of its identity long before modern economic reforms. This historical context offers a broader understanding of India's evolving role in the global economy, suggesting that our relationship with the world is much older, deeper, and more dynamic than often assumed.





'Ek Hai Toh Safe Hai': PM Modi Accuses Congress Of Dividing People On Caste Lines

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday sharply criticized the Congress party for allegedly engaging in "dangerous caste politics" aimed at dividing communities for political gain. Speaking at a rally in Dhule, Maharashtra, Modi accused Congress of trying to pit one caste against another, with the intention of weakening the unity of Dalits, backward classes, and tribals.

Modi referred specifically to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's stance on the caste census, claiming that the party's actions were part of a broader agenda to disrupt the social cohesion of Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC). The Prime Minister warned that Congress, led by the Gandhi family, had historically worked against the progress of these communities and was now attempting to divide them further.

"The Congress can never see Dalits, backward classes, and tribals progress," Modi said. "This has been the history of Congress, and it continues to this day. They want to keep these communities weak and divided." He



specifically targeted Rahul Gandhi, labeling him the "Yuvraj" (prince) of the Congress party, accusing him of playing a "dangerous game" that undermines the unity of these groups.

The Prime Minister's comments were aimed at rallying support against the Congress, positioning the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a protector of the unity and welfare of marginalized communities. He emphasized that the BJP is committed to the progress and empowerment of Dalits, tribals, and backward classes, contrasting this with what he described as Congress's divisive tactics.

Modi's remarks are likely to intensify the ongoing political rhetoric around caste-based politics ahead of upcoming elections, with both the Congress and BJP seeking to appeal to different voter segments.

J&K people found their voice after resolution on special status restoration: CM Abdullah



Kashmir recently addressed the opening of the first session of the newly convened state assembly, describing it as "short in duration but historic in terms of agenda." The session, which marks an important moment in the region's political timeline, is being

nificant step in the rebuilding and reorganization of the state after its reconstitution into a Union Territory in

In his speech, the Chief Minister emphasized that despite the limited timeframe, the assembly would tackle a wide range of critical issues, marking a significant shift from the past. He highlighted that the agenda would focus on key legislative reforms, social welfare programs, and strategies for boosting economic development in the region. The CM also reaffirmed the government's commitment to improving the quality of governance and ensuring that the voices of all residents, especially those in marginal- Despite the historical significance of ized and remote areas, are heard and the session, the government has also addressed in the legislative process.

Political analysts believe that this session signals a broader shift towards normalizing governance in Jammu and Kashmir after the revocation of Article 370 and the reorganization of

closely watched as it represents a sig- the region. While the assembly's duration may be brief, the political weight of its proceedings cannot be overstated, as it sets the stage for a new era of local governance and political engagement in the region.

> This marks the first session since the region's political structure was altered, and the Chief Minister expressed optimism that it would pave the way for greater political stability and development. The agenda, he noted, would not only aim to address immediate concerns but also lay the foundation for long-term growth, peace, and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

> acknowledged the challenges it faces in implementing the ambitious reforms and policies that the agenda sets out. However, the CM's remarks reflect confidence that the legislative process will move forward with purpose and resolve.

The Court Keeps Me Going: CJI Chandrachud Signs Off With A 'Thank You' Speech

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud was given a heartfelt ceremonial farewell on Friday as he retired from judicial service after a distinguished tenure. The ceremony, held in the Supreme Court of India, was attended by senior lawyers, including Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Kapil Sibal, who paid tribute to Justice Chandrachud's immense contribution to the judicia-

During the event, the lawyers praised Justice Chandrachud for his visionary leadership, integrity, and commitment to upholding the rule of law. His tenure saw several landmark rulings and reforms aimed at ensuring justice for all sections of society. In his final address from the bench, Justice Chandrachud expressed gratitude for his colleagues, the legal community,



and the court staff. He also sought forgiveness, humbly acknowledging that if he had ever hurt anyone during his tenure, it was unintentional.

Several members of the legal fraternity shared light-hearted anecdotes and personal reflections on their time working with Justice Chandrachud. Notably, some lawyers, including Singhvi, humorously inquired about the "secret of his youthfulness," referring to his boundless energy and dedication despite the demanding nature of his role.

Justice Chandrachud's retirement marks the end of an era, as he served as the 50th Chief Justice of India. His time in office was marked by a progressive approach to legal reforms, with a focus on inclusivity and access to justice. His leadership is widely acknowledged for strengthening the independence of the judiciary and upholding constitutional values.

The ceremonial farewell highlighted not just his achievements, but also his warm and approachable nature, making him one of the most respected figures in India's legal history.

Arunachal CM Pema Khandu Calls on Police to End Bandh Culture

Itanagar: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday urged the state's police force to play a key role in ending the culture of bandhs (strikes) that has often disrupted daily life and governance in the region. Speaking at the 52nd Raising Day celebration of the Arunachal Pradesh Police, Khandu called for the strict enforcement of existing laws to prevent such shutdowns, which he said hinder progress and development.

Khandu highlighted the negative impact of frequent bandhs, especially on economic activities and public life. He stressed that while peaceful protests are a fundamental right, the state government is committed to maintaining law and order and ensuring that citizens' lives are not adversely affected by unlawful disruptions. "The bandh culture is a challenge that we must address. Our police force has a significant role to play in ensuring that the rule of law is upheld, and that no one can take the law into their hands," said Khandu.

MVA will be wiped out in **Maharashtra: Amit Shah**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday forecasted the defeat of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections, likening their expected loss to the Congress party's rout in Haryana. Speaking at an election rally in Shirala, Sangli district, ahead of the November 20 polls, Shah declared that the MVA would be "wiped out" and that the BJP would form the next government in the state.

Shah also targeted the leadership ambitions within the MVA, specifically within Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP, and Congress. He claimed that Uddhav Thackeray wants his son, Aaditya Thackeray, to become Maharashtra's chief minister, while Sharad Pawar is grooming his daughter, Supriya Sule, for the same role. Additionally, Shah pointed out that several Congress leaders are also vying for the chief minister's position, creating internal discord within the opposition alliance.

"If the MVA somehow comes to power by mistake, Uddhav Thackeray wants to make his son the chief minister, Sharad Pawar wants to make his daughter the chief minister, and Congress has a dozen leaders eyeing the position," Shah said, questioning the unity and leader-

ship of the opposition.

