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Seven Maoists Killed in Massive Encounter

Seven Maoists Neutralized in Eturunagaram Forest
Key Leaders Among the Deceased
Maoist Brutality Sparks Local Outrage
Calls for Dialogue Amid Intensified Operations



TPN , Telangana : In a significant blow to Maoist insurgency, seven Maoists were killed in a joint operation conducted by Telangana Greyhounds and the Anti-Maoist Squad in the Eturunagaram forest of Mulugu district. The encounter occurred near Kondai Chalpaka in Eturunagaram mandal, following weeks of intensified efforts by law enforcement agencies.

of being police informers. The murders triggered a wave of outrage, with open letters from tribal youths warning Maoists to cease their violent activities. The Telangana police have intensified anti-Maoist operations across the region, targeting hide-outs in forests spanning Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh. The ongoing crackdown has reportedly inflicted heavy losses on Maoist cadres, with the insurgent group losing 20 to 30 members in recent encounters. On October 22, a similar operation in Bhiji, Chhattisgarh, resulted in the death of ten Maoists and two police personnel.

Among the deceased were key Maoist leaders, including Kursam Mangu alias Bhadru, Secretary of Yellandu and Narsampeta; Egolapu Mallaiah alias Madhu, Secretary of Eturunagaram Mahadevpur; Mussaki Deval alias Karunakar; Mussaki Jamuna; Jaisingh; Kishore; and Kamesh, all identified as party members.

The consistent setbacks have raised questions about the sustainability of Maoist operations, with public organizations urging authorities to explore dialogue as a solution to the insurgency. Critics argue that encounters

alone may not address the root causes of the conflict, emphasizing the need for meaningful discussions to bring about long-term peace.

While the government and security forces assert that these operations are necessary to ensure public safety, the

loss of lives highlights the complexity of addressing Maoist insurgency in India.

Farmer's Insurance After Sankranti-CM Revanth

Farmer's Insurance Scheme Set for Launch
Loan Waivers and Rythu Bandhu Dues Cleared
Plans for Quality Rice in Government Schools



TPN , Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has delivered promising news for farmers in the state, reaffirming his government's commitment to their welfare. Speaking to the media on Sunday, the CM emphasized that steps are being taken to implement a comprehensive farmer's insurance scheme, fulfilling a key election promise.

dedicated to the development of farmers, highlighting that Telangana is a "farmer's government." The CM announced that an additional Rs. 500 is being provided to farmers across the state and that the farmer's insurance scheme will be launched after Sankranti. The implementation details will be discussed during the upcoming assembly session, with a ministerial sub-committee set to oversee the scheme.

Addressing allegations from opposition parties, CM Revanth Reddy criticized the BRS and BJP for spreading misinformation about his government's initiatives. He reiterated that his administration has already implemented a loan waiver of Rs. 17,869 crore and cleared Rs. 7,625 crore of pending dues under the Rythu Bandhu scheme, which the previous government had failed to deliver.

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Harish Rao Challenges CM to Open Debate

Congress Blamed for Economic Stagnation **Rythu Bandhu Payments Halted**
Revanth Reddy's Unfulfilled Promises



TPN , Hyderabad : Senior BRS leader and former Minister T. Harish Rao has challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to an open debate on Telangana's financial health and the implementation of the Rythu Bandhu scheme. Speaking at a press conference, Harish Rao accused the Congress government of incompetence, misinformation, and failing to deliver on its promises to the people and farmers of the state.

Harish Rao criticized the Congress for celebrating its one-year rule, stating that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had created a negative atmosphere across all sectors due to his "immaturity and incapability." He accused the Chief Minister of spreading false propaganda to cover up failures, alleging that the state's economic growth had stagnated under his leadership due to poor revenue generation and ineffective wealth distribution.

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BJP Sets Its Sights Clearly on Power in Telangana

BJP Strengthens Grassroots Presence with Membership Drive
Strategic Alliances Bolster Rural Outreach
Panchayat Polls: Stepping Stone to 2028 Assembly Elections

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The CM also announced a new plan to provide high-quality rice to government school students and emphasized the importance of agriculture, likening it to a festival under the Congress government. He criticized the previous BRS administration for leaving a debt of Rs. 7 lakh crore and accused them of a lack of transparency regarding state finances.

To ensure accountability, CM Revanth Reddy mentioned that his government released white papers on the state's debts and assets upon taking office. He assured farmers that his administration will continue to prioritize their welfare and development, reaffirming their central role in Telangana's progress.

Power in Telangana



TPN, Avinash: The BJP has been strategically working to strengthen its foothold in Telangana, especially after a mixed bag of results in recent elections. Despite losing ground to Congress in the 2023 Assembly elections, the party demonstrated its resilience in the parliamentary polls, securing eight of the 17 Lok Sabha seats with an impressive 35% vote share.

