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This is Just the Beginning **CM Revanth Reddy's Bold Push for Musi Revival**



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If the fields are obstructed, they will be trampled with a bulldozer

CM Revanth Reddy's challenge is not to stop if you dare

BRS leaders have been fined for ten years

Padayatra will be undertaken in the first week of January

CM should participate if KTR and Harish Rao dare

TPN , Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy issued a strong challenge to political opponents, particularly targeting former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), and T. Harish Rao. Speaking at the launch of the Moosi Pururajjiva Padayatra, aimed at rejuvenating the Musi river and addressing long-standing issues in the Nalgonda and Rangareddy districts, CM Revanth Reddy called on BRS and BJP leaders to confront him directly if they opposed the initiative.

"Is it an issue for BRS leaders if we solve the problems of the Musi catchment area?" Revanth Reddy asked, accusing them of neglecting the people of Nalgonda. He warned that attempts to obstruct progress would be met with firm resistance: "If any obstructions arise, we will clear them with bulldozers and carry on with the people's support."

The CM sharply criticized the ten-year tenure of the BRS, alleging that it looted the state without addressing public grievances. "If you have the courage, Harish Rao, join the padayatra in January," he declared, responding to Rao's previous challenge. Revanth highlighted that the Congress government is committed to ending the suffering of Telangana's citizens, contrasting his administration's focus with the alleged corruption during the previous re-

gime, citing projects like the Kaleshwaram project.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that his political career was not driven by personal gain but by a duty to the people. "As a son of Telangana, I am here to serve the state, not to accumulate wealth," he stated. He questioned why BRS and BJP leaders were unsympathetic to the plight of those affected by fluoride contamination and pollution in the Musi region.

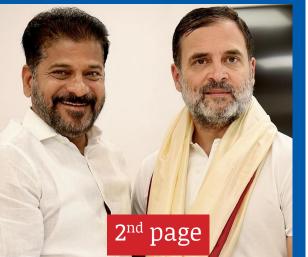
The CM announced that the padayatra would begin in Vadapally, where the Musa and Isa rivers meet. in the first week of January. He asserted that those who tried to hinder the river's revival would be consigned to history. As he addressed the crowd, a significant number of supporters demonstrated their backing.

Revanth concluded with a powerful statement: "This is just the trailer; the main movie is yet to come." He assured residents that the Congress government's commitment to revitalizing the Musi catchment area would bring sustainable solutions and wipe away the tears of affected families.

The CM's announcement signals a bold step forward for addressing pollution and developmental challenges in Telangana's key regions.

Not Even Fit for KCR's Leg





Harish Rao Rebukes Revanth Reddy

Revanth Reddy is talking about the degradation of the CM's level The vile comments on the leader who fought for Telangana is the most despicable Even if you wash it with dirty water, your mouth will not get dirty Stop crazy boasting and focus on administration

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TPN , Hyderabad: Former Minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao launched a sharp rebuttal to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent remarks targeting former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Harish Rao condemned Revanth's comments as "despicable," especially when aimed at a leader who led the movement for Telangana's statehood.

"You are not even fit for KCR's leg," Harish Rao said, accusing CM Revanth Reddy of repeated missteps and disrespectful behavior. He expressed that no Chief Minister in the past has spoken as clumsily as Revanth. "Even if you wash your mouth with dirty water, it won't cleanse your crooked thoughts," Harish Rao remarked, adding that the public is observing Revanth's "erroneous behavior."

Harish Rao emphasized the BRS's legacy of leading Telangana through its formation and development, contrasting it with what he described as Revanth's



"bad history" of coming to power through questionable means. He vowed to expose what he alleged were corrupt practices within Revanth's administration, urging the Chief Min-

ister to focus on governance rather than rhetoric.

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Criticism of Congress Administration and Farmer Support

Harish Rao also criticized the Congress-led government under Revanth Reddy for its alleged failures in governance, particularly concerning farmer welfare. He pointed out delays in disbursing Rythu Bandhu funds and disruptions in pension support for senior citizens, accusing the current government of neglecting essential needs.

"Under Revanth's administration, there is no security for students or support for farmers," he claimed. Harish Rao questioned if Telangana would have been achieved without KCR's leadership and asked whether Revanth Reddy would have become Chief Minister without KCR's efforts.

The former minister accused the Congress government of failing to build even a single house for the poor during its 11-month tenure and focusing more on demolition than development. Harish Rao concluded by urging Revanth Reddy to stop "autocratic and boastful" behavior and concentrate on constructive governance for the welfare of Telangana's citizens.

KCR at Rest, KTR in Action: **Union Minister's Prediction for BRS**

KTR is talking like he likes PM Modi with bloodshot eyes We will definitely bring down KTR's pride It is KTR who is protecting CM Revanth..

