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CM Revanth Highlights Congress Govt's Milestones

Healthcare Boost: New Ambulances and Clinics Inaugurated
Job Creation Milestone: 50,000 Positions in One Year
Farmer Welfare: ₹21,000 Crore Loan Waiver Announced
Criticism of BRS and BJP: Revanth Targets Opposition



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy emphasized his government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people while inaugurating the Public Health Victory Celebration on Monday. The event marked the completion of one year of the Congress-led government in the state.

Speaking at the ceremony, CM Revanth Reddy announced significant achievements, including the inauguration of 213 ambulances—136 for the 108 emergency service and 77 for the 102 service. The CM also virtually launched 33 transgender clinics, 28 paramedical colleges, 16 nursing colleges, and handed over appointment letters to 442 civil assis-

tant surgeons and 24 food safety officers.

Highlighting his government's focus on public welfare, CM Reddy stated that 50,000 jobs were created within a year, a national record. He criticized the previous BRS government for failing to issue notifications during its decade-long tenure, contrasting it with his government's efforts to fill 14,000 posts in a single day. The CM further pointed out the waiver of loans worth ₹21,000 crores for 25 lakh farmers in the first year of his government.

Taking a swipe at BRS, CM Revanth Reddy alleged that former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao was conspiring from his farmhouse to derail development. He also targeted BJP leader Kishan Reddy, accusing him of neglecting Telangana's needs despite being a Union Minister.

The CM questioned why the previous government failed to dedicate the "Jaya He" song or install the Telangana Thalli statue in the Secretariat. He assured the public that schemes like 200 units of free electricity under the Gruha Jyoti scheme reflect the Congress government's commitment to the state's progress.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Damodara Rajanarasimha, Ponnam Prabhakar, and others joined the celebrations, calling for public participation in Congress victory rallies scheduled for December 7-9.

CM Revanth Visits Gajwel, Inaugurates Coca-Cola Plant in Siddipet

Coca-Cola Greenfield Plant: A Boost for Siddipet's Economy

CM Revanth Tours Facility, Highlights Industrial Growth



TPN , Gajwel, Siddipet District : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy made his first visit to Gajwel constituency, represented by former CM and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao, after assuming office. During this visit, he inaugurated the HSSB Coca-Cola greenfield plant in Bandatimmapur, Siddipet district, showcasing the government's commitment to promoting industrial growth.

The event witnessed the participation of key dignitaries, including Ministers Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar, and Konda Surekha, along with representatives from Coca-Cola. The Chief Minister toured the newly inaugurated plant, inquiring about the production process and other operational details. Speaking on the occasion, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized the importance of fostering industrial development to boost employment and economic growth in the region. He stated that such initiatives align with his government's vision to enhance the state's industrial infrastructure while ensuring sustainable practices.

The Coca-Cola plant in Siddipet is expected to generate significant employment opportunities for the local community and contribute to the district's economic progress. The inauguration marked a significant moment in the CM's visit to a constituency long associated with the previous administration.

Harish Rao Criticizes CM Revanth as a "Two-Headed Snake"

Harish Rao Calls Revanth Reddy a 'Double-Tongued Leader'
Accusations of Hypocrisy: Shift in Revanth's Stances Highlighted
BRS Legacy: Praises for Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima
Charge Sheet on Congress Failures to Be Released on December 7



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana's senior BRS leader and MLA Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, calling him "more dangerous than a

two-headed snake." Speaking at a media conference at BRS Bhavan, Harish Rao accused Revanth Reddy of double standards, alleging that his words and actions have drastically shifted since assuming office.

"A two-headed snake may appear scary but poses no real danger. However, people with double-tongued attitudes are far more harmful," Rao remarked. He labeled Revanth as a leader with a dual approach, causing significant damage to society. 2nd page

Lorry Crashes into Vegetable Market in Chevella

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Telangana Sub-Inspector Dies by Suicide in Mulugu

TPN , Hyderabad : In a tragic incident, a sub-inspector of police, identified as R. Harish, died by suicide in Mulugu district, Telangana, on Monday, December 2. Harish was posted at the Wazedu police station. The incident occurred at a resort within the Eturunagaram Mandal Headquarters limits, where Harish had rented a room. On Monday morning, resort staff found the room door open and discovered Harish in a pool of blood on the bed. They immediately alerted the local Eturunagaram police station. 2nd page

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Harish Rao claimed that Revanth's statements while in opposition starkly contradict his actions as CM. He criticized Revanth's ability to change his narrative conveniently, accusing him of "mastering the art of sweet-talking and shifting stances to suit his agenda."

Rao also accused Revanth of hypocrisy, pointing out how he once referred to leaders of a rival party as "demons" but later praised the same individuals upon joining their ranks. "This arrogance and shameless rhetoric define Revanth's political style," he added.

Addressing policy issues, Harish Rao credited the previous BRS government with implementing pro-farmer schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima. He alleged that the Congress government has neglected these initiatives. He also criticized Revanth's inconsistency on the Layout Regularization Scheme (LRS), questioning his motives for now directing officials to pay ₹15,000 crores to the public without making LRS free.

Harish Rao concluded by announcing that a charge sheet detailing the Congress government's failures will be released on December 7, asserting that people are closely observing Revanth Reddy's changing rhetoric and governance style.

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Police officials rushed to the scene and launched an investigation. Preliminary reports suggest Harish was under immense pressure following an incident on November 22 in Peruru village, Wazedu Mandal, where Maoists entered the village and killed two tribals, suspecting them to be police informants. This was reportedly the first such attack in the area, and officials treated it as a failure on Harish's part.

Rumors on social media indicated that Harish faced severe pressure from higher officials over the incident, which may have driven him to take the extreme step.

The police are investigating the circumstances leading to Harish's death while colleagues and locals expressed their shock and grief over the incident.

Lorry Crashes into Vegetable Market in Chevella - 4 Dead, Several Injured



TPN , Hyderabad : A tragic accident claimed at least four lives when a lorry crashed into a roadside vegetable market in Chevella, Rangareddy district, on Monday evening, December 2. The incident occurred at the Aluru vegetable market, located approximately 40 kilometers from Hyderabad.

The lorry, reportedly carrying cement, lost control and rammed into the busy market, where around 50 people were present. The vehicle came to a halt only after colliding with a tree. Several individuals sustained critical injuries in the accident, and the death toll is feared to rise.

Local police and emergency services rushed to the scene to initiate rescue operations and provide medical assistance to the injured. Authorities are working to identify the deceased and ensure proper treatment for the survivors.

Eyewitnesses described the scene as chaotic, with vendors and customers caught unaware by the speeding vehicle. The police have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident and whether any negligence was involved.

This tragic incident has left the local community in shock, highlighting the need for stricter measures to ensure safety at roadside markets in high-traffic areas.



17 Govt Employees Arrested for Bribery in November



TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant crackdown on corruption, the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested 17 government employees in November for alleged involvement in bribery cases. The accused were caught accepting bribes across various government depart-

ments, including Panchayat Raj, Education, Police, Municipal, and Irrigation, and have been remanded to judicial custody.

The ACB reported that a total of ₹3.54 lakh was seized in connection with these bribery

cases. Additionally, one case of disproportionate assets was unearthed in the Irrigation Department, where assets worth a staggering ₹17.73 crore were recovered, underscoring the extent of corrupt practices.

The bureau also secured convictions in three notable cases during the month. On November 7, J. Venkateswara Rao, an assistant at GHMC in Rajendranagar, was convicted of accepting a bribe and sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of ₹20,000. Similarly, T. Prakash, a commercial tax officer from Mancherla Circle, received a three-year prison sentence for bribery. In another case, P. Ashok, an employee of Nizam-

abad Municipal Corporation, was sentenced to two years of imprisonment and fined ₹20,000 for similar offences.

The ACB urged citizens to actively report corruption through their toll-free helpline number 1064 or via their social media platforms. The bureau emphasized its commitment to eradicating corruption and called on the public to support its efforts in ensuring accountability within government departments.

This series of arrests and convictions highlights the Telangana government's stringent stance against corruption and its ongoing efforts to foster transparency in governance.

Government Increases Death Benefits for Employees to Rs. 30,000



TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant move to support government employees, the Telangana government has announced an increase in the death benefits provided to the families of deceased employees. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recently issued orders raising the amount from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 30,000, in line with the recommendations of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC).

This decision comes just a day after CM Revanth Reddy made a key announcement regarding farmer security, showcasing his government's focus on welfare initiatives for different sectors. The increase in death benefits is expected to ease the financial burden on the families of government employees during difficult times.

As part of his one-year celebrations of governance, CM Revanth Reddy has introduced several development schemes aimed at benefiting the people of Telangana, including the Gruha Jyoti scheme, free bus rides for women, and the notification of over 50,000 government jobs.

In addition to these achievements, CM Revanth Reddy has been paying special attention to resolving the long-standing issues faced by government employees. Recently, he met with employees to listen to their grievances and assured them of step-by-step solutions. Following this, the government has now acted on their concerns with this new death benefit increase, which has been welcomed by the employees as a positive move by the government.

Bhatti Defends Praja Government's Achievements



TPN , Telangana : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu addressed the health festival organized by the Health Department in Hyderabad, emphasizing the Praja government's commitment to public welfare and healthcare. Speaking at the event as part of the Prajapalana-Prajavijayotsavam, he stated that education and healthcare were the two key pillars of the government formed during Indira Gandhi's tenure. He also stressed that the state would prosper only by keeping BJP and BRS parties away from power.

Vikramarka criticized BRS for allegedly attempting to provoke people for political gains and claimed that the Praja government was quick to release necessary funds to meet the medical needs of the state's poor and rural population. He highlighted the increase in the Rajiv Arogya Sri scheme from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, providing significant relief to the underprivileged.

The Deputy CM also defended the Praja government's performance, pointing out the provision of Rs 6500 crore monthly to sustain various initiatives, including scholarships for medical students, salaries for healthcare staff, and improved facilities in government hospitals. He ridiculed the BJP and BRS for failing to deliver on their promises, especially in healthcare and employment, and for criticizing the public government despite their own poor track records. Vikramarka reiterated the Praja government's focus on education and welfare, mentioning projects like residential schools and job creation for youth. He concluded by stating that the Praja government would continue to prioritize the welfare of the state's rural and poor populations.

CM Revanth Inspects Flood Prevention Work

TPN , Telangana : Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, along with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, inspected the ongoing rainwater sump construction near Lake View Guest House as part of flood prevention efforts. During the inspection, the Chief Minister made several recommendations to officials on improving flood control measures. He suggested that diverting floodwaters onto roads could reduce traffic jams in the city.

The CM emphasized that the work should be completed at all locations before the

next monsoon season. He also proposed changes to the design of rainwater sumps for better efficiency. In addition, orders were issued to construct rainwater sumps at 141 identified waterlogging points across Hyderabad to further enhance the city's flood preparedness.

The inspection was attended by Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, Municipal Department Principal Secretary Dana Kishore, GHMC Commissioner Ilambarthi, and CM Special Secretary Ajith Reddy.



First Ever Meeting Between Officials of Telangana and Andhra

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant development, officials from both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana met for the first time to address the pending issues between the two states. The meeting took place at the APIIC office, with Telangana Chief Secretary Shantha Kumari and Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Nirabh Kumar leading the discussions.

The agenda of the meeting focused on resolving several key issues arising from the bifurcation of the states, including the distribution of assets of Schedule 9 and 10 institutions as per the Bifurcation Act. Officials are expected to discuss electricity dues, mutual exchange of employees, and the distribution of professional tax. Another major topic under consideration is the repayment of expenses for joint institu-



tions.

There will also be deliberations on the unallocated cash balances of institutions from Schedule 9 and 10, with the outstand-

ing Rs 8,000 crore in the bank accounts of these institutions also set to be discussed.