In contrast, Shah emphasized that the BJP's Mahayuti (grand alliance) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and with leaders like Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde, and Ajit Pawar, would bring



true development to Maharashtra. He reassured voters that the BJP always fulfills its promises, unlike Congress, whose promises, he claimed, are "imaginary."

Shah concluded by expressing confidence that the BJP would form the next government in Maharashtra, as the MVA's efforts, like their defeat in Haryana, would be ineffective. He also mocked the opposition for their failed expectations in Haryana, saying that even their planned victory celebrations were handed over to BJP workers.

Kerala CM Vijayan alleges Priyanka contesting Wayanad bypoll with Jamaat-e-Islami support





Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has ramped up his criticism of the Congress Party, accusing it of backing Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's candidature in the Wayanad Lok Sabha by-election with the intent of undermining the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and its leadership in the state. Vijayan, a senior leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), has often been at odds with the Congress, and his latest remarks underscore the deepening political divide between the two parties in Kerala.

In a scathing attack, Vijayan alleged that Priyanka Gandhi's entry into the by-election race was not merely an effort to represent the people of Wayanad but part of a larger, well-calculated move by the Congress to regain political ground in Kerala. The Chief Minister emphasized that the Congress was attempting to use the Wayanad seat, which was previously held by Rahul Gandhi, as a stepping stone to challenge the growing influence of the Left in the state.

"Priyanka Gandhi's candidacy is an extension of the Congress party's long-standing attempts to weaken the Left's dominance in Kerala. This is not a fight for the people of Wayanad; it's a fight to destabilize the LDF's unity and governance," Vijayan said, highlighting that the Congress was using national-level leaders for local electoral gains.

The Wayanad by-election, prompted by Rahul Gandhi's resignation following his disqualification as an MP, has become a high-stakes contest in Kerala's political landscape. The Left Front, led by the CPI(M), has traditionally maintained a stronghold in Kerala, and the Congress's attempt to reclaim this key constituency has been met with fierce resistance from the ruling LDF government.

Vijayan also accused the Congress of abandoning its responsibilities towards Kerala's development and using national figures like Priyanka Gandhi to cover up its weak local presence. He claimed that Congress, under the leadership of the Gandhi family, was merely interested in promoting its political dynasty, rather than focusing on issues affecting the common people of the

In response, the Congress has defended Priyanka Gandhi's candidacy, asserting that her entry into the Wayanad by-election is a sign of the party's commitment to rejuvenating its presence in Kerala and continuing the work started by Rahul Gandhi. Party leaders also emphasized that the people of Wayanad would benefit from a strong national leader representing their interests in Parliament.

As the by-election date approaches, the political rivalry between the LDF and Congress is expected to intensify, with both parties seeking to galvanize their respective support bases in what promises to be a closely watched contest.



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India Deserves To Be In List Of Global Superpowers: Vladimir Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin has praised India's rapid economic growth and called for the country to be recognized as a global superpower. Speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Putin highlighted India's remarkable population size, fast-paced economic expansion, and ancient cultural heritage as reasons why it deserves a place on the global stage alongside other superpowers.

"India should undoubtedly be added to the list of superpowers, with its billion-and-a-half population, the fastest growth among all economies in the world, ancient culture, and very good prospects for further growth," Putin said. He went on to emphasize that India's economic rise, combined with its strategic potential, makes it a key global player.

Putin also reflected on the growing relationship between Russia and India, underscoring the deep trust and cooperation between the two countries. "We are developing relations with India in all directions," he stated. "India is a great country, now the largest in terms of



population—1.5 billion people and growing by 10 million every year. India is leading the world in economic growth."

The Russian president acknowledged the expanding bilateral ties, particularly in the fields of security and defense. He noted that Russian military equipment is widely used by the Indian armed forces, and the two nations are working together to jointly develop advanced defense technologies. The BrahMos cruise missile project, a successful collaboration between Russia and India, was highlighted as a key example of this partnership. Putin emphasized the significance of such projects in bolstering

India's security and fostering trust between the two nations.

On the issue of India-China relations, Putin recognized the tensions on the border, particularly after the 2020 Galwan Valley clash. However, he expressed optimism that wise leadership from both sides would eventually lead to a peaceful resolution. Putin suggested that compromises are possible and that the ongoing diplomatic efforts between India and China could eventually bring about stability.

Overall, Putin's comments reflect Russia's continued commitment to strengthening its ties with India as a rising global

SpaceX to Launch 20 Starlink Satellites with Falcon 9 on November 9

SpaceX is preparing to launch another 20 Starlink satellites into low Earth orbit (LEO) on November 9, continuing its mission to expand its global satellite internet network. The launch is scheduled for 1:16 a.m. Eastern Time from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, and will be carried out using a Falcon 9 rocket. This mission marks another milestone in SpaceX's ongoing efforts to provide global highspeed internet access through its expanding Starlink constellation.

The upcoming launch will send 20 Starlink satellites into orbit, with 13 of them equipped with direct-to-cell technology. This new feature is designed to improve mobile connectivity, enabling users on the ground to benefit from enhanced communications, particularly in remote areas where traditional cellular networks may not reach. The launch window will remain open for four hours, allowing SpaceX to adjust the timing if needed.

As part of SpaceX's commitment to sustainability and reducing launch costs, the



Falcon 9's first stage booster will return to Earth for a controlled landing on SpaceX's droneship, "Of Course I Still Love You," located in the Pacific Ocean. This will be the 11th flight for this particular booster, demonstrating the company's successful use of reusable rockets. The booster is expected to land on the droneship roughly eight minutes after launch, further cementing SpaceX's leadership in cost-efficient space transportation.

The satellites will be deployed into low Earth orbit by the Falcon 9's upper stage approximately one hour after liftoff. This launch brings SpaceX

closer to its goal of building a robust, low-latency broadband network that spans the globe, providing internet access to underserved regions and remote locations.

SpaceX has now surpassed 100 launches in 2024, with a significant portion of these dedicated to Starlink missions. After the successful deployment of these 20 satellites, SpaceX will continue its efforts to expand Starlink's coverage, bringing reliable, high-speed internet to more areas around the world. The event will be streamed live on SpaceX's X platform starting five minutes before launch.



China Prepares For Trump's Return, Focuses On Ties And Stability

As Donald Trump prepares for a potential return to the White House, China is bracing for renewed trade tensions, drawing lessons from the trade war of his first presidency. In response to Trump's pledge to increase tariffs and challenge China's trading status, Beijing is adopting a more measured approach while reinforcing its global alliances and bolstering self-reliance in key industries.