Now, the BJP is setting its sights on the upcoming Panchayat elections as a stepping stone to fortify its grassroots presence. To achieve this, the party has initiated a large-scale membership drive, successfully registering over 35 lakh new members. Leveraging this strengthened cadre, the BJP is focusing on building a robust organizational structure from the village level upward.

The party plans to establish committees at 25,000 of the 36,000 polling booths across the state. These committees will play a critical role during the gram panchayat and municipal elections. Internal elections are also underway to appoint presidents and other key representatives at various levels, ensuring a structured approach to party operations.

Leaders like Union Minister Kishan Reddy and senior figure Etela Rajender are at the helm of these efforts. Their focus is to complete the organizational groundwork, including training committee members, well ahead of the elections. The aim is to create a seamless strategy that aligns the party's rural outreach with its broader state-level goals.

Unlike Andhra Pradesh, where BJP is still building its base, Telangana offers a more fertile ground for expansion. With alliances with the TDP and Janasena now in play, the BJP is poised to capitalize on their combined strengths. This coalition is expected to make significant inroads, particularly in rural areas where grassroots support is critical.

Party insiders believe that a strong showing in the Panchayat elections could set the stage for success in the 2028 Assembly elections. By solidifying its presence at the grassroots level, the BJP aims to challenge both the BRS and Congress, reshaping the political landscape in Telangana.

Harish Rao Challenges CM to Open Debate

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Citing data from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), Harish Rao refuted claims regarding state debts, stating that the total debt during the BRS regime stood at ₹4,26,499 crore. He accused the Congress government of lacking the ability to raise revenue and fulfill promises, resorting instead to blaming the BRS for its shortcomings.

On the Rythu Bandhu scheme, Harish Rao held the Congress responsible for halting financial assistance to farmers. He highlighted that during the BRS tenure, ₹72,815 crore was deposited into farmers' accounts across 11 phases, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. He criticized Revanth Reddy for raising false hopes by promising ₹15,000 per acre but failing to deliver even ₹10,000.

Harish Rao also pointed out that Rythu Bandhu payments were stopped after Revanth Reddy complained to the Election Commission of India (ECI) during the previous Assembly elections, despite funds being prepared by the BRS government for disbursement.

The senior leader accused Revanth Reddy of failing to implement promises made in the Warangal Rythu Declaration and only partially fulfilling the crop loan waiver. He questioned Revanth Reddy's credentials as a leader and asked him to face the truth and answer the people instead of avoiding responsibility.

BJP Releases Charge Sheet on Congress Guarantees

Kishan Reddy Slams Victory Celebrations Amid Unfulfilled Promises Central Government's Support Highlighted in Telangana

TPN, Hyderabad : Union Minister and BJP Telangana President Kishan Reddy has sharply criticized the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of failing to deliver on its promises. Speaking at a media conference held at the BJP office on Sunday, Reddy alleged that Congress has betrayed the people by not fulfilling its guarantees within the promised 100 days.

Releasing a "charge sheet" against the Congress, Reddy highlighted six alleged lies in its guarantees and 66 instances of what he termed as fraud. He criticized the Congress for celebrating its victory while ignoring the promises made to the



public. "No group is happy with the Congress rule," he said, accusing the party of spending crores of rupees on celebrations instead of addressing the state's pressing issues.

Reddy noted that after a year in power, the Congress has yet

to complete the promised loan waiver for farmers, leaving many dissatisfied. He also accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of adopting the same "arrogant attitude" as BRS leader KCR, stating that the Congress had backstabbed the people who trusted them.

Highlighting the BJP's presence in Telangana, Reddy emphasized that the central government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has provided significant support to the state, including direct funds from the 15th Finance Commission. He asserted that the BJP remains a strong force in Telangana and vowed to hold the Congress accountable through public movements.

Reddy concluded by warning that the Congress should focus on fulfilling its promises instead of indulging in victory celebrations, as the people of Telangana will no longer tolerate broken commitments.

Bhatti Calls for Equal Society Inspired by Narayana Guru



TPN, Hyderabad : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, speaking at the Narayana Guru International Letters Cultural Festival in Kollam, Kerala, highlighted how Telangana's Integrated Household Survey and Integrated Schools were inspired by the teachings of Sri Narayana Guru. The event was held under the aegis of the Narayana Guru Open University, where Bhatti was the chief guest.

Bhatti praised Narayana Guru for his contributions to society, stating that his messages of equality and humanism continue to resonate today. He emphasized that Narayana Guru's actions, such as the establishment of the Aruvippuram Sri Sivalayam, challenged caste discrimination and paved the way for social reform not just in Kerala, but across India.

Drawing a parallel between Narayana Guru and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Bhatti not-

ed that while Narayana Guru inspired societal change, Ambedkar institutionalized the concept of equality through the Indian Constitution. Both leaders laid the foundation for justice and equality in the nation, Bhatti said.