Attendees from Telangana include Special Chief Secretary of Finance, Ramakrishna Rao, Special Chief Secretary of Home, Ravi Gupta, Principal Secretary of the Energy Department, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, and Principal Secretary of the General Administration Department, Raghunandan Rao. From Andhra Pradesh, the delegation includes CS Nirabh Kumar Prasad, Principal Secretary of Finance, Piyush Kumar, General Administration Department's Suresh Kumar, and Babu A.

This meeting marks an important step toward resolving longstanding issues and fostering cooperation between the two Telugu states.



ACB Seeks Custody of Irrigation Engineer in Rs 100 Crore DA Case



TPN , Hyderabad : The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has sought custody of Nikesh Kumar, an assistant engineer from the Telangana irrigation department, who was arrested in a disproportionate assets (DA) case. The ACB launched an investigation after discovering assets vastly disproportionate to his known sources of income.

During simultaneous searches across multiple locations, including the

homes of Nikesh Kumar, his relatives, and associates, the ACB uncovered assets worth around Rs 17 crore, with a market value estimated at Rs 100 crore. These assets include 6.5 acres of agricultural land in Moinabad, three farmhouses, and two commercial complexes in Shamshabad and Miyapur. Additionally, significant properties were found in the names of his relatives.

The ACB also conducted inspections at 19 locations, including farmhouses in Tolukatta, Sajjanpally, and Nakkalapally in Moinabad Mandal, seizing documents related to the illegal assets. Nikesh Kumar was previously arrested by the ACB in May for bribery, along with other officials, for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh for official work.

Ponguleti Announces Key Welfare Initiatives for Farmers



TPN , Telangana : Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy shared positive news for Telangana farmers, announcing a new app that will provide farmer assurance to the state's farmers after the Sankranti festival. The app is set to be launched on December 5.

In addition to the app, Minister Ponguleti revealed plans to provide 3,500 Indiramma houses in every constituency across the state. He empha-

sized that the Congress government is focused on people's welfare and promised that several development and welfare programs will soon be rolled out.

The Minister also confirmed that the six guarantees promised to the public will be implemented. He highlighted the government's ongoing large-scale job recruitment, with 50,000 appointment letters already issued. According to Ponguleti, the Congress government is prioritizing the health sector and other essential services, which have seen significant improvements since its formation.

Expressing frustration with the BRS, he criticized their ten-year rule, claiming it led to state debt. He also expressed disappointment over the negative campaigning against Gurukuls, pointing out that the Congress government remains committed to fulfilling its promises and ensuring the well-being of Telangana's people.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Announces Rs. 500 Bonus for Farmers

TPN , Telangana : Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, during a press conference in Kodad, announced that the government will provide a Rs. 500 bonus to farmers who have grown poor paddy. He also shared that 9.53 lakh metric tons of paddy have been purchased in the state, and Rs. 471.31 crore in bonuses have already been paid to farmers.

Reddy laid the foundation for new roads in Kodad, at a cost of Rs. 100 crore, alongside Kodad MLA Padmavati. He emphasized the Congress Praja government's achievements, including the filling of 50,000 government jobs in just one year. He criticized the previous government's lack of recruitment, noting that no DSC exams were conducted during their ten-year rule.

Reddy also highlighted upcoming plans, including the distribution of appointment letters for an additional 4,000 jobs by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Peddapalli on December 4. He revealed plans to establish an industrial-based vocational skills center, aimed at attracting industrial investments to Telangana.



MLC Kavitha Slams CM Revanth Reddy's Remarks on KCR

TPN , Telangana : BRS MLC Kavitha has strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent comment referring to Telangana's first Chief Minister and BRS leader KCR as a "plant." Kavitha dismissed the remark as "ridiculous," stating that KCR is not a plant to be planted but a "quick drop," emphasizing his significant contributions to the state. She further praised KCR as the powerful force behind the formation of Telangana, crediting him for achieving statehood and showing the way for leaders like Revanth Reddy.

Kavitha made these statements during a meeting with BRS workers from the Korutla constituency at her residence, which was also attended by Jagityala District President Kalvakuntla Vidyasagar Rao and Korutla MLA Dr. Sanjay. Speaking at the event, Kavitha highlighted the BRS party's commitment to its workers, vowing that the party would not remain silent if its workers faced harassment or cases filed against them.

In a scathing critique, Kavitha also accused the current government under Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy and his ministers of mismanagement. She pointed out that during KCR's leadership, funds flowed into the state for development, while now, under the present government, "curses" are pouring in. Kavitha's remarks reflect the ongoing tension between the BRS and Congress, particularly on issues of governance and party dynamics. Her comments are seen as a defense of KCR's leadership and a sharp rebuke of the criticisms coming from the opposition, especially with the upcoming political challenges.

Congress Government's Efforts in Job Creation-Sridhar Babu

TPN , Hyderabad: IT Minister Sridhar Babu, speaking at the 39th Foundation Day celebrations of Potti Sriramulu University, emphasized the Congress government's commitment to providing job opportunities. He expressed gratitude to those who have contributed to promoting the Telugu language and highlighted the achievements of Telugu students excelling in countries like the US and Malaysia.

Babu praised the Congress government for its consistent efforts in offering employment opportunities, stating that jobs are being provided



every month. He pointed out that competitive exams are being conducted across various sectors to fill vacancies and

stressed the government's goal to bring industries to the state, further enhancing employment prospects.

"Our government is not just talking; we are taking action to create opportunities for the unemployed," Babu said. He also announced that 100 computers would be allocated soon to aid in the development of students' skills, particularly in artificial intelligence, encouraging the youth to focus on skill development in emerging fields.

The Minister concluded by stressing that the Congress government is dedicated to providing meaningful employment and advancing the state's progress through such initiatives.

Jagadish Reddy Slams Revanth Reddy's Governance

TPN , Hyderabad: Former Minister and Suryapet MLA Jagadish Reddy has raised strong objections to the Revanth Reddy-led government, accusing it of ruling through police force and failing to address key issues. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Reddy criticized the government for its handling of Gurukuls, alleging that the Revanth government is ruining them, unlike the KCR-led administration, which had significantly improved their conditions. He pointed out that under KCR's leadership, Gurukul students had even scaled Mount Everest and Kilimanjaro, highlighting the institution's success.

Reddy also expressed concern over the restrictions imposed

on BRSV leaders who went to visit Gurukuls and investigate their current conditions. He claimed that the government's actions demonstrate a lack of transparency and accountability. He criticized CM Revanth Reddy for preventing tours that aimed to address problems faced by students and suggested that this shows the government's inability to properly manage the education sector. Reddy further expressed frustration over the absence of ministers for key departments, especially education, which he called a critical issue. He suggested that the Chief Minister should hand over the education portfolio to someone more capable, like Kodandaram, to ensure proper governance in the sector.

Adi Srinivas Hits Back at Harish Rao Over Defections and Farmers' Support

TPN , Hyderabad: Government Whip Adi Srinivas has strongly countered Harish Rao's recent remarks, questioning his credibility on issues related to party defections and farmer welfare. Speaking to the media, Srinivas accused Harish Rao of hypocrisy, claiming that he had previously tried to join the Congress by meeting former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy. "Isn't it true that Harish Rao made efforts to join the Congress? He distanced himself from KCR and even failed to get his news covered in the media due to KCR's influence," Srinivas said.

Srinivas also dismissed Harish Rao's claims about the BRS government's support to farmers, highlighting the Congress party's achievements. "While Harish claims to have given Rs 80,000 crore to farmers, we waived off Rs 22,000 crore in loans in just ten months," he added. He emphasized that the Congress government had not only waived loans but also provided bonuses to tenant farmers, a step he claimed was ignored by the previous government. Srinivas concluded by urging Harish Rao to stop spreading misinformation and to speak the truth in the future, challenging him to address the real issues affecting farmers.

Harish Babu Demands Forest Officials Get Training

TPN , Sirpur: MLA Harish Babu has leveled serious allegations against the forest department officials in Komuram Bhim district, accusing them of incompetence and corruption. Speaking about the performance of the forest department in Sirpur constituency, Babu claimed that the officials lacked a proper understanding of the tracking system and said they should go to Maharashtra for training, referencing the effective management of wildlife in areas like Tadoba and Tipneswar, which have large tiger populations.



Babu expressed his frustration, stating that the forest officials have been focused on collecting money for personal gain rather than serving the public or ensuring the safety of the region's wildlife. He also criticized them for staging performances when higher officials visit, instead of addressing the real issues on the ground. "The forest department is not concerned about the welfare of the people and is instead focused on illegal earnings," Babu asserted, highlighting the ongoing corruption and negligence within the department.

Kaushik Reddy Accuses CM Revanth of Betraying Dalits



TPN , Hyderabad: BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of betraying Dalits by halting the Dalit Bandhu scheme in Telangana. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Reddy called Revanth Reddy a "Dalit traitor" for not releasing the promised Dalit Bandhu funds, which were initially launched as a pilot project in Huzurabad constituency under the leadership of KCR.

Reddy explained that while

the first phase of Dalit Bandhu was successfully distributed, the Congress government froze the second phase, halting its implementation. "Revanth Reddy's government has also issued orders to stop Dalit Bandhu in 33 districts, affecting many Dalit families," he said, emphasizing that the BRS government had successfully provided Dalit Bandhu to over two lakh beneficiaries across Telangana.

Padi Kaushik Reddy also mentioned the difficulties faced by Dalits in Huzurabad, citing petitions filed by Dalit communities and allegations of police harassment, including FIRs filed against Dalit women. He vowed to continue his fight for Dalit rights, promising to take the matter to the state and national SC commissions and file complaints against the local authorities involved in these alleged injustices.



Woman Constable Murdered in Suspected Honour Killing

Motive Linked to Inter-Caste Marriage... Police Investigate Property Dispute... Police Launch Manhunt for Accused, Autopsy Conducted

TPN , Hyderabad: A tragic incident unfolded in Ibrahimpatnam, near Hyderabad, on Monday, December 2, when a woman police constable, Nagamani, was allegedly murdered by her brother in a suspected honour killing. The attack took place on the Raipole-Manyaguda road in Ibrahimpatnam mandal, Rangareddy district, while Nagamani was on her way to duty at the Hayathnagar police station.

According to reports, Nagamani was knocked off her bike by a car driven by her brother, Pramesh. Following the collision, Pramesh reportedly attacked her with a

hunting sickle, striking her on the face and neck. Passersby witnessed the attack and alerted the police, who arrived at the scene to find Nagamani dead. Nagamani, a 2020 batch constable, had recently married Srikant, a man from a different caste, in a love marriage at the Yadagirigutta temple on November 1. Police suspect that Pramesh's disapproval of the inter-caste marriage could have been the motive behind the crime. Nagamani had previously been married but had divorced her husband 10 months earlier.

Authorities have launched a manhunt for

Pramesh, who is currently absconding. An autopsy has been conducted at Osmania General Hospital in Hyderabad. In addition to the suspected honour killing, police are also investigating the possibility of a property dispute between the siblings, which could have contributed to the crime.

A murder case has been filed at the Ibrahimpatnam police station, and authorities are seeking additional information, including statements from Nagamani's husband Srikant, to better understand the circumstances surrounding her tragic death.



Cops Bust Drug Party, Arrest 'Dhee' Choreographer Kanha Mahanthi

TPN , Hyderabad: The Cyberabad Police raided a drug party at a hotel in Madhapur on Monday and arrested renowned choreographer Kanha Mahanthi, who is known for his work on the popular TV show Dhee.

The party was reportedly organized by prominent architect Priyanka Reddy, with Kanha Mahanthi among the attendees. Authorities seized a variety of drugs, including MDMA, and arrested four individuals present at the party. In addition to MDMA, two other types of drugs were also found during the raid.

The Madhapur Police are continuing their investigation into the matter.