Trump's threats, including the removal of China's most-favored-nation (MFN) status and the imposition of tariffs exceeding 60%, have rattled the Chinese economy. With China facing slower growth compared to the 6.7% seen in 2016, the country is vulnerable to such economic pressures, especially with its significant dependence on U.S. exports. However, experts believe that while Trump's proposed tariffs may be severe, they are unlikely to reach the levels suggested during his campaign due to their potential inflationary impact on the U.S. economy.

Despite these challenges, China is gearing up with a multifaceted response. Zhao Minghao, an international relations expert at Fudan University, emphasized that Beijing is likely to adopt a more calculated strategy in dealing with Trump's policies. "Beijing would respond in a measured way and make efforts to communicate with the Trump team," Zhao said, referencing Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent message urging cooperation over confrontation.

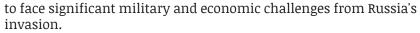
In addition to strengthening internal tech capabilities, China is enhancing its global diplomacy, seeking to foster deeper ties with emerging economies while easing tensions with traditional adversaries. Notably, China resolved a long-standing military standoff with India and re-engaged diplomatically with Japan and Australia.

Zelensky Rejects Concessions to Russia, Calls for Continued **Western Support**

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky firmly rejected the idea of offering concessions to Russia to end the ongoing invasion, calling it "unacceptable" during a summit in Hungary on Thursday. His comments came after Russian President Vladimir Putin demanded that Ukraine cede more territory as a condition for peace talks, a demand Kyiv has repeatedly

refused to entertain.

Zelensky's remarks were aimed at those in Europe who have suggested that Ukraine might have to make territorial compromises to secure peace. "It would be unacceptable for Europe to offer any concessions to the Kremlin," he said, emphasizing that Ukraine would not surrender land or sovereignty to end the war. Zelensky's stance comes as the war drags into its second year and Ukraine continues



The situation has become even more precarious for Ukraine following Donald Trump's victory in the recent U.S. presidential election. Trump has repeatedly claimed that he could end the conflict in a matter of hours and has criticized continued American aid to Kyiv. His rise to power has raised concerns in Ukraine and Europe about the future of U.S. support, a crucial lifeline for Ukraine's defense efforts.

Zelensky, who is intensifying diplomatic efforts to ensure continued Western assistance, also warned that any peace settlement that rewards Putin with Ukrainian territory would only embolden the Russian leader and lead to further aggression. Ukraine and its Western allies fear that conceding land to Russia would set a dangerous precedent and encourage further expansionist ambitions by the Kremlin.

As the war continues, Zelensky remains resolute in his demand for full support from the West and a commitment to Ukraine's territorial integrity, rejecting any proposals for peace that would require Ukraine to give up its land to Russia.

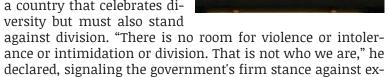
Trudeau: Khalistani Separatists Don't Represent Sikh Community in Canada

In a significant statement addressing ongoing tensions within the Canadian Sikh community, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declared that Khalistani separatists do not represent the broader Sikh population in Canada. The remarks, made during a Diwali and Bandi Chhor Diwas celebration on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, came in the wake of a violent attack by pro-Khalistan elements at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, Ontario.

Trudeau's comments, which were shared with the *Hindustan Times*, were aimed at clarifying Canada's stance on the sensitive issue of Khalistani separatism. He said, "There are many supporters of Khalistan in Canada but they do not rep-

At the event, which was attended by Cabinet Minisa country that celebrates di-

divide us."



Trudeau also spoke about the importance of embracing cultural diversity while ensuring unity within the country. "We encourage people to hold on to their cultures and their communities," he said, before stressing that holding diverse opinions should never lead to division. "The challenge is that in holding all those different opinions, we must never let them

tremist activities, regardless of the community involved.

Furthermore, Trudeau reiterated his government's support for a united India and its territorial integrity, addressing concerns within the Indian diaspora in Canada. However, in a balancing act, he also acknowledged that while many Canadians support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, they do not represent all Hindu Canadians.



Biden's Joyous Address Stuns Trump Supporters After Election Results

While supporters of Donald Trump were in high spirits celebrating his victory in the US elections, it was outgoing President Joe Biden who stole the spotlight on November 7 with his address to the nation. Biden's speech, delivered with an air of optimism, saw him smiling widely, projecting a sense of calm and satisfaction that caught the attention of many, including Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr.

In his speech, Biden expressed his commitment to ensuring a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to President-elect Donald Trump, a process that is fundamental to American democracy. His calm demeanor

and bright, almost jubilant expressions led many to believe that Biden appeared remarkably "happy," especially considering the weight of the political transition.

Trump Jr., watching his father's victory celebrations unfold, took to social media platform X to share his thoughts on the moment. In a lighthearted remark, he wrote: "The only person happier than me this morning has to be Joe Biden," referring to Biden's sunny disposition during his address. It was an interesting observation from Trump Jr., who likely saw Biden's mood as a stark contrast to the tense and competitive nature of the election cam-

Biden's address was filled with expressions of goodwill, reiterating his dedication to a smooth handover of power. His confidence and cheerfulness, despite the political drama surrounding the election, added a touch of levity to an otherwise tense and fractious moment in US politics.

As the nation braces for the change in leadership, Biden's speech served as a reminder of the tradition of peaceful transitions in the US. It also highlighted the unpredictable nature of politics—where moments of unity and goodwill often emerge in unexpected ways, even from political rivals.







Indian Stock Markets End with Moderate Losses, **Nifty Holds Above Key Level**

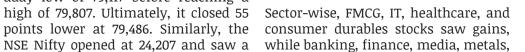
Indian stock markets closed with moderate losses on Friday, as investor sentiment remained subdued amidst mixed signals from global and Asian markets. The ongoing outflow of foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and heightened market negativity contributed to a lack of buying momentum. Despite the losses, analysts remained cautiously optimistic, with the Nifty holding above the while 27 posted losses. crucial 24,100 level, which could signal a The top gainers includpotential upside if market momentum ed Mahindra & Mahin-

The BSE Sensex, which had closed at and Infosys. On the other 79,541 in the previous session, opened slightly higher at 79,611 but experienced significant fluctuations throughout and SBI were among the day. The index touched an intraday low of 79,117 before reaching a

low of 24,066 and a high of 24,276. The real estate, and oil & gas sectors faced Nifty ended the day down by 51 points, pressure. Support for the Nifty stands

settling at 24,148. Meanwhile, the Bank Nifty saw a notable drop of 355 points, closing at 51,561.