TPN, Telangana: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has launched sharp criticism at former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), predicting a decline in the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Telangana. Bandi Sanjay accused KTR of making overconfident remarks and warned that unchecked pride could lead to political consequences.KTR recently spoke about the government's support for the



Formula-E car race and addressed allegations by mentioning a letter sent to the governor for a case against him. KTR stated he was prepared to go to jail if necessary, humorously adding that he would use the time to practice yoga.

Responding to these remarks, Bandi Sanjay said that KTR is speaking with "bloodshot eyes" while showing apparent favor for Prime Minister Modi. He asserted that KTR's arrogance would be subdued and alleged that KTR was protecting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The Union Minister also claimed that while KCR, the former Chief Minister, is resting, KTR is taking the reins but lacks support and capacity. He criticized KTR's handling of BRS and predicted the party's imminent downfall, suggesting that there is a lack of strong candidates for the MLC elections.

Rahul Gandhi Sparks Speculation by Not Wishing Revanth Reddy on His Birthday

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy received birthday wishes from numerous political leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu, and several ministers. However, it was notable that Congress President Rahul Gandhi did not wish Revanth Reddy on his special day. Despite being a key figure in the Congress party, Gandhi's absence from the well-wishers events, such as the Rajiv Gandhi statue un-

list, both on social media and within party ranks, raised eyebrows.

Reports suggest that there has been a strained relationship between the two leaders in recent months, with Rahul Gandhi reportedly not granting an appointment to Revanth Reddy during his visits to Delhi. Rahul Gandhi also missed important

veiling and loan waiver meetings, although he attended the BC census gathering. Allegedly, Revanth Reddy's ties with industrialist Adani may have caused discomfort for Rahul Gandhi.

Despite this, sources close to Revanth Reddy and Congress suggest that Rahul Gandhi did personally call the CM to extend his birthday greetings.

CM Revanth Announces Formation of Yadagirigutta Temple Board on TTD Model

Order to change Yadagirigutta not Yadadri CM to change all records immediately Special policy for the care of cows in Goshala Suggestion to complete pending land acquisition

TPN , Yadagirigutta: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has unveiled key plans to boost the development of the Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple. During a visit on his birthday, CM Revanth met with temple officials and announced the formation of a temple board modeled after the renowned Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

The CM ordered that all official records be updated to use the name "Yadagirigutta" instead of "Yadadri," initiating this change

immediately. He emphasized that this step marks a return to the site's traditional identity.

Revanth Reddy also proposed a special policy for the care of cows at the temple's Goshala, suggesting the potential use of technology for improved cow protection. Highlighting the need for better facilities, he instructed officials to create arrangements for overnight stays for devotees.

The Chief Minister urged the swift completion of the gold



plating of the temple's Vimana Gopuram before the upcoming Brahmotsavam festival, ensuring full government support. He also stressed the importance of completing pending land acquisitions to support the temple's development and committed to allocating necessary funds.

CM Revanth requested detailed proposals from the officials within a week to move these plans forward. The announcement of a TTD-level temple board has been met with enthusiasm by devotees, who see it as a significant step in elevating Yadagirigutta's status and management.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Reviews **Madhira Municipal Development Plans**



officers from the Irrigation and Panchayat machine to maintain cleanliness. Raj Engineering departments.

During the meeting, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized the need for a "clean and green" Madhira, issuing several key directives for the town's development. He instructed officials to establish parks to promote greenery and improve the town's aesthetics. Proposals for constructing a retaining wall near the Shiva Temple, from Rayapatnam Bridge to the Railway Bridge, were also discussed.

In terms of infrastructure, Bhatti Vikramarka directed the acquisition of tree and grass cutters for clearing wild plants in municipal and mandal centers. He also mandated the modernization of the Madhira Municipal Office building.

Bandi Sanjay's response follows recent exchanges where both leaders sent legal notices to each other over disparaging comments. The political landscape is now watching for KTR's response to Sanjay's latest critique.

KTR Criticizes Revanth Reddy's Calls for His Arrest, Slams Congress Government's Actions

TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for calling for his arrest, accusing him of targeting him over the Sunkishala incident. In a tweet, KTR questioned the government's actions, asking whether it had the "guts" to blacklist Megha Krishna Reddy, the contrac-



tor involved in the incident, or to arrest him. KTR further emphasized that the government's failure to act against the contractor raised doubts about its sincerity. In his tweet, KTR also expressed frustration over the CM's attempts to paint him as the focus of the controversy, asking if the government had the courage to remove Megha Krishna Reddy's East India Company from the Kodangal Lift Irrigation project. He condemned the Congress government's handling of public representatives, criticizing the routine arrests of BRS leaders, activists, and public figures during CM Revanth Reddy's visits.

KTR accused the Congress government of suppressing opposition voices under the guise of democracy, pointing out that it had become a habit to detain opposition leaders in the name of pre-arrests or house arrests. He reiterated that no matter how many restrictions the government imposes, he will continue to speak out on behalf of the people, particularly regarding corruption and the unfulfilled promises of the Congress government. KTR demanded the immediate release of all detained BRS leaders and activists.