Actress Sobhita's Suicide

Police Confirm It Was a Suicide



TPN , Hyderabad: The suicide of Kannada actress Sobhita has sparked widespread discussion. The actress reportedly traveled to Goa three days prior to her death, accompanied by her husband, Sudhir. According to the police, Sobhita's last phone call was made to her sister, but the reasons for her suicide remain unclear. Sudhir, her husband, stated that the cause of her death is unknown.

After completing the postmortem, the Gachibowli police handed over Sobhita's body to her family. Her relatives are now preparing to take her body to Bangalore for the last rites.

Madhapur DCP Vineeth confirmed that Sobhita's death is being treated as a suicide based on the evidence gathered at the scene. The postmortem report did not raise any suspicions, and no suicide note was found. However, authorities are investigating if she may have written something in her diary or sent messages to anyone before her death. Both Sobhita's husband and parents have denied any marital issues, and her parents have not filed any complaints.

The investigation continues as police work to determine if there were any other underlying factors leading to her tragic death.

High Court Hearing on Mulugu Maoist Encounter



TPN , Hyderabad: The High Court conducted a hearing regarding the Maoist encounter that took place in Mulugu district. The

lawyer representing the Civil Rights Association raised serious concerns, claiming that the police staged a fake encounter. According to the lawyer, the Maoists were allegedly drugged through their food, taken into custody, tortured, and then shot dead. The lawyer further pointed out that the bodies of the Maoists had multiple severe injuries and were sent for postmortem without being shown to their family members, which he argued violated National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) guidelines.

In response, the government lawyer ex-

plained that the bodies were immediately transported to Mulugu Hospital due to the security concerns in the forest. The postmortem was conducted under the supervision of medical experts from Kakatiya Medical College, and the entire process was recorded on video to ensure transparency.

The High Court, while hearing the arguments, ordered the police to preserve the bodies until the following day. The court also directed that the bodies be shown to the family members and relatives. The next hearing on the case has been adjourned until tomorrow.

Assam Foundation Day Celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad : The Foundation Day of Assam was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad, today. The Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, along with the First Lady of the State, Smt. Sudha Dev Varma, joined the celebration with the Assamese community residing in Telangana.

Governor Varma greeted the attendees, acknowledging the significance of the occasion and honoring the leaders and citizens of Assam who contributed to the formation of the state. He emphasized the importance of celebrating the formation days of



different states to foster mutual understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and heritages.

During his speech, Governor Varma reaffirmed the vision of a

Viksit Bharat (developed India) by 2047, urging the youth and students of the country to come forward with innovative ideas to shape the nation's future. He also highlighted the need for a con-

tinued commitment to learning from and celebrating each other's cultures to strengthen national unity.

The celebration featured a video message from Sri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Hon'ble Governor of Assam, and speeches from representatives of Assam. Traditional dances and special performances added to the festive atmosphere.

The event was attended by Special Chief Secretary to the Governor Sri B. Venkatesham, IAS, Raj Bhavan officers and staff, and members of the Assamese community in Hyderabad.

Tributes Paid to Late Dr. Marri Channa Reddy on 28th Death Anniversary



TPN , Hyderabad : On the occasion of the 28th death anniversary of Late Dr. Marri Channa Reddy, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and former Governor, several dignitaries gathered at the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Memorial Rock Garden beside Indira Park, Lower Tankbund Road, Hyderabad, to pay their respects.

Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, along with Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, and Shri Nadendla Bhaskar Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, led the tributes.

Other notable participants included Shri Marri Shashidhar Reddy, former Minister, Shri Mahesh Kumar Goud, MLC & PCC President, Shri N. Ramchander Rao, Ex-MLC, Shri M. Kodanda Reddy, EX-MLA, and several other dignitaries. The gathering honored the legacy of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy and his contributions to the state.

Police Arrest Car Thieves in Madhapur



TPN , Hyderabad : The Madhapur police have arrested a gang involved in car thefts across Hyderabad, targeting luxury vehicles to sell in Mumbai. The gang, which specialized in stealing luxury cars, operated by renting them, switching the vehicle identification numbers, and reselling them in the Mumbai market.

Madhapur DCP Vineeth explained that the police received a complaint from Rayadurgam police station on November 10. Following a detailed investigation, the police identified four accused individuals: Usha, Maresh, Sagar Patil, and Anil Kumar. Usha, the mastermind, rented cars from Jupudi and handed them over to Sagar and Anil, who would then take the cars on rent by paying hourly or daily fees. After using the vehicles, the gang switched off their phones and sometimes falsely claimed the cars had been stolen.

The police have successfully seized 21 stolen cars worth Rs. 2.5 crore from the gang. Investigations are ongoing.

TPCC Chief Pays Tribute to Marri Chenna Reddy

TPN , Hyderabad : TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud paid rich tributes to the late Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy, former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, on the occasion of his 28th death anniversary. Mahesh Goud garlanded the statue of Chenna Reddy at the Chenna Reddy Memorial Rock Gardens in Indira Park, Hyderabad.

Speaking at the event, Mahesh Kumar Goud praised Chenna Reddy as a tireless advocate for social justice. He emphasized that the former CM's vision for equitable development and social justice left a lasting



impact on the state. The TPCC Chief called Chenna Reddy a visionary leader who fought for the rights of the marginalized and worked to build a just society. Goud stressed the im-

portance of remembering Chenna Reddy's contributions, stating that his progressive policies continue to serve as a guiding light for future generations.

The tribute ceremony was attended by Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya, and several other prominent leaders.

New Osmania Hospital Foundation Soon- Minister Damodar



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha announced that the foundation stone for the new Osmania General Hospital (OGH) will soon be laid. The new hospital, which will have over 2,000 beds, is being constructed at a cost of Rs 2,000 crore. This announcement was made on December 2, during the "Arogya

Utsavalu" (health festival) held at NTR Marg in Hyderabad.

In his address, the minister highlighted several initiatives to strengthen the state's public healthcare system. He revealed that four super-specialty hospitals under construction are expected to be completed within a year and a half, and an additional 7,000 beds will be sanctioned for government hospitals.

Minister Narasimha also emphasized the importance of addressing non-communicable diseases and announced the establishment of non-communicable disease clinics in every district. Regular screenings for diabetes, liver diseases, hypertension, jaundice, heart conditions, and more will be conducted to facilitate early diagnosis.

In line with the state's commitment to healthcare, the Arogya scheme was

mentioned, under which the government reimburses private hospitals for 1,835 medical procedures, covering an average of Rs 60-70 crore annually. The minister also shared plans to introduce cancer screening vehicles in every district and establish four cancer centers equipped with linear accelerators to provide 90% of treatment in rural areas.

Further, the state government will expand food and drug safety measures, introducing mobile testing units, and setting up four new testing labs. A toll-free number for public access to food and drug safety services will also be established.

Additionally, 213 new ambulances were flagged off to improve emergency response times, and the state government is working to reduce the current 22-minute response time to just 10 minutes by adding 80-85 more ambulances.

Big Tiger Likely Moved to Maharashtra, Says Asifabad DFO



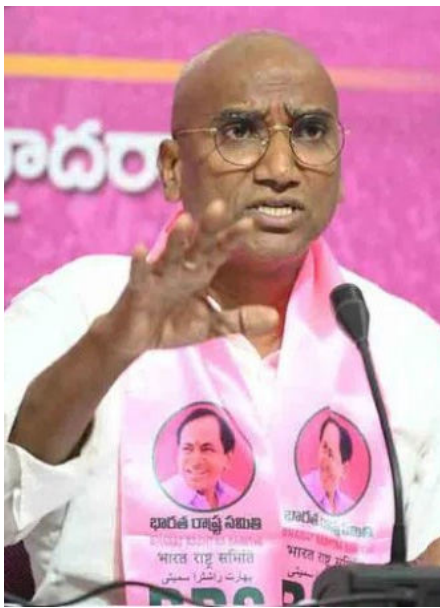
TPN , Telangana : The movement of the large tiger in Asifabad district has raised concerns among local authorities. Neeraj Kumar, the District Forest Officer (DFO) of Kumbhambhoom, confirmed that the big tiger, which had been spotted in the area, is likely to have moved toward Maharashtra. Speaking to the media on Monday, Kumar stated that forest teams are continuing their search for the tiger, which has been on the move for several days.

Kumar revealed that 20 teams have been actively searching the forests over the past three days. The teams have tracked the tiger's movements, identifying its path toward Chilapalli and Araguda, areas that lead into Maharashtra. It was reported that a tiger recently attacked cattle in the

interior of Maharashtra, and forest officials believe this may be the same tiger spotted in Kagaznagar. As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure public safety, authorities have imposed Section 163 in 15 villages within Asifabad district. Forest officials noted that the number of tigers in the Qawwal Sanctuary has significantly increased over the past four years, prompting them to advise locals to remain vigilant.

November is the mating season for tigers, and during this time, both male and female tigers travel greater distances in search of mates. The authorities explained that this behavior may explain the increased incidence of tiger attacks during November and December, as tigers become more agitated and active.

RS Praveen Slams CM Revanth Over Education



TPN , Telangana : BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar has strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, vowing to remain a supporter of the poor and children despite legal challenges and personal threats. In a fiery statement, Kumar said, "No matter how many illegal cases you file against me or shoot me dead, I will continue to support these poor, speechless children."

The comments come amid a case filed by the Revanth government against Kumar, who has been vocal about his advocacy for education and welfare for underprivileged children. Kumar accused the government of underfunding and neglecting essential education services, particularly in schools like the Hayat Nagar Pratibha School, where he claimed one elderly woman was

employed to clean a school of 600 students without timely payment.

He also slammed the government's handling of teaching staff, stating that talented poor children are being deprived of proper education due to a lack of teachers. Kumar raised concerns over poor infrastructure, including unsanitary toilets and unsafe conditions for students, and challenged CM Revanth Reddy to visit these schools and witness the conditions firsthand.

Kumar urged the CM to focus on governance rather than engage in "psycho-rows" and continue supporting the education and welfare of the state's most vulnerable.

DGP Jitender Responds to Allegations of Fake Encounter in Mulugu District



TPN , Telangana : Telangana DGP Jitender has responded to allegations regarding the encounter in Mulugu district's Eturunagaram, where seven Maoists were killed. Civil rights leaders have claimed that the encounter was staged and accused the police of lacing the Maoists' food with drugs before the incident. They alleged that the Maoists were unconscious and shot while unable to defend themselves.

DGP Jitender dismissed these claims, stating that the allegations about poisonous substances were baseless. He confirmed that the Maoists opened fire on the police with sophisticated weapons during a routine patrol. Seven Maoists were killed in the ensuing gunfire, he said, adding that post-mortem examinations were conducted as per orders from the High Court and NHRC. A DSP from another district was appointed to investigate the encounter. The encounter took place in the early hours of Sunday, with a gunfight breaking out between the police and Maoists near Polakammavagu. Among the deceased was Narsampeta-Illandu Area Committee Secretary Kursam Mangu and Eturunagaram-Mahadevpur Division Committee Secretary Egolapu Mallaiah. Police recovered several weapons and materials from the scene. Civil rights leaders have filed a petition in the High Court, demanding an inquiry and a transparent post-mortem process.

BJP Cites Central Role in Sathupalli Development

TPN , Khammam: BJP Sathupalli Constituency In-charge Namburi Ramalingeswara Rao emphasized that the central government funds play a crucial role in the development of Telangana, including various programs in Sathupalli. Speaking at a press conference held at the Sathupalli BJP party office, after anointing the portrait of Union Minister Kishan Reddy, Namburi highlighted that 80% of the funds for development and welfare programs in Telangana come from the central government. He also pointed out that the state government often claims these funds as its own.



akollu Srinu, Raghava, Shyam, Naga Swamy, and Veeram Swamy also participated in the event.