Among Nifty50 stocks, 23 companies advanced shifts positively in the coming sessions. dra (M&M), Titan, Tech Mahindra, Nestlé India, hand, Trent, Coal India, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, biggest losers.



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at 24,100, with resistance at 24.250. A total of 2.877 stocks were traded on the NSE, with 866 advancing and 1,945 declining. Shares of 73 companies hit 52-week highs.

In corporate updates, Tata Motors reported an 11.2% decline in Q2 net profit, while PFC posted an 8.9% increase in net profit. The IPO of Niwabupa Health Insurance showed normal demand on its second day, while Swiggy's IPO was oversubscribed 3.44 times. Additionally, In-

dian Hotels Company received a "Buy" rating from Jefferies with a target price of Rs. 785, and Vedanta posted a significant profit turnaround.



SBI Reports 28% Rise in Q2 Profit, Driven by **Strong Lending Growth**

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, posted a 28% increase in its net profit for the second quarter of FY24, reaching ₹18,331 crore compared to ₹14,330 crore in the same period last year. This robust performance was driven by healthy growth in core lending income, alongside effective cost management and improved asset quality.

The growth in profit was supported by a significant rise in net interest income (NII), which surged due to strong demand for loans across various sectors. SBI's loan book showed marked growth, particularly in retail, commercial, and corporate segments, despite challenging macroeconomic conditions. The bank's gross non-performing assets (NPAs) ratio also improved, reflecting its focus on maintaining asset quality amid rising interest rates.

SBI's strong performance comes amid a broader recovery in India's banking sector, with increased credit demand and improving economic conditions. The bank's capital adequacy ratio remains solid, providing a strong cushion for future growth and potential market uncertainties.

The lender also benefited from cost-control measures, with a reduction in operating expenses and efficient management of non-performing assets. Additionally, the bank's digital transformation strategy continues to pay off, as it saw an increase in the adoption of its digital banking platforms, contributing to both revenue and customer retention.

SBI's results are a positive sign for the Indian banking sector, suggesting that lenders with robust balance sheets and diversified loan portfolios are well-positioned to capitalize on the country's economic growth. Looking ahead, the bank aims to continue focusing on maintaining asset quality while driving sustainable growth across its lending and digital banking initiatives.

Global Food Prices See Surge, Led by Vegetable Oils: FAO Report



The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported a rise in global food prices in its latest monthly update, with most categories experiencing price increases. The FAO's World Food Price Index rose across the board in October, with the exception of meat prices, which remained stable.

Vegetable oils saw the sharpest increase, rising more than 7% compared to the previous month. This surge was primarily driven by ongoing concerns over palm oil production, which has adverse weather conditions in ma-

faced disruptions due to adverse weather conditions and lower-than-expected yields. Palm oil is a key ingredient in a wide range of food products, making its production challenges a significant factor in the overall price hike.

In addition to vegetable oils, other food categories also saw price increases. Grains, including wheat and maize, continued to experience upward pressure due to global supply disruptions, ongoing logistical challenges, and

jor growing regions. While these price hikes have been less dramatic than those seen in vegetable oils, they still contribute to the overall increase in the food price index.

Dairy products also saw a modest increase, though the rise was not as steep as that of vegetable oils or grains. The dairy market remains sensitive to feed costs and supply chain bottlenecks, both of which have been contributing factors to rising prices.

The FAO's report indicates that despite some stabilizing forces in certain markets, the global food price outlook remains volatile. The ongoing challenges in palm oil production are expected to continue to impact the broader edible oils market, while supply chain disruptions and extreme weather events threaten the stability of other key food sectors.

For consumers, this means continued pressure on household budgets, particularly for essentials like cooking oils, grains, and dairy products. The FAO has called for closer monitoring of these price trends and urged governments and stakeholders to explore solutions to mitigate the effects of global food price inflation.

Tata Motors Reports 9.9% **Decline in Q2 Net Profit for FY25**



Tata Motors announced a 9.9% year-on-year decline in its net profit for the second quarter of FY25, reporting a figure of Rs 3,450 crore. The company also saw a drop in its revenue for the period, which fell to Rs 1,00,534 crore for the July-September 2024 quarter. The decline in net profit was primarily attributed to higher raw material costs, increased operating expenses, and a slowdown in global demand. Despite facing challenges in its key markets, Tata Motors managed to maintain a strong order book and continued its focus on strategic initiatives, including electrification and premium vehicle sales.

The company's revenue decline was in line with market expectations, reflecting a tough operating envi-

ronment characterized by inflationary pressures and supply chain disruptions. The automotive sector, in particular, has been grappling with rising input costs and shifting consumer preferences, which have impacted profitability for several players in the industry.

Tata Motors has been actively working on diversifying its portfolio, focusing on electric vehicle (EV) technology and expanding its presence in global markets. The company is optimistic that its investments in sustainable mobility and new product launches will contribute positively to its financial performance in the coming quarters.

Despite the dip in profits, Tata Motors remains committed to its longterm growth strategy. The company's continued focus on innovation, operational efficiencies, and market diversification is expected to strengthen its position in the competitive automotive landscape. However, it also remains cautious about the broader economic challenges that could affect the automotive sector in the near term.

Adani Power Cuts Electricity Supply to Bangladesh Over \$800 Million Dues



duced its electricity supply to Bangladesh as the company seeks to recover more than \$800 million in unpaid dues. The reduction, which began earlier this month, has seen the supply from Adani's 1,600 megawatt (MW) Godda plant in Jharkhand, India, fall from approximately 1,400-1,500 MW in early August to just 700-750 MW. On Thursday night, the supply was further In response to the reduced supply, cut to around 520 MW, according to data from Power Grid Bangladesh and an official with the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).

The dispute centers around outstanding payments for electricity

Adani Power has significantly re- exported from India to Bangladesh. Despite efforts by Bangladesh to expedite payments, the outstanding dues remain a point of contention, with Adani Power insisting on full payment before restoring full supply. Bangladesh had faced a November 7 deadline to settle these dues, which had been extended by Adani in light of the ongoing negotiations.

> Muhammad Fauzul Kabir Khan, power and energy adviser in Bangladesh's caretaker government, asserted that Bangladesh would continue to pay the outstanding dues gradually but would also seek alternative sources of power if the situa-

tion worsened. "We will not let any power producer hold us hostage," Khan said in an interview with Reuters on Thursday.