TPN, Telangana : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu held a review meeting this morning at the Madhira camp office to discuss ongoing municipal development projects. The meeting was attended by District Collector Muzamil Khan, Municipal Commissioner Sampath Kumar, and

The Deputy CM outlined measures to enhance waste management, including the distribution of dustbins for wet and dry waste collection and the introduction of daily door-to-door garbage collection. He also called for the purchase of a sweeping

Additionally, the Deputy CM instructed the Municipal Commissioner to connect the GPRS tracking system to the Collector's mobile to monitor garbage collection vehicles. He emphasized the importance of maintaining public toilets and street lights, as well as completing the internal roadwork at the old dumping yard. Lastly, he recommended rehabilitation of CC roads in floodprone areas of Madhira.

On the occasion of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's birthday, Minister for Endowments and Religious Affairs, Konda Surekha, shared a special selfie featuring the CM along with **Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka** Gandhi. The selfie was taken during their visit to Yadadri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple. The occasion marked a significant moment as CM Revanth Reddy paid his respects at the temple, with the i mage capturing a rare moment of unity and celebration among key political leaders.

CM Revanth Reddy Visits Yadadri Lakshminarasimha Swamy on His Birthday

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy marked his birthday with a visit to the Yadadri Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple, arriving via a special helicopter from Hyderabad. Upon landing at the helipad, a convoy took him to the temple on Yadagiri hill, where he was warmly welcomed by temple priests and authorities. Ministers, MLAs, and other political representatives joined CM Revanth Reddy for the visit, highlighting the significance of the occasion. The CM's visit was also part of his ongoing Musi restoration padayatra in the joint Nalgonda district.

After offering prayers at the temple, CM Revanth Reddy convened a meeting with officials of the Yadadri Temple Development Authority (VTDA). The meeting focused on various development projects at Yadadri and discussed ongoing works. Ministers Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponnam Prabhakar, Konda Surekha, and joint Nalgonda district MLAs were also present. The CM reviewed progress on the temple's development and emphasized the timely completion of key projects.









Komati Reddy to KTR **Revanth Reddy Will Deliver for Nalgonda**



TPN, Telangana : Minister Komati Reddy Venkata Reddy has criticized BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for his inability to appreciate the progress in Nalgonda and his ongoing criticism of CM Revanth Reddy. Speaking about the development of the district, Komati Reddy highlighted that while fluoride remains a problem, CM Revanth Reddy's administration has allocated Rs. 6,000 crores for its resolution. He also mentioned that KTR, in his attempts to deflect from the issues, is "a fool who can't be happy with a closed purge."

Referring to Revanth Reddy's efforts, the Minister emphasized that under the new leadership, there is hope for cha nge in the district, which was previously ignored by the previous government. He mocked KTR's claims about solving local issues, calling them false promises, and mocked the opposition's efforts to divert attention from the real problems.

Komati Reddy further assured that under Revanth Reddy's leadership, the necessary work would be completed within five years, reiterating that Revanth would continue as CM in the future, securing another term in the upcoming elections.

Slums Increasing in Hyderabad, Urges Union **Minister Kishan Reddy**



Telangana's Caste Census Survey

A Model for the Nation, Says Minister Ponguleti

TPN , Telangana :Telangana Minister 50%. Government records show that Ponguleti Srinivas has hailed the ongoing caste-based census survey in the state as a model for the entire country. During his inspection of the survey in Narayanapuram, Khammam district, the Minister emphasized that the comprehensive house-to-house survey being conducted in Telangana would serve as a role model for other states in the future. He urged all citizens to fully cooperate with the survey, which will be conducted across the state in the coming days.

According to the Minister, 70% of households have already been identified within the first two days of the survey, with some districts reaching

there are 1.17 crore families in Telangana, with this number expected to rise as the survey progresses. The survey involves gathering names, details, and house ownership information, with staff placing stickers on each house. These stickers include vital information such as the village or municipality name, ward number, enumeration block number, and the total number of houses in each block.

The survey aims to provide accurate data for effective governance and policy-making, ensuring that the needs of all communities in Telangana are properly addressed.



MLA Vivekananda Accuses Congress Government of Diverting Telangana Funds for Elections

TPN, Telangana : MLA KP Vivekananda has accused the Congress government in Telangana of misusing state funds for political purposes, including sending money to support elections in other states. In a press statement, Vivekananda claimed that funds from Telangana were diverted to finance elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. He alleged that the Congress leadership, led by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is using Telangana as a "golden duck" and collecting money thr ough blackmailing builders and traders.

Vivekananda further accused Revanth Reddy of running operations from his residence, where project estimates are being



TPN, Telangana: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, strongly criticized the Congress government for its failure to protect Hindu temples in the state. While visiting the Hanuman temple in Shamshabad Airport Colony, Bandi Sanjay, accompanied by local BJP leaders, expressed anger over the destruction of Navagrahas and other temple attacks.