Namburi listed several key projects benefiting from central funds, including the construction of a railway track in Sathupalli, the Buggapadu Food Park, and Vaikuntha Damalas in various gram panchayats. Union Minister Kishan Reddy expressed satisfaction over the allocation of Rs 20 crore from special funds for Sathupalli's development. BJP leaders Pal-

AITUC Secures Key Wins for Workers in Bhadradi Kothagudem



TPN , Telangana : In a media conference held in Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, AITUC State General Secretary Koravi Raj Kumar emphasized the union's ongoing fight for workers' rights. He highlighted that AITUC is

noting that many workers' issues have now been resolved.

A significant breakthrough was reached during the 50th structure meeting between the management and AITUC union in Kothagudem. Raj Kumar stated that after long discussions, a consensus was reached on addressing various workers' concerns, including the employment of workers impacted by the mining stop tradesmen's supervisors and EP operators. Additionally, it was agreed that suitable employment would be provided to technical supervisors deemed unfit for their roles.

Another major achievement was the management's agreement to rehire dismissed employees and increase 11 types of allowances that were previously not covered by the wage board. Raj Kumar emphasized that these accomplishments were made possible by the union's recognition and promised that further resolutions would follow in the coming days, as AITUC continues to fight for workers' rights.

Police Act Imposed in Mahabubnagar District Until January 1



TPN , Mahabubnagar: Police have enforced restrictions under Police Act 30 across Mahabubnagar district from December 2 to January 1 to maintain peace and security. District SP D. Janaki announced that

public gatherings, processions, and dharnas are prohibited without prior permission. The use of prohibited weapons, including knives, guns, and explosives, is banned, and there will be restrictions on events involving loudspeakers or DJs. Those who violate these regulations will face legal consequences.

The move comes amid growing concerns over the government's increasing reliance on the police to manage public order. Critics, including opposition parties, have accused the Congress government of stifling democratic rights and implementing measures that curb freedom of expression. The Police Act has already been implemented in several districts, including Sangareddy and Kamareddy, with reports suggesting that it may be enforced in over 20 districts, raising questions about the government's approach to governance and public freedoms.



Deepfake Dilemma: Why India needs harsher laws to protect democracy



In the early hours of the morning, just ahead of the crucial Maharashtra state elections, Jency Jacob, a reporter with Boomlive, a Mumbai-based fact-checking organization, received an urgent call from his colleague. The request: to immediately investigate his X (formerly Twitter) account. What he found was alarming—four audio clips making explosive claims were circulating rapidly online.

The clips, released by the ruling BJP, included an alleged recording of Supriya Sule, a prominent leader of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and a key rival in the Maharashtra election. The BJP claimed the audio featured Sule requesting cash in exchange for Bitcoins, a serious accusation that could have significantly damaged her political career. The clips quickly gained traction, being shared and discussed across social media platforms, setting the stage for potential voter manipulation just hours before voting began.

However, the initial shock was followed by intense scrutiny. Boomlive's team, led by Jacob, worked through the night to analyze the clips, applying technical methods to verify their authenticity. After a thorough investigation, the truth emerged: the audio was not genuine. Instead, it was a deepfake—AI-generated content designed to sound like Sule. By the time the team debunked the claims the following morning, the damage had already been done, with the fabricated clips having spread across social media.

This incident highlights the growing problem of deepfakes in political discourse. With the advancement of artificial intelligence, creating fake audio or video recordings has become increasingly easy and convincing. Political parties from all sides have been accused of using this technology to manipulate public opinion, sway elections, and tarnish their opponents' reputations.

The BJP's deepfake controversy is not an isolated case. The potential for AI-generated disinformation to impact elections and democracy is a looming concern. While the technology can be used for legitimate purposes, its exploitation for political gain can distort the truth and mislead voters. The rapid spread of these fakes underscores the urgency of implementing stricter regulations and media literacy campaigns to combat misinformation in the digital age.

As the Maharashtra elections unfold, the use of deepfakes serves as a chilling reminder of the challenges posed by emerging technologies in shaping political narratives.

India's 5.4% GDP Growth: A Broader View Beyond the Numbers

India's economy grew by 5.4% in the second quarter of fiscal year 2025 (2QFY25), marking the slowest growth in seven quarters. While this represents a decline from the 8.1% growth in the same quarter of the previous year, it still positions India as the fastest-growing major economy globally. The slowdown in growth, attributed to the high base effect of last year's robust performance, has led to some concerns, but a closer look at the broader picture reveals positive trends.



In 2QFY25, India's Gross Value Added (GVA) grew by 5.6%, compared to 7.7% in 2QFY24. This slower growth reflects the high comparative base, but it is important to note that India's economy continues to show resilience despite global challenges. Over the first half of FY25, the economy demonstrated strong momentum, with GVA growth reaching 6.2%, and overall GDP growth standing at 6.05%. This indicates a steady recovery, even amid global uncertainties and a challenging domestic landscape.

A key highlight of the 5.4% GDP growth is the sharp recovery in agriculture and allied sectors, which posted a 3.5% growth rate in 2QFY25, a significant improvement compared to just 1.7% in the same quarter last year. This marks a positive turnaround after a period of modest growth in agriculture, where rates had fluctuated between 0.4% and 2.0% over

the past year. The rebound in agriculture is crucial, not only because it is a vital sector for rural employment but also because it helps stabilize overall economic growth.

Additionally, nominal GVA growth in 2QFY25 was recorded at 8.1%, albeit lower than the 9.3% growth seen in 2QFY24. While these numbers indicate some deceleration, they should not overshadow the fact that India's economy continues to expand steadily in the face of global challenges, including inflation, geopolitical tensions, and supply chain disruptions.

Instead of fixating on the 5.4% growth rate in isolation, it is essential to recognize the broader context. India's economy remains on a strong growth trajectory, with key sectors showing signs of improvement. The 5.4% growth in 2QFY25 is a reminder that even during periods of slowdown, India's economic fundamentals remain robust, positioning the country well for long-term growth.

Revival of Carbon Offset Market: Will India's Role Be the Key?



Two decades ago, carbon offsets seemed to offer a promising solution for companies looking to reduce their carbon footprints. Under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol, firms could purchase credits for investing in projects that helped conserve energy, reduce emissions, or promoted renewable energy in developing countries. The idea was that these projects would not only reduce carbon emissions but also contribute to sustainable development in these regions.

However, the market for carbon offsets began to lose momentum in the early 2010s. The market collapse was primarily due to policy missteps in major regions like Japan and the European Union, which diminished the credibility of carbon offset projects. By that time, around 70% of these projects were located in India and China, two of the largest developing economies. The sheer volume of offsets led to criticisms, with many projects being seen as insufficiently impactful. Complaints over transparency and doubts about the actual environmental benefits of some projects undermined confidence in the system.

Despite its rocky past, the idea of carbon credits is far from dead. At the recently concluded COP29 climate

conference, delegates took a step toward reviving the market by establishing a new global framework for tradeable carbon credits. The renewed effort aims to correct the flaws of the previous mechanism and ensure that carbon credits generate tangible, verifiable environmental benefits.

India, which played a significant role in the original CDM program, is poised to be a key player in this revived market. The country's vast potential for renewable energy projects and its ongoing need for sustainable development make it an ideal location for carbon offset initiatives. However, whether this new market can succeed depends on several factors, including the transparency of India's carbon offset projects and their ability to deliver measurable, genuine reductions in carbon emissions.

As the world seeks effective solutions for climate change, carbon credits could once again serve as a valuable tool. But to ensure their success, countries like India must ensure that their projects meet high environmental and ethical standards. The coming years will determine whether the new global mechanism can overcome past mistakes and become a credible, long-term solution for reducing emissions worldwide.

The Middle Class in India: Overlooked, Struggling, and in Need of Advocacy



In India's economic narrative, the middle class is often reduced to a mere consumer base, overshadowed by the focus on the growing elite and the tech-driven economy. While much attention is given to India's rise as a global economic power, the struggles of the middle class remain largely underrepresented. This demographic, often hailed as the backbone of India's economy, contributes significantly to consumption, growth, and social stability. Yet, despite its crucial role, it faces increasing challenges that undermine its aspirations.

The middle class in India is grappling with rising costs, diminishing access to quality services, and an economy that often seems indifferent to its needs. Education and healthcare, once considered optional, have become necessities for upward mobility. However, many middle-class families find these services financially out of reach, resorting to loans or selling assets to afford the best opportunities for their children. Healthcare costs, too, have surged, placing an additional burden on families without adequate insurance.

Further compounding these challenges is the interaction with law enforcement. For many in the middle class, dealing with the police is a stressful and often corrupt process, marked by extortion and harassment. Property ownership, a symbol of success for many, has

become an unattainable dream for most, as skyrocketing real estate prices make it impossible to own a home without inheriting it or taking on massive debt. Meanwhile, the worsening infrastructure, particularly in transportation, exacerbates the daily struggles. Overcrowded roads, poor public transport, and long commutes are a daily reality for many.

India's middle class also faces a growing sense of political disengagement. Despite its increasing economic prominence, this group often finds itself sidelined in political discourse. The government's focus on symbolic issues and welfare schemes targeted at the economically disadvantaged leaves the middle class's economic concerns unaddressed. The dominance of corporate funding in elections further alienates this group, reinforcing the perception that the political system caters to the wealthy elite, rather than the broader electorate.

This growing neglect has fostered disillusionment within the middle class, leaving many questioning their place in India's political system. As India moves forward, it is crucial that the concerns of the middle class be addressed. A dedicated advocacy group could serve as a platform for this demographic, pushing for policies that prioritize economic stability, education, healthcare, job security, and infrastructure.

PM Modi Ensured PRAGATI Of 340 Infrastructure Projects Worth \$200 Billion

An Oxford University study has credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the PRAGATI platform for significantly accelerating 340 major infrastructure projects in India, worth \$200 billion. The study notes that many of these projects had been delayed for years, some between three to 20 years, before being fast-tracked under the PRAGATI initiative.

Since its inception nine years ago, the PRAGATI platform has been pivotal in advancing India's infrastructure development, the study revealed. As of June 2023, a total of 340 projects, amounting to INR 17.05 lakh crore (around \$205 billion), have been reviewed and monitored through PRAGATI. The study emphasizes that the hands-on involvement of Prime Minister Modi in reviewing each of these projects has been a key factor in their success.

PRAGATI, which stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, is a platform that facilitates real-time monitoring of infrastructure projects by connecting various government departments and stakeholders. The Prime Minister personally reviews the progress of each project, ensuring accountability and resolving any bottlenecks or delays.

The study also highlights that PM Modi's direct engagement in these projects is not only crucial for their timely execution but also demonstrates his commitment to improving India's infrastructure and economic growth.



The involvement of top leadership in such initiatives is seen as a driving force in the acceleration of these projects, with positive outcomes for the country's development.

This study further underscores the impact of effective governance in transforming key sectors like infrastructure and highlights PRAGATI as a model for successful project management and execution.



India Tests K-4 Nuclear Missile from Submarine, Boosts Naval Power

India's Navy Chief, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, confirmed today that the country successfully tested the 3,500-km range nuclear-capable K-4 missile from a ballistic missile submarine, believed to be the recently commissioned INS Arighaat. Speaking to the media ahead of Navy Day, Admiral Tripathi stated that more data on the missile's trajectory was still awaited.

The K-4 missile test took place off the coast of Visakhapatnam on November 27, marking the first successful test of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) from the INS Arighaat, which was commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29. With this successful test, India joined a select group of nations capable of launching nuclear missiles from land, air, and undersea platforms.

India's military capabilities have significantly expanded in recent years, with a series of successful missile tests of varying ranges. Admiral Tripathi also highlighted the government's approval for two nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs), reflecting confidence in the country's indigenous capabilities to design and build advanced military platforms.

While fast attack submarines target enemy ships and submarines, launching cruise missiles against land and sea targets, the INS Arighaat, equipped with SLBMs, primarily serves the purpose of launching nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles. Admiral Tripathi also emphasized the ongoing construction of 62 ships and submarines within India, with several platforms expected to be inducted into the Navy within the next year.