The reduction in supply from Adani Power is a blow to Bangladesh, which has relied heavily on electricity imports from India to meet its growing energy demand. The ongoing payment dispute highlights the challenges that arise from cross-border power agreements, with both sides facing increasing pressure to find a resolution. While Bangladesh has made efforts to clear the dues, the situation remains tense as both parties seek a way forward.



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Meta Introduces Age Verification Tool to Protect Teen Users on Instagram



Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, is facing increasing scrutiny from governments around the world over concerns about the risks social media poses to the physical and mental well-being of children, particularly from excessive use. In response, Meta is rolling out a new AI-powered tool designed to better protect teens by ensuring that underage users cannot falsely claim to be older than they are on its platforms.

The tool, named "Adult Classifier," is being developed to help identify and verify the age of users who might lie about their age when signing up for accounts. While platforms like Instagram and Facebook already ask users to input their birthdate, many young users bypass these age restrictions by providing false information to gain access to features meant for adults. Meta's new AI model aims to address this issue by analyzing users' profiles, content, and interactions to determine whether they are an adult (18 or older) or a teen (ages 13-17).

The AI algorithm looks at various signals, such as when an account was created, the nature of the content

posted, and how the user interacts with others. If the system suspects that the user is underage, it will automatically adjust the account's privacy settings to match the profile of a teen account, even if the user has claimed to be older. For example, if a teen is detected, Instagram will make their account private and prevent them from messaging strangers, a measure aimed at enhancing safety.

Additionally, Meta has introduced a policy update that prevents teens from altering their privacy settings without parental approval. These changes reflect Meta's ongoing efforts to protect younger users in light of growing concerns about their safety on social media. In some countries, governments have already imposed restrictions to limit access to social media for younger users, with Australia even proposing a potential ban on social media use for children under 16.

Through the implementation of this AI-powered model, Meta hopes to create a safer online environment for teenagers while meeting increasing regulatory demands aimed at safeguarding youth on social media.

Google Photos Rolls Out New 'Updates' for Easier Album Activities

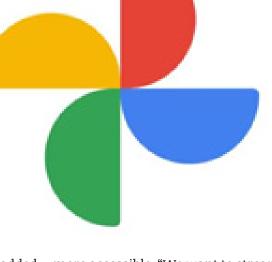
🖚 oogle has introduced **U**a new "Updates" page within its Photos app, designed to help users keep track of activities in shared albums and conversations. This feature, which is being gradually rolled out to both Android and iOS users, aims to streamline how users engage with their content, making it easier to stay updated on the latest changes in shared albums, group conversations, and more.

The "Updates" section will allow users to see notifications such as new n

tifications such as new photos added to shared albums, replies in conversations, updates from group chats, partner sharing updates, memory updates, and even storage updates. Essentially, it brings all recent activities into one easily accessible destination, keeping users informed about the content and interactions happening in their Google Photos ecosystem.

To access the Updates page, users simply need to tap on the bell icon, which will soon replace the current Sharing button in the app's navigation. The updates will be displayed chronologically, and users can filter them by time—today, yesterday, this week, this month, or last month. This new section will help users quickly catch up on any changes, comments, or additions made to shared albums and conversations.

Google's Rebbeca V, part of the Google Photos team, shared that the goal behind the new feature is to make albums, groups, and conversations



more accessible. "We want to streamline how you can view recent activity with an interface that makes these sections easier to navigate," she said. The company has also introduced shortcuts within the Updates section, allowing users to quickly jump to specific albums and conversations with a single tap.

Additionally, Google is introducing the "Collections" section, which will house all of a user's albums in one place, including both private albums and those shared with others. This feature is designed to make it simpler for users to organize and access their photos and albums, ensuring a more seamless and efficient experience in Google Photos.

With these new updates, Google Photos continues to enhance user experience, making it easier than ever to manage shared memories and keep up with photo activities in a simple and user-friendly way.

iPhone 15 Dominates as World's Best-Selling Smartphone in Q3 2024

Apple's iPhone 15 has claimed the title of the world's best-selling smartphone in the third quarter of 2024, according to research firm Counterpoint. The iPhone 15, the base model, topped the global rankings, closely followed by its more premium counterparts, the iPhone 15 Pro Max and iPhone 15 Pro. This strong performance reinforces Apple's continued dominance in the global smartphone market.

In a remarkable display of brand strength, Apple occupied the top three spots in the Q3 2024 rankings, solidifying its position as the leader in global smartphone sales. Samsung also featured prominently, with a significant presence in the rankings, showcasing the company's ongoing competitiveness. While Apple held the top positions, Samsung's strong showing highlights the continued rivalry between the two tech giants.

For Apple, the Q3 2024 performance is a near repeat of last year's success, with the iPhone 14, iPhone 14 Pro Max, and iPhone 14 Pro also securing the top three positions in Counterpoint's Q3 2023 data. However, there are notable changes in this year's rankings: the



iPhone 13, which was discontinued following the launch of the iPhone 16 series in September, has dropped off the list. Instead, the iPhone 14 has taken the 8th spot, reflecting the shift in consumer preference toward newer models.

The consistent performance of Apple's flagship models demonstrates the

company's ability to maintain consumer interest and loyalty, even as the market becomes more saturated and competition intensifies. With its strong product portfolio, including the iPhone 15 series, Apple is set to maintain its position as the leader in the smartphone market heading into the holiday season.

Ultra-Processed Foods May Age You Faster: Research Reveals



Arecent study has uncovered a concerning connection between ultra-processed foods (UPFs) and accelerated biological aging. While many people may consider these foods to be relatively harmless, the research suggests that they may be shortening our lifespan and negatively affecting our overall health. The study, conducted by I.R.C.C.S. Neuromed in collaboration with LUM University of Casamassima, analyzed the diets of over 22,000 individuals as part of the Moli-sani Study, one of Europe's largest long-term health surveys. The findings were published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

The study's focus was on biological age—an indicator of how old our bodies actually are at a cellular level—compared to chronological age, which simply measures the number of years a person has lived. While chronological age increases steadily with time, biological age can fluctuate, either advancing faster or slower depending on various lifestyle factors, including diet, physical activity, and exposure to environmental toxins.

The research found that a high consumption of ultra-processed foods could significantly accelerate biological aging, meaning that individuals

who regularly consumed such foods appeared to age faster at a cellular level than their chronological age would suggest. This is particularly troubling given that many ultra-processed foods—such as sugary snacks, fast food, pre-packaged meals, and soda—are staples in modern diets. These foods are typically high in added sugars, unhealthy fats, salt, and preservatives, which can contribute to inflammation, oxidative stress, and other factors that damage cells and tissues.