In his remarks to the media, Bandi Sanjay claimed that under Congress rule, Hindu temples were left vulnerable, with perpetrators of attacks being dismissed as "madmen." He questioned why such attacks were only directed at Hindu temples and why no action was taken to protect them. "Do you want Hindus to stop voting for Congress?" he asked, expressing concern that the party's indifference to these incidents might alienate Hindu voters.



prepared, and funds are being raised from builders under the banner of the HYDRA initiative. He questioned why no action was being taken against the agency responsible for the Sunkishala project, where quality defects have been reported, and why the

agency hasn't been blacklisted.

The MLA also claimed that Congress's dealings with Adani have linked Telangana's land resources to the BJP, thereby sending funds from Telangana to both Congress and BJP in Delhi. He criticized the Congress for its ties with the BJP and alleged that Congress, under the leadership of Revanth Reddy, is siphoning off Telangana's resources for personal and political gain.

Vivekananda concluded by stating that the BRS party would continue exposing the Congress government's alleged corruption and would not be intimidated by threats of legal action.



Telangana BC Commission Urges Confidentiality in

TPN, Telangana: Union Minister Kishan Reddy expressed concern over the rising slums in Hyderabad and emphasized the need for the effective implementation of both central and state government schemes. In a recent meeting with officials, Reddy highlighted that despite central government grants for residential schools and hostels for minorities, many states have failed to properly implement these schemes. He pointed out that there is a shortage of land for Anganwadi schools and hostels for BC, SC, and ST communities.

Reddy also stressed the importance of transparent implementation of central government schemes and urged officials to conduct quarterly reviews to monitor their progress. While acknowledging that 70-80 percent of Telangana's revenue comes from Hyderabad, he pointed out the financial challenges faced by GHMC and Metro Water Works departments due to insufficient funds. He urged the state government to take responsibility for providing basic infrastructure to residents of Hyderabad and its surrounding areas.

The Union Minister also noted that the sports department in the state has been effectively shut down, further underlining the need for government officials to become more accessible to the public by engaging with them directly.

Bandi Sanjay demanded strict measures to prevent future attacks on temples and warned that if the government continues to ignore such issues, Hindus across the state would eventually unite and turn against the administration. His comments reflect the growing tension between the BJP and Congress over religious issues in the state.



Caste Survey, Warns Against **False Information**

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana BC Commission has emphasized the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of personal information collected during the ongoing caste survey. Chairman G Niranjan, speaking to the media, urged the planning department and district collectors to ensure that all personal data gathered by enumerators remains secure.

Niranjan explained that the comprehensive caste survey, which is currently underway, was entrusted to the planning department due to the BC Commission's lack of its own staff and machinery. He also cautioned that any officials or enumerators who record false information would face serious legal consequences, with the commission taking strict and impartial action in such cases.

The BC Commission chairman further requested citizens to cooperate fully with enumerators during the survey. He assured that if any errors or misuse of personal data occur, they can be reported to district collectors or the BC Commission for appropriate action.

Niranjan stressed that the data gathered in this survey is crucial for assessing the current conditions of backward classes (BCs) and making recommendations for future policies. The BC Commission relies heavily on accurate information to inform its decisions and support ongoing initiatives for BC welfare.

471 Grievances Received During **Telangana's** Prajavani **Program**

TPN, **Hyderabad**: A total of 471 grievances were received during the Prajavani program held at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Panjagutta, Hyderabad, on Friday. The program, aimed at addressing citizens' concerns, saw a large number of complaints directed to various state departments.

The highest number of grievances—156 was directed to the Backward-Class Welfare Department, followed by 87 complaints to the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, and 75 grievances regarding power supply issues. Additionally, 50 applications were related to revenue matters, while 99 others were directed to various other state departments. Four applications were submitted at the

counter.State Planning Commission Vice Chairperson Dr. Chinna Reddy and Public Administration Special Officer Divya reviewed the applications during the session.

In comparison, the Prajavani program held on October 1 received 384 applications, with the highest number of grievances in that session directed to the Backward-Class Welfare Department. Last week, the Minority Welfare Department received the most complaints, totaling 255.

The Prajavani program continues to serve as an important platform for citizens to voice their concerns and receive resolutions from the state government.







Home Guard Injured in Hit-and-Run Incident **During Vehicle Check at** Punjagutta

TPN, Hyderabad: A home guard officer was injured in a hit-and-run incident at Nagarjuna Circle in Punjagutta on Friday while participating in a vehicle check for traffic violations, including black film on window glasses.

The incident occurred when Home Guard Ramesh attempted to stop a car for a routine check. The driver, identified as Mohd Syed, ignored the officer's signal and tried to flee the scene. Despite the officer holding onto the vehicle, the driver accelerated, dragging Ramesh along and causing injury.

The police immediately registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident. The driver, Mohd Syed, is currently under investigation for his actions. Authorities have condemned the reckless behavior and assured that strict legal action will be taken against the driver.