Efforts are being redoubled to incorporate cutting-edge technologies into India's naval forces. The procurement of Rafale-M jets (naval variant) and Scorpene submarines is also likely to be finalized next month, with the Rafale-M jets slated for deployment aboard the indigenously built aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.

Admiral Tripathi noted that the Navy was closely monitoring the activities of extra-regional forces, particularly the Chinese Navy, in the Indian Ocean region, and expressed awareness of Pakistan's growing naval strength, which aims to expand its fleet to 50 ships.



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Invites PM Modi for February Investor Summit

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday to discuss various developmental issues concerning the state. The two leaders held detailed discussions on several key initiatives aimed at boosting Assam's infrastructure, economic growth, and overall development.

During the meeting, Chief Minister Sarma extended a formal invitation to Prime Minister Modi to attend the upcoming Assam Investor & Infrastructure Summit, scheduled for February 2025. The summit is expected to bring together industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders to explore investment opportunities in the state, further driving economic development and creating job opportunities.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Sarma expressed his gratitude for the guidance he received from Prime Minister Modi. He wrote, "Today in New Delhi, I had the privilege to receive Adarniya Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji's guidance on various developmental issues. On behalf of the people of Assam, I also had the pleasure to invite him to bless the Assam Investor & Infrastructure Summit and Mega Jhumur Performance in February 2025, which he has kindly accepted to grace."

The investor summit aims to position Assam as a prime destination for business and infrastructure development. It will showcase the state's potential in sectors such as agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing, attracting investments that could create sustainable growth and enhance the livelihood of the people of Assam. The event will also feature cultural performances, including the much-anticipated Mega Jhumur Performance, celebrating the state's rich heritage.

"West Bengal Recognized by UNESCO as Top Heritage Tourism Destination"

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced on Monday that UNESCO has recognized the state as a premier destination for heritage tourism, underscoring the significant role the sector plays in generating employment for the youth.



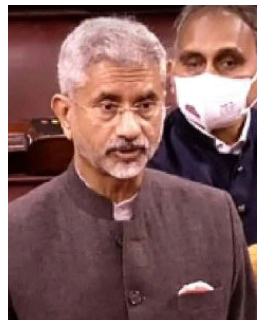
Speaking in the state assembly, Banerjee highlighted the state's progress in religious, heritage, and tea tourism. "UNESCO has declared Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism. We have undertaken several initiatives to develop heritage sites and places of worship, particularly in religious tourism," she said. She mentioned that the development of iconic religious destinations like the Dakshineswar Temple has been a key focus.

Banerjee also shared plans for the under-construction Jagannath Temple in Digha, which she said will soon be open to devotees. She emphasized that these efforts are not just enhancing the state's tourism profile but are also creating job opportunities for the youth.

"We have mountains, forests, and the Sunderbans, all of which offer unique tourism experiences. We are emphasizing the distinctive characteristics of each place, and thousands of hotels have been set up in tourist hotspots," she added.

Jaishankar to Brief Lok Sabha on India-China Relations Amid Protests in Parliament

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is set to brief the Lok Sabha on Monday about recent developments in India's relations with China. His statement comes after Indian and Chinese troops successfully completed disengagement at two friction points — Demchok and Depsang Plains in eastern Ladakh. The Indian Army has since begun verification patrolling at Depsang, with patrolling at Demchok having commenced on November 1.



In addition to Jaishankar's briefing, several other Union Ministers will make statements on various issues in both Houses of Parliament. Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary will address the Lower House on the status of the implementation of recommendations in the 56th Report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Textiles, and Skill Development regarding the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Project by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal will introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate laws related to coastal shipping. The Bill aims to promote coasting trade, encourage domestic participation, and ensure that India has a coastal fleet operated by its citizens to meet national security and commercial needs.

Politics a 'sea of unsatisfied souls'

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari recently described politics as a "sea of unsatisfied souls," where individuals constantly aspire for higher positions, regardless of their current status. Speaking at the launch of the book "50 Golden Rules of Life" in Nagpur on Sunday, Gadkari shared his thoughts on life and politics, emphasizing that it is filled with compromises, limitations, and contradictions.



According to Gadkari, whether in family life, social circles, politics, or corporate environments, everyone faces challenges. He stressed that understanding the "art of living" is crucial to navigating these difficulties. "Life is full of problems and challenges, and one needs to know how to live to face them," said the senior BJP leader.

He reflected on his past experiences, recalling an event in Rajasthan where he expressed his view that politics is a realm where people are perpetually dissatisfied with their positions. Gadkari explained that even those who

achieve significant political success are often unhappy. "The person who becomes a corporator is sad because they did not become an MLA, and the MLA is sad because they did not become a minister," he remarked, illustrating the constant pursuit of higher ambitions within the political sphere.

The minister's remarks highlighted the ongoing desire for career advancement in politics and beyond, suggesting that satisfaction is elusive in

such fields. Gadkari's words resonate with a broader reality that many individuals, regardless of their profession, constantly seek new goals, often feeling unsatisfied with their current achievements.

In his speech, Gadkari also encouraged people to adapt to life's complexities and contradictions, underscoring the importance of finding balance and peace in the midst of constant striving.



Trudeau Promises Stronger Border Security in Response to Trump's Tariff Threats

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau assured President-elect Donald Trump during a dinner in Florida on Friday that Canada would enhance security along the long, undefended border between the two countries. The meeting came as Trump threatened to impose tariffs on Canadian imports unless Canada took stronger measures to prevent the illegal crossing of migrants and drugs into the United States.

Canada's economy heavily relies on trade with the U.S., with 75% of Canadian exports going to its southern neighbor. The imposition of tariffs could severely damage the Canadian economy, making the discussions between the two leaders crucial.

Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc, who attended the dinner, revealed that Trudeau and Trump discussed several measures to tighten border security. "We're going to look to procure additional drones, police helicopters, and redeploy personnel," LeBlanc said, emphasizing Canada's commitment to securing the border. He also added that the Canadian government aimed to demonstrate its resolve in a "visible and muscular way" to both Canadians and Americans, although more details would be released in the coming weeks.

Despite the tougher stance on border security, Canada continues to argue against the imposition of tariffs, highlighting the deep economic ties between the two countries. LeBlanc expressed confidence that the U.S. would recognize the mutual harm of such tariffs. "I'm confident that the Americans will understand that it's not in their interest," he stated.

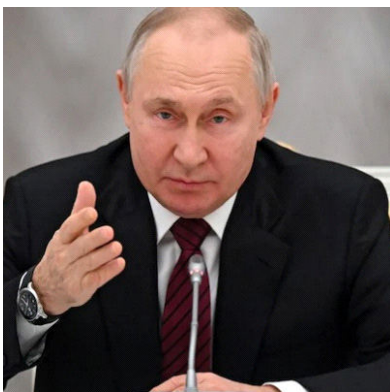
The dinner, which was described as cordial and productive, marked a notable shift in the relationship between the two leaders. In the past, tensions had run high—Trump had once called Trudeau a "far left lunatic" over Canada's vaccine mandate for truck drivers, and he famously walked out of a G7 summit in 2018, accusing Trudeau of being "dishonest and weak."

At the close of the dinner, Trump reportedly walked Trudeau to his car, saying, "Keep in touch. Call me anytime. Talk soon," signaling a more positive tone in their dialogue moving forward.

Putin Approves Record Military Budget for 2025 Amid Ongoing Ukraine War

Russian President Vladimir Putin approved the country's budget for 2025, which includes a record allocation for military spending amid the ongoing conflict with Ukraine. The defense budget for 2025 is set at approximately \$126 billion (13.5 trillion rubles), making up 32.5% of the total government expenditure. This marks a significant increase from previous years, with the 2025 defense budget exceeding this year's record by about \$28 billion (three trillion rubles), representing over 6% of Russia's total GDP.

The Russian government has increasingly prioritized military and law enforcement needs, with 2025's defense spending surpassing combined expenditures on sectors like education, healthcare, social policy, and the national economy. Last year, defense spending accounted for 28.3% of the total budget. According to reports, the planned military outlay for 2025 is the highest in Russia's history.



However, the new three-year budget projections show a slight reduction in military spending for the years 2026 and 2027. The planned defense budgets for these years are \$114.9 billion for 2026 and \$122.4 billion for 2027. Despite this, the overall trend remains heavily focused on sustaining the war effort.

The Russia-Ukraine war, which began in February 2022, continues to be Europe's largest conflict since World War II. While Russian forces are numerically superior and better equipped, the prolonged war has strained Russia's economy and population. Inflation is running high, and the country is grappling with labor shortages. In response, the Russian Central Bank raised interest rates to 21% in October, the highest level in decades, to combat the economic challenges.

Meanwhile, Ukraine continues to receive substantial support from Western allies, including a recent pledge from Germany to provide over half a billion dollars in new military equipment set for delivery in December. Despite Ukraine's challenges, the continued flow of Western aid plays a crucial role in its ability to withstand Russia's offensive.

PM Modi Invites Putin to India, Visit Dates to Be Decided Soon, Says Kremlin

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended an invitation to Russian President Vladimir Putin to visit India, with the dates for the much-anticipated visit to be finalized early next year, according to a statement from the Kremlin on Monday. This high-profile visit comes after several meetings between the two leaders in recent months, further strengthening the bilateral ties between India and Russia.

The invitation marks an important step in the ongoing diplomatic relationship between the two countries. Despite the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, which has limited President Putin's international travel, the proposed visit to India will be part of an established agreement for both leaders to meet annually. This agreement is in line with the long-standing relationship and cooperation between India and Russia across various sectors, including defense, energy, and trade.

India and Russia share a strategic partnership that has evolved over decades, with regular consultations on regional and global issues. The visit is expected to enhance this partnership further, with discussions likely to focus on expanding cooperation in areas such as defense, energy security, and technology.

The Kremlin's announcement comes as



both leaders have continued to meet virtually and in person over the past year, despite the challenges posed by global tensions. Prime Minister Modi and President Putin have consistently emphasized the importance of strengthening their nations' ties in a rapidly changing world order.

Details of the planned visit are expected to be finalized soon, with the exact dates to be confirmed in the coming months. The meeting between the two leaders is eagerly awaited, as it will not only serve as a reaffirmation of the India-Russia relationship but also set the tone for future cooperation in a complex geopolitical landscape.

Romanian leftists win parliamentary election amid uncertainty over presidency



In Romania's parliamentary elections on Sunday, centrist and leftist parties appeared to have successfully fended off a surge from the nationalist right, as the country awaited a key decision from the Constitutional Court regarding the validity of the presidential election results.

Romania, a member of both the European Union and NATO, was thrown into political uncertainty after a surprising out-

come in the first round of the presidential vote on November 24. A little-known far-right candidate, Calin Georgescu, emerged as the front-runner, which raised concerns of potential foreign interference in the election process. In response, the Constitutional Court ordered a recount of the first-round ballots and is expected to announce its decision on whether to validate the results at 1500 GMT today.

Should the court approve the initial results, Georgescu will face off against Elena Lasconi, a centre-right contender, in a run-off scheduled for December 8. Romanian authorities have expressed concerns about the country's vulnerability to outside forces, particularly Russia, which has historically viewed Romania as a strategic target. The final outcome of the presidential election could significantly influence the country's political landscape in the coming months.

Meanwhile, Sunday's parliamentary election saw the ruling leftist Social Democrat (PSD) party secure the most seats, giving it a strong position as it embarks on coalition talks with centrist parties. This victory sets the stage for potential political alliances, as parties will now negotiate the formation of a new government.

As Romania navigates a period of political upheaval, the outcome of the court's decision on the presidential vote will be critical in shaping the nation's future direction. With a tight balance of power between various political factions, the next few weeks are likely to see continued political maneuvering as Romania seeks to stabilize its government amid rising tensions in the region.