The Moli-sani Study, which followed a diverse group of participants over a period of time, found a clear link between the high intake of ultra-processed foods and increased markers of biological aging. Those with a diet rich in UPFs exhibited higher levels of biomarkers associated with accelerated aging, including increased inflammation and poor metabolic health.

These findings highlight the importance of reconsidering our eating habits and opting for a diet rich in whole foods like fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains to help slow down the aging process and improve overall health. Reducing the intake of ultra-processed foods could potentially reverse some of the harmful effects of accelerated biological aging, ultimately leading to a longer and healthier life.

Amazon mulls new multi-billion dollar investment in Anthropic

Amazon is reportedly in negotiations for a second significant investment in the artificial intelligence (AI) startup Anthropic, according to *The Information*. This move follows a previous \$4 billion investment announced in September 2023, as the cloud services giant seeks to strengthen its position in the rapidly evolving AI sector. If the new investment is finalized, it would solidify Amazon's stake in Anthropic, a rising competitor to OpenAI, which is behind the popular language model ChatGPT.

Anthropic, co-founded by former OpenAI executives Dario and Daniela Amodei, is gaining momentum in the AI field with its innovative technology and is already being supported by some of the biggest names in the industry. The company has been using Amazon's cloud services to train its



models, leveraging Amazon's vast infrastructure to power its AI solutions. As part of the latest discussions, Amazon is reportedly encouraging Anthropic to use even more of its cloud servers, particularly those equipped with AI chips designed by Amazon itself. However, Anthropic is said to prefer using servers powered by Nvidia's AI chips, which are currently considered the industry standard for high-performance machine learning tasks.

In addition to Amazon's interest, Anthropic has attracted significant investments from other tech giants, including a \$500 million investment from Google's parent company, Alphabet, in 2023. Google has also indicated plans for further investments, emphasizing the growing competition and collaboration in the AI space between leading companies like Amazon, Alphabet, and others.

Neither Amazon nor Anthropic has commented publicly on the ongoing talks, but the potential deal underscores the importance of AI development and the need for cloud infrastructure to support it. For Amazon, strengthening ties with Anthropic could help it stay competitive in the AI race, ensuring that its cloud services are integrated into some of the most cutting-edge AI technologies.



Pakistan Thrashes Australia by 9 Wickets to Level ODI Series 1-1

 $P^{akistan}$ cruised to a dominant 9-wicket victory over Australia in the second ODI in Adelaide, leveling the three-match series at 1-1. The Pakistan team delivered a stellar all-round performance, first restricting Australia to a modest total of just 163, before chasing down the target with ease.

Australia, sent in to bat, was bowled out for a paltry 163 in just 40.5 overs. The Pakistan bowlers were relentless, with Haris Rauf leading the attack, claiming an impressive five-wicket haul. Rauf's fiery spell tore through the

struggling to build any partnerships. Shaheen Afridi was equally effective, picking up three crucial wickets to further dismantle the Australian innings. Captain Mohammad Rizwan, in his first series as Pakistan's white-ball captain, would have been pleased with the bowling unit's performance.

In response, Pakistan's chase was led by a scintillating knock from 22-year-old Saim Ayub, who played a match-winning innings of 82 runs off 71 balls. His innings featured five boundaries and six towering sixes, as he took control of the chase with remarkable composure and power hitting. Ayub's performance not only anchored the innings but also put



Australian batting lineup, leaving them Australia on the back foot as Pakistan accelerated toward the target.

> Opening partner Abdullah Shafique also played a key role, contributing a steady 64* off 82 balls. Shafique's calm and calculated knock, along with Ayub's explosive innings, ensured that Pakistan comfortably reached the target in just 28.4 overs, with 9 wickets remaining.

> This victory marks Mohammad Rizwan's first win as Pakistan's captain in white-ball cricket, having assumed the leadership role just before the series. The comprehensive win in Adelaide gives Pakistan a strong foothold in the series, with the third and final ODI set to be a crucial decider.

Barcelona Goals Flowing Ahead Of Real Sociedad Challenge

La Liga leaders Barcelona head into their Sunday clash with Real Sociedad full of confidence, having been in sensational goalscoring form this season. The Catalans, who have netted 55 goals in 16 matches across all competitions, are on a seven-game winning streak, scoring three or more goals in each of those outings. Their offensive firepower has been remarkable, and with star striker Robert Lewandowski in unstoppable form, Barcelona will look to extend their lead at the top of La Liga.

Barcelona's form has been nothing short of impressive, particularly since their only league defeat of the season, a 2-1 loss to Osasuna six weeks ago. Since then, Hansi Flick's side has been on a tear, including a 4-0 demolition of Real Madrid and a 4-1 win over Bayern Mu-

nich in the Champions League. Flick, who has instilled a high-pressing, attacking style of play, has been delighted with the team's performance, with Barcelona sitting nine points clear of second-placed Madrid in the league.

resurgence of Robert Lewandowski, who has been in scintillating form. The 36-year-old Polish striker, who struggled at times last season, has netted 19 goals in just 16 games this season. Lewandowski's brace in the 5-2 win over Red Star Belgrade in the Champions League highlighted his continued importance to the team. The striker's relentless pursuit of goals has made him La Liga's top scorer with 14 goals, doubling the tally of any other player.

Alongside Lewandowski, Barcelona boasts a strong at-



tacking trio, with Raphinha and the teenage sensation Lamine Yamal providing excellent support. Barcelona's summer signing Dani Olmo, who has scored five goals in five La Liga matches since his arrival, is also expected to feature.

A major factor behind Barcelona's success has been the Meanwhile, Real Sociedad, sitting 11th in the league, have shown signs of improvement after a slow start to the season. Coach Imanol Alguacil believes their results will improve now that they are creating more scoring opportunities, despite a lack of clinical finishing earlier in the campaign. Real Sociedad will have their work cut out against Barcelona's potent attack.

> With Barcelona looking to extend their dominance at the top and Real Sociedad seeking to continue their upward trend, Sunday's match promises to be an exciting encounter.

Cristiano Ronaldo Set to Leave Al Nassr, Europe **Move Ruled Out**



ristiano Ronaldo's move to Al Nassr in December 2022 sent shockwaves through the football world. The Portuguese legend, considered one of the greatest footballers of all time, signed a lucrative contract reportedly worth 200 million Euros per year, including a guaranteed salary of 90 million Euros, with additional commercial and sponsorship deals bringing his total earnings to staggering heights. However, after nearly a year in Saudi Arabia, it seems Ronaldo could be on the move again, with rival club Al Hilal emerging as a potential destination.