The injured home guard officer was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. The police team is working on identifying and questioning witnesses to gather more details about the event. The authorities have reiterated their commitment to maintaining traffic discipline and safety on the roads.

Water Crisis Halts **Surgeries at Niloufer Hospital, Patients Suffer**

TPN , Hyderabad : Niloufer Hospital, once a beacon of healthcare during the BRS regime, is now facing a severe shortage of facilities, with a recent water crisis bringing the hospital's operations to a halt. Surgeries were stalled for two days due to the failure of a bore at the hospital's sump, leading to a shortage of water across the five floors of the emergency department.

The affected departments include pediatrics, pediatric surgery, gynecology, the delivery room, and the operation theater, where 25 to 30 surgeries are typically conducted daily. Patients and their attendants expressed their frustration, describing the situation as unbearable. They have had to endure what they referred to as "watery hell" due to the lack of basic amenities required for the smooth functioning of the hospital.

Telangana Cyber Security Bureau Uncovers Human Trafficking Racket in Cambodia

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau has successfully launched a major operation in Cambodia to dismantle a human trafficking racket that was luring Telangana youth with promises of jobs abroad. The operation followed a complaint filed by the mother of a young man who had been trafficked to Cambodia. The Cyber Crime Police ensured the safe return of the mother from Cambodia to Hyderabad.

The investigation led to the arrest of a key member of the trafficking gang, Sadakat Khan, from Uttar Pradesh. Khan was detained at Delhi airport while returning from the Maldives. The police have registered several charges



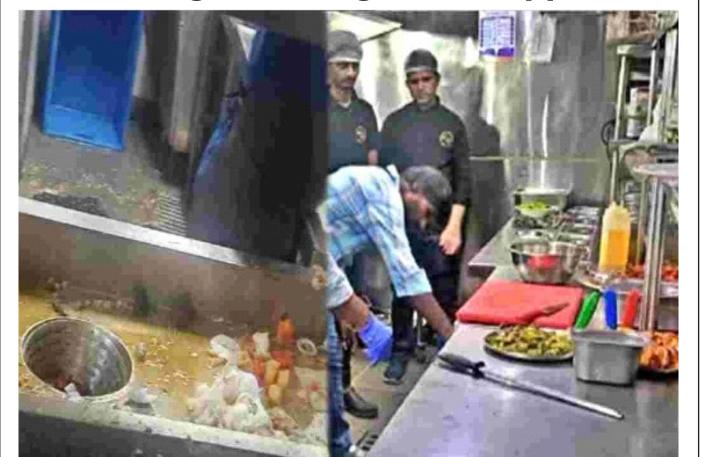
against Khan, including sections under IPC 370 (trafficking), 386 (extortion), 420 (cheating), 323 (causing hurt), 342 (wrongful confinement), and Section 24 of the Emigration Act. Additionally, three other individuals who were assisting Khan in the trafficking

operation have been arrested. These individuals are K. Sai Prasad from Jagityal, Mohammad Abid Hussain Ansari from Pune, and Mohammad Shadab Alam from Bihar.

The cyber security bureau's operation has exposed the illegal network of agents who have been exploiting vulnerable youth by offering them false job opportunities abroad. The police have assured strict action against

those involved in this racket and are investigating further to identify and apprehend additional members of the gang. Authorities have warned the public to be cautious when seeking overseas job opportunities and to verify credentials before making decisions.







Telangana High Court Orders GHMC to Proceed with Partial Land Acquisition for Amberpet **Flyover Project**

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has directed the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to continue with the partial land acquisition for the controversial Amberpet flyover project, despite opposition from the Shalem Bible Church located in Golnaka. The court was hearing a petition filed by the church, which challenged the GHMC's decision to acquire 94.20 square yards of its land for the flyover's construction.

The church argues that it has been unfairly singled out for land acquisition, while other religious structures along the flyover route, such as temples and dargahs, have been exempted. The petitioners contend that the GHMC did not properly consult them before proceeding with the acquisition and have called for the flyover's realignment to avoid damaging the church property. Although the church does not hold official ownership documents, it claims to have had possession of the land for decades.

Presenting a 1964 document showing the disputed land's official ownership, the unofficial respondents further weakened the church's position. After hearing both sides, Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy permitted the demolition of the church's compound wall and the acquisition of the front portion needed for the flyover. However, the main church structure will be preserved, and the case has been adjourned for further hearing to maintain the status quo.

The court's decision allows GHMC to proceed with the construction while ensuring minimal disruption to the church's core structure.



This incident has raised concerns over the state of government-run dispensaries and healthcare services, with many questioning the current government's handling of vital infrastructure. The halt in surgeries at Niloufer Hospital has left numerous patients waiting for essential medical care, further highlighting the urgent need for improvements in hospital facilities.