President Biden Pardons Son Hunter Biden Ahead of Leaving Office

US President Joe Biden has granted a presidential pardon to his son, Hunter Biden, who was previously convicted on gun-related charges in Delaware and had pleaded guilty to tax evasion in California. This unprecedented decision comes just weeks before President Biden prepares to exit the White House in January 2025, marking a reversal of his earlier pledge not to use his executive powers to shield his son.

In an official statement issued by the White House, President Biden explained that he had decided to issue the executive grant of clemency to Hunter for offenses committed during the period from January 1, 2016, to the present. The pardon applies to charges related to the illegal possession of a firearm, a case stemming from Hunter Biden's admission in 2018 that he had purchased a firearm while being addicted to drugs, a violation of federal law. Additionally, Hunter Biden had pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of failing to pay federal income taxes.

The pardon represents a significant development in a long-running legal and



political saga that has drawn public and political attention due to the Biden family's prominent role. While President Biden had previously stated that he would not intervene in legal matters involving his son, this decision marks a shift, coming as Hunter Biden faced the prospect of criminal penalties that could have included prison time.

This action has been met with a range of reactions, with critics accusing the president of using his office to protect his fam-

ily from legal consequences. Supporters, however, argue that the decision is a personal one made by a father in support of his son.

As President Biden prepares for his final days in office, this pardon adds another chapter to the complex relationship between political power, family, and legal accountability. The move has the potential to impact public perception of the Biden administration as it faces the final stretch of its term.

Markets Rally Despite Mixed Signals; Sensex Gains 445 Points

Domestic stock markets posted notable gains on Monday, overcoming concerns about slowing GDP growth and mixed cues from global markets. Investor sentiment improved with reports suggesting that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is preparing measures to stimulate the economy. Technically, the indices closed above the 40-day moving average, a positive indicator for the near term. However, with the RBI's monetary policy meeting scheduled for this week, market experts advise investors to remain cautious.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,802 in the previous session, opened slightly lower at 79,743. After hitting an intraday low of 79,308 and a high of 80,337, the index ended the day at 80,248, gaining 445 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 24,140, touched a low of 24,008 and a high of 24,301, and closed at 24,276, marking an increase of 144 points. The Bank Nifty rose 53 points to settle at 52,109. Among the Nifty50 stocks, 31 advanced while 18 declined. Top gainers included UltraTech Cement, Apollo Hospitals, Grasim, Shriram Finance, and JSW Steel. On the other hand, HDFC Life, NTPC, Cipla, SBI Life, and Hindustan Unilever were the top losers. Sectoral indices reflected a strong market sentiment, with gains seen in auto, IT, media, metal, pharma, realty, health-care, and consumer durables. FMCG and PSU bank indices, however, registered slight declines. Broader market trends also showed strength, with 1,811 stocks advancing out of 2,936 traded on the NSE. Notably, 114 stocks hit 52-week highs,



while 18 recorded 52-week lows. Key developments included a 21 paise weakening of the rupee, which closed at 84.70 against the US dollar. AGI Infra approved a 1:2 stock split, and HDFC Bank retained a "buy" rating from Goldman Sachs with a target price of ₹2,156. Bajaj Finance received a "buy" rating from Jefferies with a target price of ₹8,400, while Ola Electric shares jumped 6% on news of plans to increase its store count. The government announced the scrapping of windfall taxes on ATF, crude oil, petrol, and diesel exports, adding to the positive market sentiment.

As markets continue to rally, the focus shifts to the RBI's upcoming policy decisions, which could further influence the market trajectory in the coming days.

Recommended Stocks:



TVS Motors continued to attract investors with its consistent performance and expanding product offerings. Its aggressive focus on electric vehicles (EVs) has bolstered future growth prospects. The company's innovation in two-wheelers and international market penetration are also contributing to its long-term success.



Tech Mahindra (TechM) demonstrated resilience amid global uncertainties, leveraging its strategic

investments in AI, digital transformation, and 5G technology. With a strong pipeline of global deals and a focus on next-gen tech solutions, the company is well-positioned to lead in the IT sector.



JSW Steel capitalized on robust demand in construction and infrastructure sectors, maintaining a strong growth trajectory. Its ongoing capacity expansions and emphasis on sustainable steel production align with global environmental goals, reinforcing its leadership position in the industry.



Pidilite Industries continued to thrive, benefiting from strong brand loyalty in adhesives and construction chemicals. Its diversification into premium product categories and focus on rural market penetration have solidified its presence as a market leader in India and abroad.



Varun Beverages (VBL) sustained momentum with an expanding distribution network and increasing demand for PepsiCo products. Seasonal boosts and strategic product launches, coupled with its focus on operational efficiency, have strengthened its sales figures and profitability in key markets.

India's Fiscal Deficit and Capital Expenditure Challenges for FY25



India's fiscal deficit for the first seven months of the current financial year 2025 has reached 46.5% of its budget estimates, according to a recent report by Union Bank of India. The report highlights concerns regarding the government's ability to meet its budget targets, particularly in capital expenditure (capex), which stands at only 42% of the planned budget for the fiscal year.

With five months remaining in FY25, the report warns that it will be a significant challenge for the government to spend the remaining 58% of the Rs 11.11 lakh crore allocated for capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is crucial for long-term economic growth, yet it has seen a notable decline of 14.7% during April to October FY25. While the pace of decline eased in October compared to the first half of the fiscal year, the situation remains concerning.

The fiscal deficit for the first seven months amounts to Rs 7.51 lakh crore, representing 46.5% of the budget estimate, a slight improvement from the 45.0% recorded in the same period last year (Rs 8.04 lakh crore). Despite this, the report indicates that fiscal trends lagged behind historical patterns up until September 2024, although there was noticeable improvement in October, which reflected a strengthening fiscal impulse.

Expenditure dynamics also showed a positive turnaround in October. While total expenditure growth was negative at -0.4% year-on-year during the first half of FY25, it surged by 31.7% in October. Revenue expenditure grew by 41.9% in October, reversing earlier negative trends. However, the quality of government spending remains a concern, with a higher focus on revenue expenditure as opposed to capital expenditure.

As India's GDP growth for Q2 FY25 slowed to 5.4%, the lowest in seven quarters, these fiscal challenges and the government's spending priorities may have implications for the country's overall economic trajectory.

Oil Prices Rise Amid Optimistic Factory Activity in China and Middle East Tensions

Oil prices saw a slight increase on Monday, buoyed by positive factory activity in China, the world's second-largest oil consumer, and escalating tensions in the Middle East as Israel resumed attacks on Lebanon, despite a ceasefire agreement.

Brent crude futures rose by 34 cents, or 0.47%, to \$72.18 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude climbed 32 cents, or 0.47%, to \$68.32 a barrel by 0452 GMT.

Market strategist Yeap Jun Rong from IG stated that oil prices have stabilized, partly due to China's manufacturing expansion, which reflects the success of recent policy stimulus efforts. This growth has led to cautious optimism about oil demand from China, providing some relief to markets.

A private-sector survey revealed that China's factory activity expanded at its fastest pace in five months in November, boosting optimism among Chinese firms as U.S. President-elect Donald Trump intensified trade threats. However, traders are also keeping a close eye on geopolitical tensions, especially in Syria, to assess potential impacts on the region's stability.

While a ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon



was agreed upon last week, both sides have accused each other of violating the truce. Additionally, Israeli airstrikes in southern Lebanon and intensified strikes in Syria, particularly around Aleppo, have raised concerns over further escalation.

Last week, oil prices dropped more than 3%, primarily due to easing concerns over supply disruptions from the Israel-Hezbollah conflict and forecasts of a supply surplus in 2025. Despite these forecasts, OPEC+ is expected to extend output cuts, with their next meeting scheduled for December 5 to decide policy for the early months of 2025.

Tony Sycamore, a market analyst at IG, noted that an extension of output cuts would give OPEC+ more time to assess the potential impact of U.S. trade policies on tariffs and energy. The market's attention will likely focus on how long the delay might last, as past delays of a month or so have not driven substantial price increases.

Looking ahead, Brent crude is expected to average \$74.53 per barrel in 2025, with weak economic conditions in China and abundant global supplies continuing to weigh on the demand outlook.



India's manufacturing sector saw a slowdown in November, marking its weakest growth in 11 months due to rising price pressures and softer domestic demand.

The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 56.5 in November, down from 57.5 in October. While still above the 50-point mark indicating expansion, this was the lowest reading since December of the pre-

India's Manufacturing Growth Slows in November Amid Price Pressures

vious year and also lower than the preliminary flash estimate of 57.3.

The slowdown in manufacturing growth reflects a moderation in factory orders and production levels, with weaker domestic demand dampening momentum. Despite the dip, the PMI figure remains in positive territory, signaling that the sector is still expanding, albeit at a slower pace.

Key factors behind the slowdown include continued price pressures, which have impacted both production costs and consumer demand. Raw material prices have increased, contributing to higher costs for manufacturers. This has led to a more cautious approach in production, as businesses grapple with margin squeezes.

Additionally, softer domestic demand has

tempered the pace of growth. While external demand remained relatively strong, especially for exports, domestic consumption has not picked up at the same rate. This suggests that while external markets are providing some support, the domestic economy is facing challenges that could limit the sector's recovery.

Despite the slowdown, the PMI data also highlighted that manufacturers continued to add workers, driven by expectations of future demand. However, the outlook remains cautious, with price pressures and soft demand continuing to weigh on the sector's growth prospects.

Overall, the November PMI reading signals a more subdued growth outlook for India's manufacturing sector as it navigates rising costs and uneven domestic demand.

Pune Eatery Temporarily Restrained from Using 'Burger King' Name

In a recent legal development, the Bombay High Court has temporarily restrained a Pune-based eatery from using the name 'Burger King' pending the resolution of a trademark infringement case filed by the US fast-food giant, Burger King Corporation. The court's interim order came on Monday, as the high court begins to hear the corporation's appeal regarding a trademark dispute with the Pune eatery.

Burger King Corporation, in its suit, has sought an injunction against the Pune eatery, alleging that its use of the 'Burger King' name is causing significant damage to the brand's goodwill, business, and reputation. The company claims the eatery's continued use of the name is misleading customers and harming its market presence in India.

This legal battle dates back to August 2024, when Burger King Corporation challenged a Pune court's dismissal of its trademark infringement suit. The Pune court had ruled in favor of the eatery, stating that the local business, operated by Anahita Irani and Shapoor Irani, had been using the name since 1992, long before the US-based corporation entered the Indian market. The US company filed an appeal, arguing that the Pune court had erred in its decision and requested an interim injunction to prevent



further use of the name.

The division bench of Justices A.S. Chandurkar and Rajesh Patil of the Bombay High Court has continued the interim order issued by the Pune court in January 2012, which had initially restrained the Pune eatery from using the name. The court also expedited the hearing process and instructed both parties to maintain financial and tax records from the past 10 years until the appeal is resolved.

The case is significant as Burger King currently operates over 400 outlets in India, including six in Pune, making it a key player in the Indian fast-food industry. The legal outcome could have far-reaching implications for the use of trademarks in the country.

Mucem Museum in France Offers Unique Experience with Nudist Art Exhibition

The Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean (Mucem) in Marseille, France, is offering a truly unique experience for art lovers and adventure-seekers alike. The museum is currently hosting a special exhibition titled 'Naturist Paradises', providing visitors with the opportunity to explore art in a completely unconventional way—by viewing it while nude. This exhibition, held once a month in collaboration with the French Naturist Federation (FFN), explores the history of nudism in Europe and features over 600 items collected from nudist communities.