According to reports, Al Hilal are considering signing Ronaldo as a replacement for Neymar, who has struggled with injuries since joining the club in August 2023. Neymar's time at Al Hilal has been marred by recurring fitness issues, which have limited his impact on the pitch. Despite a transfer fee of 90 million Euros paid to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and a reported annual salary of 150 million Euros, Neymar's unavailability has made him a target of criticism from Al Hilal supporters. His ongoing injury woes have led to speculation that he could soon depart, with rumors swirling about a potential move to Inter Miami.

With Neymar's future uncertain, Al Hilal are reportedly eyeing Ronaldo to fill the void, and they are hoping to complete a deal in the upcoming winter transfer window. Ronaldo's move to Al Nassr, which has yet to yield a major title, has seen mixed results. In 14 appearances this season, Ronaldo has scored 10 goals and provided three assists, but the team's lack of silverware has raised questions about his long-term future at the club.

For many football fans, the prospect of Ronaldo returning to European football, particularly to play in the Champions League one last time, remains an appealing thought. Ronaldo's second stint at Manchester United ended in controversy, with the forward criticizing the club's management and head coach Erik ten Hag in a famous interview with British broadcaster Piers Morgan.

While the 38-year-old forward's future is uncertain, the possibility of him joining Al Hilal in January adds another layer of intrigue to the football world, especially as he contemplates what could be the final chapter of his illustrious

BCCI Informs PCB: India Won't Travel to Pakistan for Champions Trophy

 $T^{
m he}$ ongoing tension between India and Pakistan continues to impact the world of cricket, as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has formally informed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) that India will not be traveling to Pakistan for the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy. According to reports, BCCI has requested that India's matches be moved to a neutral venue, with Dubai emerging as the leading contender to host these fixtures.

BCCI's decision comes amid longstanding diplomatic tensions between the two neighboring countries, which have led to the suspension of bilateral cricket ties. While the ICC awarded the 2025 Champions Trophy to Pakistan, concerns have lingered over India's participation, given the political climate. As a result, BCCI has conveyed its concerns about traveling to Pakistan, instead proposing Dubai as a neutral venue. The Times of India reported that Dubai is the "strong candidate" to host the fixtures involving India, given its excellent infrastructure, established track record in hosting international cricket events, and logistical ease.



Dubai has previously hosted several high-profile ICC events, making it a reliable option for organizing international tournaments. Additionally, the presence of the ICC headquarters in Dubai adds to its appeal

as a potential neutral ground for India's matches. "There are no issues in Dubai. Hotels, logistics, and everything else can be handled smoothly. The ICC also has things under control in Dubai," a source close to the matter was quoted as saying.

In response, the PCB has expressed a willingness to accommodate India's concerns and is reportedly open to making adjustments to the Champions Trophy schedule. PCB officials have indicated that, should India not receive approval from its government to travel to Pakistan, alternative arrangements could be made, such as holding India's matches in Dubai or Sharjah.

The 2025 Champions Trophy will be the first edition of the tournament since 2017, and its success hinges on the participation of key teams like India. While BCCI has yet to make a public comment on India's participation, the evolving situation suggests that Dubai may become the focal point for hosting the high-stakes fixtures. As the situation develops, cricket fans will be watching closely to see how the tournament's schedule takes shape.

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew **Ebden Seeded Sixth at ATP Finals**

Tndia's Rohan Bopanna and Lhis Australian partner Matthew Ebden have been seeded sixth in the doubles draw for the ATP Finals, which will take place from November 11 to 17, 2024. The duo has been placed in the Bob Bryan Group and will begin their campaign against fourth seeds, Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori from Italy, on the opening day of the tournament.

The ATP Finals bring together the top eight singles players and top eight doubles teams of the season, marking the culmination of the ATP calendar. For Bopanna and Ebden,

the competition represents a major milestone in their successful partnership, which has seen them achieve consistent results throughout the year.



The Bob Bryan Group, named after one half of the legendary Bryan twins, also features the German pair of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, along with the Croatian-El Salvadorian combination of Marcelo Arevalo and

Mate Pavic. The group promises to be highly competitive, with the top two teams from each group advancing to the semifinals.

The other group, named after Mike Bryan, Bob Bryan's twin brother, also features some of the best doubles players in the world.

Bopanna and Ebden have had an impressive year, with strong showings in several ATP tournaments, and are hopeful of continuing their form at the prestigious year-end event. The duo's focus will be on making a deep run in the tournament, with the aim of securing a place in the semifinals and potentially con-

tending for the ATP Finals title.

The ATP Finals will be a fitting conclusion to a thrilling season of men's doubles tennis.

Dhanush's Idlikadai Set for Release in 2025: **New Poster Released**



After the success of *Raan-jha* (also a directorial venture), Kollywood superstar Dhanush has another exciting project lined up for his fans. The much-anticipated film *Idlikadai* (also referred to as DD4) is generating buzz, especially after a recent poster release revealed a fresh look and the official release date of April 10, 2025.

Dhanush, known for his versatile roles both as an actor and director, has kept the production The movie marks the debut of has now gained considerable attention with the release of a new poster, which features Dhanush walking towards a small, thatched-roof structure, sparking curiosity and intrigue about the film's narrative. The rustic setting hints at a story deeply rooted in emotions and realism, leaving audiences eager to learn more about the plot.

In this film, Dhanush is paired

once again with actress Nithya Menon, who had earlier impressed audiences with her performance in *Thiru*. Fans are excited to see their dynamic chemistry on screen once again, adding to the film's heightened expectations. Other prominent actors featured in *Idlikadai* include Arun Vijay, Sathyaraj, Ashok Selvan, and Rajkiran, who will play key roles, making it an ensemble cast to watch out for.

of *Idlikadai* under wraps, sur- Akash as a producer, and music prising fans with its quiet yet maestro Jeevee Prakash Kumar swift commencement. The film is on board to deliver the music and background score, further intensifying the film's appeal. With Dhanush's track record of delivering powerful performances, and with the collaboration of such a talented cast and crew, *Idlikadai* is poised to be one of the most awaited releases in 2025. Fans can hardly wait to see what kind of unique story and characters Dhanush will bring to the big screen this time.