TPN , **Hyderabad**, **November** leading the authorities to issue a 8: Telangana food safety officials conducted surprise raids at several restaurants in Nagol, LB Nagar, and Uppal on Friday following customer complaints about poor food quality and unsanitary conditions.

At Nagol Lucky Restaurant, officials discovered spoiled paneer, cabbage, and chicken being used in food preparation. The kitchen was found to be unhygienic, show-cause notice to the owner for not adhering to food safety standards.

In LB Nagar, officials inspectcustomer reported finding hair in the chicken. The kitchen was also found to be dirty, resulting in a notice being given to the restaurant. A similar raid was carried out at Uppal's Surabhi Restaurant after a complaint

about a cockroach in the food. The inspection revealed unsanitary kitchen conditions, and food samples were sent for lab testing.

ed Maduram Restaurant after a Food safety officials have warned these establishments to maintain cleanliness and follow hygiene standards. Failure to comply with food safety regulations could lead to further action, including the cancellation of licenses and potential closures.

Gold Jewelry Worth Rs 15 Lakh Stolen from Srikrishna Travels Bus

TPN, Hyderabad: A major theft occurred on a Srikrishna Travels bus when unidentified thieves stole gold jewelry worth Rs 15 lakh from a passenger's bag. The theft was discovered by the victim, who immediately called Dial 100 to report the incident.

The bus, traveling from Mandapet to Hyderabad, stopped at Abdullahpurmet police station after the driver was informed of the theft. The police launched an investigation by checking the belongings of 40 passengers on the bus, but no leads have been found yet. Authorities are now focusing on identifying any potential suspects who may have gotten off at any stop along the route.

The victim stated that she had placed the gold jewelry in her bag upon boarding the bus, but it was missing by the time she checked it. The police are committed to bringing justice to the victim, though the investigation is ongoing.

Meanwhile, passengers aboard the bus have expressed frustration, especially as they were detained at the police station since early morning, including those with small children. Many passengers are upset, as they have already been thoroughly checked, yet they remain at the station without further action or clarity.



Cheating BCs Will Not Be **Tolerated: MLA** Madhavaram

TPN, Hyderabad: Kookatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao has strongly demanded that a Scheduled Caste (SC) classification be carried out alongside the BC Census, expressing concerns over potential injustice to BC communities. Speaking during his inspection of the ongoing house-to-house family survey by GHMC officials in Kukatpally, MLA Madhavaram emphasized that the Congress government must not deceive BCs in the name of the BC Census.

While he welcomed the survey initiative, the MLA criticized the lack of communication with elected representatives, particularly MLAs, and the absence of a discussion in the state assembly regarding the survey's implementation. He expressed his frustration over being unable to answer the questions being raised by constituents about the caste census process.

MLA Madhavaram further highlighted the concerns of the public, pointing out their confusion regarding the survey's questions, particularly inquiries into property, bank account details, and household items. He questioned the necessity of collecting such information for the BC Census. If the government's actions lead to any injustice against BCs, he assured that BRS would stand with the affected communities and take a firm stand against such practices.

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Ex-SBI Manager Among 8 Arrested in Rs 4.8 Crore Loan Fraud in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad : Eight individuals, including the former branch manager of State Bank of India (SBI) in Sanathnagar, were arrested by the Economic Offences Wing (EOS) of Cyberabad Police in connection with a massive loan fraud scam worth Rs 4.8 crore.

The accused have been identified as Karthik Rai, the former SBI manager, along with Mettepilly Srikanth, Pole Vishal, Dagala Raju, Sudhansu Shekhar Parida, Mohammed Wajeed, U. Sunil Kumar, Bhaskar Goud, and Amanchi Upender.

According to the police, the accused misused SBI's loan schemes, sanctioning loans with fake documents, including salary slips and identity cards, to misrepresent loanees as salaried employees. Rai, in particular, is accused of approving loans in exchange for a 5% commission from the loan amounts, diverting funds into third-party accounts and manipulating customers to invest in higher-return schemes.

The scam was uncovered after the current branch manager, Ramachandra Raghavendra Prasad Paparapatti, raised concerns over discrepancies in the branch's accounts between June 2020 and June 2023. Investigations revealed that funds were misappropriated, including the diversion of fixed deposits and funds from deceased customers, without the knowledge of legal heirs.

Harish Rao Assists 10,000 People with **CMRF** in Siddipet



TPN , Siddipet : Former Minister T Harish Rao shared that he had successfully helped 10,000

BRS Leaders Detained During Telangana CM's Musi Padayatra in Nalgonda



TPN , **Hyderabad** : Several Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders were detained and placed under house

arrest in Nalgonda on Friday, No-

vember 8, while Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy conducted

12 Students Hospitalized Due to Food Poisoning at Telangana **Government School**



TPN, Hyderabad: Twelve students were hospitalized on Thursday, November 7, after falling ill due to food poisoning at a government school hostel in Mancherial, Telangana. The students developed symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea after consuming food, which reportedly included a pickle brought from home. The affected students were rushed to a nearby hospital, where they were treated and later discharged as their condition stabilized.