The diverse collection includes photographs, films, magazines, everyday objects, as well as paintings, drawings, books, prints, and sculptures, all offering a rare and intimate look into the cultural heritage of nudism. According to *The New York Times*, the experience is designed to immerse visitors fully in the nudist lifestyle. Upon arrival, attendees are required to undress in a designated changing area before entering the exhibition space. Although nudity is the main requirement, some visitors choose to cover themselves with towels or sarongs while navigating the museum's lobby before entering the heated exhibition gallery. The museum responded to earlier complaints about the cold by ensuring the gallery is now kept comfortably warm.

While nudity is encouraged, visitors are allowed to wear shoes and other accessories. Some have taken the opportunity to add their personal flair, with one man wearing a fedora and casual slides, while



a woman wore a striking necklace. In true French fashion, an older gentleman creatively draped a small pink towel around his neck like a scarf, adding a touch of style to his natural look.

'Naturist Paradises' at Mucem is not just about art—it's a celebration of freedom, body positivity, and a different way of engaging with cultural history. The exhibition offers a fascinating exploration of nudism and its rich history in Europe, while also challenging conventional boundaries between art, culture, and the human body.

Man dresses as groom at Mumbai concert, seeks shaadi.com setting; internet reacts

International pop sensation Dua Lipa held a much-anticipated concert in Mumbai on November 30, attracting a massive crowd of eager fans. The show was filled with energy, but one of the most memorable moments of the evening was a playful and surprising proposal made by a fan in the crowd. The highlight of the performance came when Dua Lipa performed a mash-up of her hit song 'Levitating' and the iconic Bollywood track 'Wo Ladki Jo' from the 1999 film 'Baadshah'. This fusion of Western pop and Indian music delighted fans and set the stage for a unique, heartwarming gesture that stole the show.

Amidst the excitement, a man dressed as a groom stood out, holding a hand-made poster directed to Dua Lipa's father. The poster, which quickly went viral on social media, featured a marriage proposal in a humorous and lighthearted manner. The man cheekily asked, "Dua ke papa, aap convince ho gaye yaa apni shaadi.com profile bheju?" which translates to, "Dua's father, are you convinced, or should I send my shaadi.com profile?"

The proposal immediately caught the attention of concert-goers and social media users alike, with many laughing at the playful approach. The poster's blend of modern romance and tra-

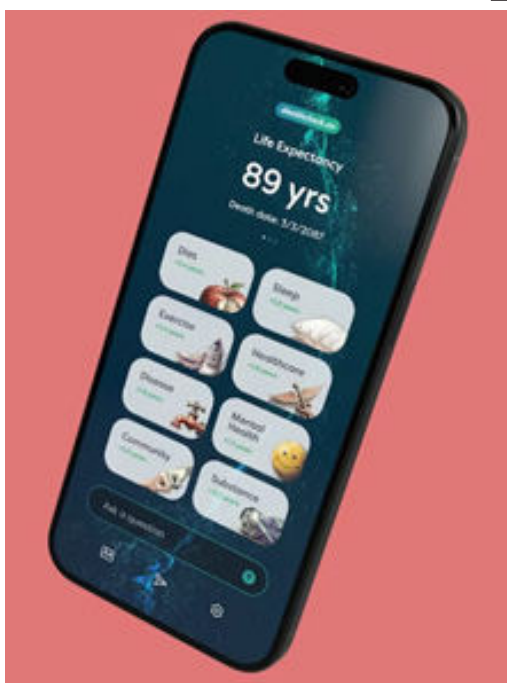
ditional humor captured the lighthearted spirit of the concert. The fan's message, combining a wedding proposal with a reference to the popular matrimonial website Shaadi.com, quickly became a trending topic online, with people finding it both creative and amusing.

This memorable moment added to the excitement of Dua Lipa's concert in Mumbai, as fans not only enjoyed her hit songs but also witnessed a one-of-a-kind proposal that showcased the passion and humor of her Indian fanbase. The concert was a massive success, and this unexpected proposal will undoubtedly be one of the most talked-about moments from the event.



AI-Powered "Death Clock" App Predicts Life Expectancy

A new app called 'Death Clock' is making waves with its unique use of artificial intelligence (AI) to predict when a user might die. Available for free on both Android and iOS, this app asks users to fill out a detailed questionnaire to estimate their life expectancy. Despite its ominous name, the app brands itself as an "AI-powered longevity" tool, offering personalized recommendations on how to improve health and extend life by promoting healthier habits.



The 'Death Clock' app is currently available in the US and can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play Store. The app's listing on the Play Store states that it uses "advanced AI technology" to analyze how a person's lifestyle choices might impact their life expectancy. It then provides users with suggestions for improving their habits in an effort to delay their predicted death date.

Although the concept of predicting death has existed in various forms since the early 2000s, most previous platforms relied on actuarial life tables to estimate life expectancy. The 'Death

Clock' app, however, sets itself apart by using AI trained on a dataset of over 1,200 life expectancy studies, including data from approximately 53 million participants. This cutting-edge approach allows the app to offer more personalized and potentially more accurate predictions.

While the idea of using AI to predict death may seem morbid to some, the app presents itself as a tool to promote better health and longevity. It aims to raise awareness about how everyday habits can affect overall well-being and offers

guidance to help users live healthier lives. By using the app's suggestions, individuals can make more informed decisions about their diet, exercise, and lifestyle to improve their chances of living longer.

In summary, the 'Death Clock' app is an intriguing blend of technology and health, using AI to predict life expectancy while offering advice on how to extend it. Although the concept may seem unsettling, it ultimately aims to help users take charge of their health for a longer, more fulfilling life.

Time Moves Faster on The Moon Than on Earth, Claims Study

In preparation for the growing international presence on the Moon, particularly under NASA's Artemis program, efforts are underway to establish a unified lunar time standard. The White House called for the development of this lunar time system in April 2024, emphasizing its importance for future missions and potential lunar bases. The core challenge lies in understanding how time behaves differently on the Moon compared to Earth, a phenomenon explained by Einstein's theory of general relativity.



A study published in *The Astronomical Journal* by Bijunath Patla and Neil Ashby of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) explored this time discrepancy. The researchers determined that clocks on the Moon would tick 56 microseconds faster each day than those on Earth. This difference arises from two primary factors: the Moon's weaker gravity, which causes clocks to run faster, and its motion relative to Earth, which causes them to slow down. Patla pointed out that even a small time difference, such as 56 microseconds, could lead to significant navigational errors—up to 17 kilometers per day—highlighting the need for precise timekeeping.

Accurate timekeeping is crucial for lunar navigation, mission safety, and operational success. Cheryl Gramling, a systems engineer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, stressed the need for precise time tracking to ensure the exact positions of rovers, landers, and astronauts on the lunar surface. As lunar missions increase in complexity, understanding and addressing the time discrepancy will be essential to avoid errors that could jeopardize mission objectives.

Establishing a unified lunar time system will play a key role in ensuring smooth coordination between various lunar missions, both for exploration and for the establishment of sustainable human habitats on the Moon. As NASA and other space agencies prepare for a future on the Moon, getting time right is just as important as getting the technology and logistics in place.

World Chess Championship: Gukesh, Liren eye breakthrough after hat-trick of draws



Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren are both aiming to break the deadlock after three consecutive draws as they face off in the seventh round of the World Chess Championship. The match, scheduled for Tuesday, marks a pivotal moment in the competition as both players seek to gain an edge.

Gukesh, at just 18 years old, is the youngest ever challenger for the World Chess Championship title. While he has been hailed as the favorite by many chess pundits, he has yet to fully demonstrate his class in the tournament. The young Indian has often found himself relying on the Chinese Grandmaster Liren to either play conservatively or make mistakes, rather than taking the initiative himself.

The first game of the series was a significant learning experience for Gukesh, as he suffered a loss while playing with the white pieces. However, the second game provided a much-needed boost to his confidence. Liren, surprisingly passive, offered little resistance, allowing Gukesh to secure an easy draw. The result served as a reminder that Gukesh's resilience could be key in the upcoming rounds.

With three draws in a row, the stakes are now high as both players look to break the stalemate. Gukesh has shown that he can rise to the occasion, but he will need to bring more of his aggressive play into future games if he hopes to surpass Ding Liren, the seasoned champion. The upcoming round promises to be a crucial test of Gukesh's ability to take charge and push for a victory, while Liren will likely aim to maintain his composure and capitalize on any opportunities that arise.



India Celebrates T20 World Cup Win, Defeats South Africa in Final Showdown

India, cricket's financial powerhouse, ended an 11-year drought by clinching the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in June under the inspiring leadership of Rohit Sharma. This victory not only secured the much-awaited title but also solidified India's dominance in global cricket, as the country continues to command the richest T20 league in the world. India sailed through the group stages of the tournament and delivered a stunning performance in the semi-finals, demolishing England's hopes of defending their title.

Following the World Cup triumph, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli stepped down from T20 International duties, making way for Suryakumar Yadav to take over as the new captain in this format.

Despite this leadership change, India's success marked the end of their 11-year wait for an ICC title, signaling a return to their winning ways in global cricket events.

However, India's cricketing journey in 2023 was not without its challenges. The team's unbeaten run in home Test series, which spanned 12 years, came to an end, as India faced setbacks in their pursuit of dominance in the longer format. This loss signified a shift in their performance, which had long been a source of pride for the Indian cricket community.

India's growing influence in cricket, however, faces a new challenge with next year's ICC Champions Trophy

scheduled to be held in Pakistan. India has taken a firm stance against touring Pakistan due to longstanding political tensions between the two countries, and this stance has now jeopardized their participation in the prestigious tournament. As the event approaches, the clash between cricket and politics could have far-reaching consequences for the global game, with India's absence potentially overshadowing the event's significance.

In conclusion, while India celebrates its World Cup win and continues to strengthen its hold on cricket's financial and governing aspects, its diplomatic stance could lead to further complications in the international calendar.

India Secures Comfortable 211-Run Win Over Japan in Under-19 Asia Cup

Mohamed Amaan's brilliant century, coupled with solid contributions from KP Karthikeya and Ayush Mhatre, powered India to a comfortable 211-run victory over Japan in the Under-19 Asia Cup on Monday.



Amaan led the charge with an unbeaten 122 off 118 balls, guiding India to a massive total of 339/6 in their 50 overs after being invited to bat first. His knock, which included only seven boundaries, was a masterclass in controlled aggression. Alongside Amaan, Karthikeya played a key role, scoring 57 off 49 balls, hitting five fours and one six. Mhatre provided the initial thrust, smashing a quick-fire 54 off 29 balls, setting the tone for India's strong total.

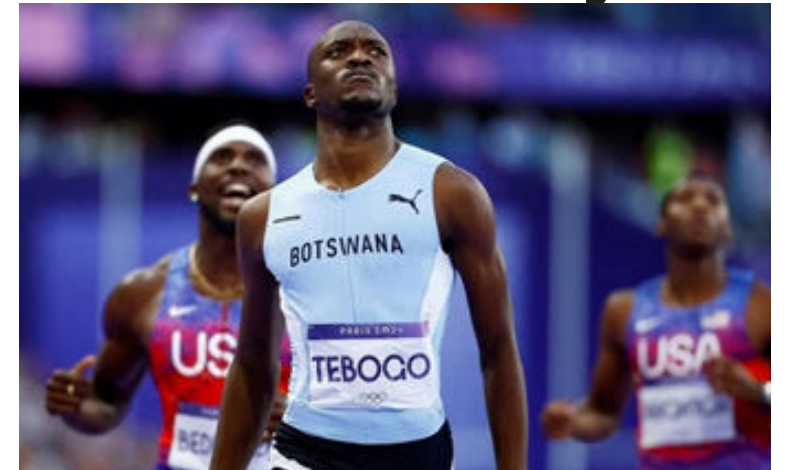
The middle-order also contributed valuable runs, with Andre Siddarth scoring 38, Hardik Raj adding an unbeaten 25, and Vaibhav Suryavanshi making 23. Despite Ja-

pan's efforts, they couldn't break the Indian batting dominance, as Hugo Kelly (2/42) and Kiefer Yamamoto-Lake (2/84) took two wickets each for Japan.