Suriya's Hilarious and Heartfelt Moments in Unstoppable with NBK

 $T^{\text{he popular talk show}}_{\text{*Unstoppable}} \text{ with }$ with NBK*, hosted by Tollywood superstar Balakrishna, continues to captivate audiences with its fun-filled and candid conversations. After the smashing success of the previous seasons, *Season 4* has already set high expectations, and the third episode featuring Kollywood's star hero Suriya has certainly lived up to the hype.

In the latest episode, *Unstoppable S4, Episode 3*, Balakrishna welcomes the beloved actor Suriya, and the conversation quickly becomes a blend of fun anecdotes and deep insights. The episode delves into several

aspects of Suriya's life, from his family bonds to his career milestones and philanthropic efforts. Fans were especially thrilled by the heartfelt discussion on his close relationship with his wife, actress Jyotika, and the deep bond they share.



The episode also brings a light-hearted moment when Suriya opens up about his first crush, revealing that there was one actress who had caught his eye. This playful revelation gets a humorous twist when Karthi, Suriya's brother, chimes in on the phone, teasing, "Are you Kathira... not Karthi?" The moment, though playful, adds a charming touch to the overall atmosphere of the show, showcasing the warmth between the brothers.

But it's not all fun and games. Suriya also takes the opportunity to discuss his social service initiatives and how he's committed to giving back to the community, adding a more serious note to the episode. The show masterfully balances both sides of the actor's personality – his playful, fun side and his genuine commitment to making a difference in society.

As always, *Unstoppable with NBK* keeps fans engaged with its unique format, and this episode is no exception. The promo for

this episode has already gone viral, with fans eagerly discussing the memorable moments from the show. It's no wonder that Balakrishna's *Unstoppable* continues to be one of the most talked-about talk shows in the industry, offering both entertainment and insight in equal measure.

Hombale Films Announces Three-Film Deal with Prabhas

Hombale Films, the power-house production house behind blockbuster franchises like *KGF* and *Salaar*, has announced an exciting three-film partnership with Rebel Star Prabhas. This deal, which includes the highly anticipated *Salaar 2*, marks a major step for the production house as it continues to expand its footprint in the Indian film industry.

Hombale Films, which previously bankrolled Prabhas' action-packed *Salaar Part 1*, will once again collaborate with the star for the second installment of the *Salaar* franchise. The production house has confirmed that they will also work on two more films with Prabhas, both of which will be made on a grand scale and released across multiple languages to cater to a pan-India audience.

In a public statement, Hombale Films expressed their excitement about the partnership, saying, "We are bhas, in a groundbreaking three-film proud to unite with the Rebel Star, #Pra-

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partnership that celebrates the essence

of Indian cinema and aims to take it to the world. This is a declaration of our commitment to creating cinematic experiences that will be unforgettable. The stage is set, and the path ahead is limitless. Get ready, as the journey begins with *Salaar 2*."

The statement indicates that the journey will begin with *Salaar 2*, which is expected to continue the action-packed saga from the first part. In addition to *Salaar 2*, the other two films will be directed by Prashanth Varma, known for his work on *HanuMan*, and the highly acclaimed director Lokesh Kanagaraj, who is known for his work in the *Vikram* and *Kaithi* franchis-

Both of these films will be created with the same grand vision as *Salaar 2*, aiming to set new standards for pan-India films in terms of scale, production values, and storytelling. Fans are eagerly waiting to see how this collaboration unfolds, as Prabhas and Hombale Films join forces for what promises to be an exciting and

unforgettable cinematic journey.

Game Changer: Makers drop Kiara Advani's stunning poster ahead of teaser launch

Kiara Advani, one of the most sought-after actresses in the South Indian film industry, is all set to leave her mark once again in *Game Changer*, a high-profile film starring global sensation Ram Charan in the lead role. Directed by the legendary filmmaker Shankar, this film is generating immense excitement among fans, especially with the recent release of Kiara Advani's stunning new look.

The much-awaited teaser of *Game Changer* is scheduled for a grand launch on November 9, 2024, in Lucknow, and the buzz surrounding it is palpable. The celebrations for the teaser launch will take place in 11 theaters across three states starting

event for fans of Ram Charan and Kiara Advani alike.

Recently, the makers unveiled Kiara Advani's captivating look in blue attire, a visual that has already gone viral on social media. Her mesmerizing beauty, paired with her impeccable style, has only fueled curiosity about her role in the film. Kiara's look is adding to the growing anticipation, leaving fans eager to see how she will complement Ram Charan's

powerful presence on screen.

Apart from Kiara Advani, *Game Changer* features a stellar ensemble cast, with Anjali playing another key female lead. Other notable actors include Naveen Chandra, Sunil, Srikanth, Bollywood's Harry Josh, and Kollywood stars like SJ Suryah and Samudrakhani, alongside renowned Kannada actor Jayaram.

Produced by Dil Raju under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations, *Game Changer* promises to be a cinematic spectacle. The story is being directed by Karthik Subbaraju, with dialogues penned by Saimadhav Burra. The film's music and background score are being composed by the tal-

from 4:30 pm, marking the occasion as a significant ented S. Thaman, further raising expectations for this grand project.

> With Ram Charan and Kiara Advani leading the charge, and a powerhouse team behind the camera, *Game Changer* is poised to be a game-changing blockbuster in 2025. Fans are eagerly awaiting what Shankar has in store for them in this high-octane thriller.

Vijay Deverakonda's music video is titled Sahiba

Cinger Jasleen Royal, known for her **O**chart-topping collaboration *Heeiye* with Dulquer Salmaan, has announced an exciting new music video project that has fans buzzing. Titled *Sahiba*, the music video promises to deliver an intriguing narrative, and this time, Vijay Deverakonda takes the lead role, marking a fresh dynamic in the music scene.

In an unexpected twist, Dulquer Salmaan, who previously worked with Jasleen on *Heeiye*, is back again, but this time in a supporting capacity. The music video also features popular actors Radhika Madan and Stebin Ben, who add to the star power of the project. Jasleen Royal herself will be seen in the video, adding her personal touch to the visuals.

Directed by Sudhanshu Saria, *Sahiba* is set to captivate audiences with its stunning visuals and compelling story. The lyrics are penned by Priya Sariya and Aditya Sharma, and the first-look posters for the music video have already sparked interest, giving fans a glimpse of the visually appealing and emotional journey that awaits



Set to be released on November 15, 2024, *Sahiba* is poised to be a musical treat, combining Jasleen's soulful voice with an exciting blend of talent in both the music and acting departments. Fans of the artists involved, as well as music lovers, can look forward to this visually striking and musically enriching experience. Stay tuned for more updates as the release date approaches!