In response to the incident, the headmaster of the school, D. Madhav, was suspended. Officials collected food samples from the hostel to send for laboratory testing to identify the cause of the food poisoning. Mancherial District Collector Kumar Deepak visited the hospital to monitor the situation and reassured the public that steps were being taken to prevent future food poisoning incidents in government-run hostels. He also instructed authorities to provide quality medical services to the affected students.

Additionally, the Collector placed District Tribal Welfare Officer (DTWO) Gangaram under suspension for negligence. Gangaram was accused of delaying the reporting of the incident and providing false information to higher authorities, which led to confusion and mismanagement.

BRS MLA T. Harish Rao criticized the state government's handling of food

safety in government schools. In a post on X, he pointed to the recurring

incidents of food poisoning and condemned the government's failure to im-

plement proper measures to ensure the safety and well-being of students

his Musi Padayatra. The police de- has turned into a pile of dirt?" tained the leaders as they attempted to protest against the padayatra. Among those detained were former MLAs K. Prabhakar Reddy, Chirumu rthy Lingayah, and Bhupal Reddy.

Former Telangana Finance Minister T. Harish Rao condemned the house arrest and criticized the Musi Padayatra, calling it "like a funeral arranged for a murderer." In a post on X, Rao blamed the Congress party for the state of the Musi river, asking, "Isn't the Congress's 50-year rule the reason why Musi

Rao further criticized the Musi Padayatra, stating that it would not benefit the Chief Minister. He described the Musi Riverfront development project as a "sin," adding that no padayatra could wash away the alleged wrongs committed by the Congress government. The BRS continues to oppose the Congress-led efforts to improve the Musi river, viewing it as an attempt to shift blame for the river's poor state.

Telangana: **Sircilla Police Raids Illegal Financiers, Six** Detained

TPN, Rajanna-Sircilla : The district police in Rajanna-Sircilla conducted extensive raids on illegal financiers on Friday, leading to the detention of six individuals. A total of 24 police teams carried out searches in various houses and business establishments, seizing 216 documents linked to illegal financing activities worth Rs. 80 lakh.

Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan revealed that investigations had uncovered that some of the illegal financiers were charging exorbitant interest rates from borrowers. He highlighted that several individuals, unable to repay the massive interest amounts, had tragically taken their own lives.

Mahajan stressed that operating a finance business without proper authorization is illegal and warned that serious action would be taken against those involved in such practices. The police are continuing their efforts to clamp down on illegal financing activities in the district.



people receive assistance worth Rs 35 crore from the Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF). Speaking at a ceremony on Friday, where he distributed CMRF cheques totaling Rs 54.50 lakh to 237 beneficiaries, Rao expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to assist so many in his constituency.

Rao highlighted his ongoing efforts to improve public services, citing his role in facilitating the establishment of an LV Prasad Hospital in Siddipet, aimed at providing eye surgeries to thousands of people. He also recalled his initiative to serve breakfast and snacks to 10th-class students who had achieved excellent results, further emphasizing his commitment to community welfare. Through these initiatives, Rao reiterated his dedication to ensuring better healthcare and educational support for the people of Siddipet.

Telangana **Announces SSC** Exam Fee **Payment Schedule** for March 2025

TPN , Hyderabad : The Directorate of Government Examinations in Telangana has released the fee payment schedule for the SSC exams scheduled for March 2025.

Students can pay their exam at their respective schools until November 18. For payments made after this date, late fees will apply: Rs 50 for payments made by December 2, Rs 200 for payments made by December 12, and Rs 500 for payments made by December 21.

fees without any late charges The SSC exam fee for regular vised to visit the official website students is Rs 125 for all subjects

or Rs 110 for up to three subjects. Vocational candidates will need to pay an additional Rs 60 along with the regular fee.

This schedule also applies to OSSC and vocational public examinations. Students are adfor further details.

Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal: Anil Kumar **Goyal Cross-Examined by Telangana Advocate**

in school hostels.



TPN , Hyderabad : Anil Kumar Goyal, a key witness for Andhra Pradesh, was cross-examined by senior advocate V. Ravinder Rao, representing Telangana, before the Krishna Waters Disputes Tribunal on Friday.

During the cross-examination, Goyal admitted to being unaware of the abandonment of the Vykuntapu-

ram pumping scheme, which occurred over a decade ago. Despite this, 2 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) of water had been re-allocated for the scheme as part of the 385.83 TMC of projected water requirements, a detail Goyal confirmed.

He clarified that both protected utilization and reallocation were considered while preparing the data for his affidavit. Goyal also acknowledged that both the Guntur Channel and Vykuntapuram Pumping Scheme are located downstream of the Pulichintala reservoir, with a yield of 53 TMC between the Pulichintala reservoir and the Prakasham Barrage. However, he pointed out that the 6 TMC water requirement for these schemes could not be entirely met from

the downstream yield, as seasonal water requirements vary.