In response, Japan struggled throughout the chase and finished at 128/8 in 50 overs. India's bowlers maintained tight control, although they were unable to bowl Japan out. While it was an easy outing for India, they would have liked to wrap up the innings earlier.

This win marked India's first in Group A after a 43-run loss to Pakistan in their opening match. They will face the United Arab Emirates in their final group game on Wednesday. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals, scheduled for December 6, keeping India's hopes alive for the tournament's knockout stage.

Olympic champions Hassan, Tebogo named world athletes of the year



The Netherlands' Sifan Hassan and Botswana's Letsile Tebogo were honored as the World Athletes of the Year on Sunday following their exceptional performances at the Paris Olympics.

Hassan made history by winning the women's marathon in an Olympic record time of 2:22:55. In addition to her marathon victory, she also earned bronze medals in both the 10,000m and 5000m events, showcasing her remarkable versatility across different distances. Speaking in Monaco after receiving the prestigious award, Hassan expressed her gratitude, saying, "Thank you to the fans, to everybody who voted. I never thought I was going to win this one. This year was crazy. It's not only me, all the athletes have been amazing." Hassan was also recognized as the Women's Out-of-Stadium Athlete of the Year for her impressive performances beyond traditional track and field events.

Tebogo, a rising star in athletics, made history in Paris as well, becoming the first African athlete to win the Olympic men's 200m title. His gold medal was also Botswana's first-ever Olympic gold. Tebogo's achievements didn't stop there; he set a national record of 9.86 seconds when he finished sixth in the 100m final. Reflecting on his groundbreaking year, Tebogo, who was also named Men's Track Athlete of the Year, said, "It feels amazing to know that the fans are always there for us athletes. It was a great year."

Both Hassan and Tebogo's outstanding accomplishments at the Paris Olympics highlight their dominance in track and field. Their recognition as World Athletes of the Year solidifies their status as two of the sport's brightest stars and provides a fitting tribute to their hard work, dedication, and historic performances on the world stage.

India beat PM's XI in pink-ball game; Rohit bats at No 4, keeps people guessing

Shubman Gill eased concerns about his thumb injury by scoring a stylish half-century in India's six-wicket victory over Prime Minister's XI in their curtailed pink-ball warm-up match. The game, reduced to 46 overs per side, saw India chase down a target of 241 in just 42.5 overs, but they continued batting until the final delivery.

Gill's knock of 50 off 43 balls was the highlight for India, with the opener showcasing his full range of shots. A brilliant square cut off seamer Mahli Beardman, early in his innings, signaled that his fractured left thumb had fully healed, making him ready for the second Test against Australia in Adelaide starting Friday.

Meanwhile, skipper Rohit Sharma made an unexpected move by batting at No. 4, rather than opening. His tactical shift kept the Australian team guessing, though Rohit's own stay at the crease was brief—he faced just 11 deliveries before edging a ball to slips under the night lights.



The decision to drop himself down the order did not impact the team's chase, as India comfortably crossed the target with six wickets in hand.

India's warm-up tactics also raised a few eyebrows, with Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah opting to face each other at the nets, keeping their strategies hidden from the Australian camp. Ravichandran Ashwin, who had been absent from the Perth Test, was seen bowling to Kohli, preparing for his potential inclusion in the Adelaide Test, where he had taken a memorable four-wicket haul in the 2020-21 Pink-ball Test. Ravindra Jadeja also participated in the nets, getting some overs and batting for a while, further bolstering India's options.

With Gill's return to form and the tactical preparations in full swing, India heads into the second Test with renewed confidence.



Sobhita Dhulipala Radiates Traditional Beauty Ahead of Her Wedding

Sobhita Dhulipala, the stunning actress, is all set to marry Akkineni Naga Chaitanya in just two days, and the bride-to-be is already turning heads with her traditional charm. As she prepares for her special day, Sobhita is embracing every element of a classic South Indian bridal look, making her pre-wedding ceremonies a memorable affair.

The pre-wedding celebrations are taking place at the iconic Annapurna Studios in Hyderabad, where Sobhita was spotted wearing a breathtaking red silk saree, a color that symbolizes love and prosperity. The saree is elegantly paired with a full-sleeve blouse, further enhancing her grace and traditional appeal. Sobhita's ensemble is completed with delicate and ornate accessories, including a set of bangles that add a touch of elegance, and a statement necklace accompanied by matching earrings. Her choice of jewelry exudes sophistication and perfectly complements her bridal look.

One of the standout features of her ensemble is the graceful forehead

ornament, a traditional piece that adds a stunning detail to her appearance, accentuating her flawless beauty. Her entire look reflects the essence of a South Indian bride, with her attire and accessories thoughtfully chosen to convey a sense of timelessness and cultural richness.

During the pre-wedding rituals, which include the application of turmeric on her legs and the receiving of bangles, Sobhita fully embraces the customs and traditions of her culture. These intimate moments highlight her connection to the significant customs that come with South Indian weddings, adding a layer of sentiment to the celebrations.

As the couple prepares for their wedding, Sobhita Dhulipala is undoubtedly a picture of grace and beauty, effortlessly embodying the traditional bride. With just two days to go, her elegance and poise in every aspect of her pre-wedding celebrations are already setting the stage for a memorable and enchanting wedding day with Naga Chaitanya.



UI: A Dystopian Satire by Upendra, Set to Explore the Future of Society



Upendra, renowned for his unique and unconventional films, is all set to captivate audiences once again with his latest project, *UI*. Known for directing and acting in films like *A*, *Upendra*, *Raa*, *Super*, and *Uppi 2*, the multifaceted talent is returning to the big screen with a story that promises to push boundaries and spark thought-provoking discussions.

The makers of *UI* recently dropped a teaser titled "Warner," which has already stirred curiosity about the film's premise. The teaser opens with a striking statement: "World leaders gave us Global Warming, COVID-19, Inflation, AI, Unemployment, and Wars," setting the tone for a dystopian future. The story is set in 2040, where a dark and satirical narrative unfolds. The world depicted in *UI* is one of stark contrasts: while technological advancements flourish, the population grapples with widespread poverty and desperation. In this grim future, people fight and die over a single piece of fruit, a powerful symbol of scarcity. Basic survival has become a battle, and the government, in a grim parody of relief efforts, distributes rice

balls and mobile phones, reminiscent of flood relief operations. Meanwhile, citizens scavenge for food, with some even eating over dead bodies, highlighting the dire state of affairs.

The visual starkness of the teaser is matched by the societal commentary it offers, with the film portraying the widening gap between the elite and the impoverished. As advancements benefit the few, the many are left to struggle for even the most basic necessities. Upendra plays the role of a ruthless dictator, adding further to the dystopian atmosphere and the film's exploration of power dynamics in the future.

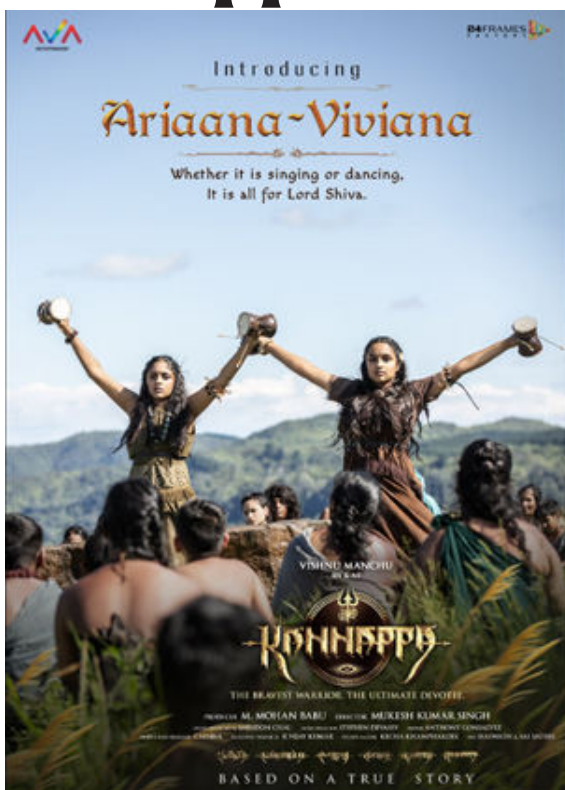
UI promises to be yet another bold and distinctive offering from Upendra, combining satire and grim realism to comment on the state of today's society. With its release scheduled for December 20, 2024, the film, backed by Lahari Films LLP and Venus Entertainers, is set to make a significant impact. Ajaneesh Lokanath, known for his compelling compositions, is on board as the music director, adding another layer of anticipation to the project.

Mohan Babu's Granddaughters Set to Make Their Film Debut in 'Kannappa'

Kannappa, the highly anticipated project from the Manchu family, is creating a major buzz in the industry. Produced by the renowned actor and producer Manchu Mohan Babu, the film is being made on an impressive budget of around Rs. 100 crores. With a historical backdrop, *Kannappa* promises to be a visual spectacle, and it has already garnered attention with its star-studded cast. The movie features the lead role played by Manchu Vishnu, who is also part of the celebrated Manchu family.

The excitement around *Kannappa* continues to grow as the film introduces several big names from across the Indian film industry, including Prabhas, Akshay Kumar, Sarath Kumar, and Mukesh Rishi. Directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, known for his work in the *Mahabharata* serial, *Kannappa* is shaping up to be a major cinematic event.

In addition to the top stars, the Manchu family has further captured the spotlight with the inclusion of Mohan Babu's granddaughters. While Manchu Vishnu's son has already been confirmed as part of the film, the recent announcement of his daughters, Ariana and Viviana, joining the cast has added another layer of excitement. To celebrate their involvement in the film industry, the first look of the granddaughters' roles was released on their birthdays, marking an



emotional and significant moment for the family.

On this special occasion, Mohan Babu expressed his pride and joy, stating, "I am happy that my granddaughters Ariana and Viviana are entering the film industry with *Kannappa*. I am incredibly proud of their passion for acting." He also shared that he hopes their journey in cinema will inspire others to pursue their dreams and gain recognition in the industry.

With this powerful family connection and a stellar cast, *Kannappa* is shaping up to be a film that will capture the hearts of audiences. Fans are eager to see the Manchu family's legacy continue with this grand project.



Meenakshi Choudhary Stuns in Chic Monochrome Ensemble

Meenakshi Choudhary is turning heads once again, this time with a bold and stylish fashion statement. After captivating audiences with her elegant portrayal of a traditional wife in the hit film *Lucky Bhaskar*, the actress is now making waves in the fashion world with her latest stunning look.

Meenakshi recently stepped out in a chic blue and white monochrome outfit that has left fans and fashion enthusiasts alike in awe. The ensemble, carefully curated to highlight her graceful yet modern style, perfectly balances sophistication with a touch of boldness. The blue and white color palette enhanced her radiant personality, making her stand out effortlessly in the crowd.

Known for her impeccable fashion choices, Meenakshi's latest appearance is no exception. The actress chose a well-tailored, minimalist design that accentuated her figure while maintaining an air of elegance. The monochrome theme allowed her to shine without any distractions, emphasizing her natural beauty and confidence.

Meenakshi's look is not just about the clothes but also the way she carries herself. Her choice of accessories, paired with her impeccable styling, exuded an aura of sophistication and grace, proving that she is a true fashion icon. Her bold yet elegant choice of attire also speaks volumes about her growing versatility, both as an actress and a fashion-forward personality.

As she continues to shine in both her acting career and fashion choices, Meenakshi Choudhary is undeniably a star on the rise. Her latest look has certainly set the fashion scene on fire, and it is clear that she is a force to be reckoned with in both the film industry and the world of style. Fans and fashionistas alike eagerly await her next appearance to see how she will continue to impress and inspire.