This exchange forms part of ongoing deliberations before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal, which is assessing water-sharing issues between the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Gangula Kamalakar Criticizes Telangana **Govt for Reduced Fish Seedling Distribution**



TPN, Karimnagar: Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar has criticized the state government for reducing the quantity of fish seedlings distributed this year. Speaking at the distribution event at Asifnagar tank in Karimnagar rural mandal on Friday, Kamalakar highlighted that during the BRS government's tenure, 42 lakh tonnes of fish seedlings were distributed across 69 tanks in the Karimnagar constituency. This year, however, the distribution dropped to just 21

lakh tonnes.

Kamalakar also noted that last year, 2.20 crore tonnes of fish seedlings were distributed in various water bodies across the district, but this amount had been halved in the current year. The MLA attributed the previous government's efforts to the welfare of fishing communities, claiming that initiatives like the free distribution of fish seedlings and the filling of tanks had benefited both fishermen

and other caste-based occupations. Under the BRS government, Telangana even reached a stage where it could export fish to other regions, providing a steady income for local fishermen. The MLA expressed concern that under the Congress-led government, caste occupations were facing difficulties due to the state government's new decisions, impacting the livelihood of the fishing community.



OPINION



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 arrested.

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 eco-

nomic 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

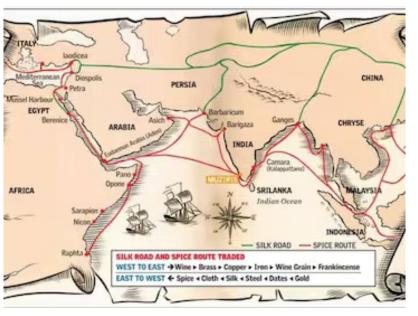
Middle East, Southeast Asia, China, and even Europe.

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 today.

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



The Chief Minister of Jammu and

nificant step in the rebuilding and reorganization of the state after its reconstitution into a Union Territory in 2019.

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

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.

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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, Supriva 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



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

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

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 judiciary.

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.

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 state.

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.





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 power.

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.

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



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 represent the Sikh community as a whole." This remark comes

amid rising tensions between pro-Khalistan groups and members of the Indo-Canadian community, particularly in the aftermath of the Brampton attack.



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. to face significant military and economic challenges from Russia's invasion.

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. At the event, which was attended by Cabinet Ministers Anita Anand and Gary Anandasangaree, Trudeau emphasized that Canada is a country that celebrates diversity but must also stand

against division. "There is no room for violence or intolerance or intimidation or division. That is not who we are," he declared, signaling the government's firm stance against extremist activities, regardless of the community involved.

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 divide us."

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-

d paign.

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 355 **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 & Mahinshifts positively in the coming sessions. dra (M&M), Titan, Tech

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 high of 79,807. Ultimately, it closed 55 Sector-wise, FMCG, IT, healthcare, and points lower at 79,486. Similarly, the consumer durables stocks saw gains, NSE Nifty opened at 24,207 and saw a while banking, finance, media, metals,

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 Mahindra, Nestlé India, hand, Trent, Coal India, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, the biggest losers.

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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 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.

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



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.



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.

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



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.

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

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 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-

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



Adani Power has significantly re- exported from India to Bangladesh. 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

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.





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

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



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.

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 no-

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.



A recent study has uncovered a con-cerning 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 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

 \mathbf{P}_{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.

A major factor behind Barcelona's success has been the Meanwhile, Real Sociedad, sitting 11th 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.

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**



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

The ongoing tension between India and Pakistan continues to impact the world $T_{\rm Pakistan}$ 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.



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.

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 career.

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

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**



A fter 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 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 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

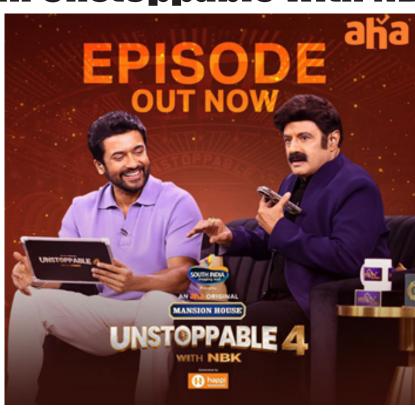
once again with actress Nithya Menon, who had earlier impressed audiences with her performance in *Thiru*. Fans are excited to see their dynamic chemistry on screen once again, adding to the film's heightened expectations. Other prominent actors featured in *Idlikadai* include Arun Vijay, Sathyaraj,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

Suriya's Hilarious and Heartfelt Moments in Unstoppable with NBK

 $T^{
m he\ popular\ talk\ show}_{*Unstoppable\ with}$ 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-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.



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 Kanaga-

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.

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-

raj, who is known for his work in PRABHAS the *Vikram* and *Kaithi* franchises.

> 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

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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 **J**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.

partnership that celebrates the essence

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 them.



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!