The Deputy CM also highlighted the similarities between the social movements in Kerala and Telangana. He mentioned that figures like Komuram Bhim and Chakali Ilamma, who fought for equality in Telangana, were inspired by the same ideals that Narayana Guru championed. Bhatti urged everyone to take inspiration from the life and work of Narayana Guru, stressing the importance of building a society based on justice, equality, and humanity.

In closing, Bhatti called on people to follow Narayana Guru's principles to overcome societal divisions and build a fair and dignified future for all.



CM Revanth Reviews Osmania Hospital Construction Plans

TPN, Hyderabad : Chief Minister Revanth Reddy held a review meeting regarding the construction of the new Osmania Hospital at Goshamahal Stadium. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of a detailed plan for the hospital's infrastructure, including roads, drinking water, electricity, and drainage facilities.

CM Reddy directed the authorities to initiate an immediate survey for the construction of roads leading to the hospital. He called for comprehensive plans to ensure all basic facilities are in place to support the hospital's operations.

Senior IAS officer Dana Kishore was appointed as the nodal officer for coordinating with various departments involved in the project. The meeting was attended by Municipal Administration Department Principal Secretary Dana Kishore, CM Special Secretary Ajith Reddy, Hyderabad District Collector Anudeep, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner CV Anand, and other senior officials.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Reviews Key Irrigation Projects

Minister Reddy Calls for Completion of Key Irrigation Projects Record Paddy Production and Measures to Support Farmers Upcoming Public Meeting and Employment Achievements in Peddapalli

TPN, Peddapalli : State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy has called for the completion of pending irrigation projects on a war footing to ensure that every acre in Ummadi Karimnagar district gets sufficient irrigation water. Minister Reddy, along with IT Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, BC Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, and other officials, held a review meeting at the Integrated District Collectorate in Peddapalli to discuss the progress of ongoing irrigation projects and the Civil Supplies Department.

During the meeting, Minister Reddy emphasized the importance of completing various irrigation projects, including the Gauravelli Project canal works, the Kaleshwaram Package 9, the Chinna Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme, and the Patipaka reservoir. He also reviewed grain procurement, custom milling rice delivery, and the status of pending projects such as the Yellampalli Canal Network Package 2 works. Minister Reddy highlighted that Telangana has achieved a record 1.53 crore



metric tons of paddy production, which is a historic achievement for the state. He also announced a bonus of ₹500 for fine-quality grains, stressing that farmers would be paid promptly for their produce. He directed officials to ensure that quality grains are bought quickly at government procurement centers and moved to rice mills for processing, with the support price and bonus to be paid within hours.

In addressing employment, Reddy noted that the government had filled over 50,000 jobs within 10 months and emphasized skill training for the youth to increase their chances of employment in the private sec-

tor. The Minister also outlined plans to ensure low-cost irrigation water for farmers and urged officials to submit proposals for projects with positive cost-benefit ratios. He instructed officials to prioritize the Rolla Vagu project's land acquisition process and coordinate with local farmers for the swift completion of the Gauravelli canal works.

A public meeting with one lakh attendees is scheduled for December 4 in Peddapalli to mark the one-year anniversary of the government's formation, where Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao will address the public.



Ponnam Challenges BJP Leaders on Unfulfilled Promises

TPN , Telangana : Telangana's Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has called on BJP leaders to openly discuss the guarantees made by the Congress party, as well as the promises made by Prime Minister Modi in his 2014, 2019, and 2024 election manifestos. Prabhakar criticized BJP leaders for their failure to deliver on these promises, questioning the BJP's commitment to the people of Telangana.



Speaking at a public meeting, Prabhakar highlighted the discrepancy between the central government's promises and the reality, citing issues such as the rising prices of fuel, gas, and petrol. He accused the BJP

of misleading the people with their "Modi Guarantee" while failing to bring substantial development or funding to Telangana. He also pointed out the increasing interest burden on Telangana's loans, particularly

the Rs 7.5 lakh crore loan taken by the BRS government, which is costing the state Rs 193 crore per day in interest.

Prabhakar further criticized BJP leaders like Telangana BJP president Kishan Reddy, suggesting he is more suited for his MP role than as a state party president. He demanded accountability from the BJP, questioning their lack of action on various issues, such as farmer welfare, job creation, and the alleged discrimination of Telangana in fund allocations. Prabhakar concluded by urging BJP leaders to answer for their unfulfilled promises to the people of Telangana.

Farmers Praise Rs 500 Bonus, Says Minister Sridhar Babu

TPN , Telangana : Minister Sridhar Babu stated that farmers are delighted with the government's initiative of providing a Rs 500 bonus to small farmers. He emphasized the importance of publicizing the welfare schemes through social media and videos to showcase the benefits of the 2 lakh loan waiver and the bonus programs. Babu urged that the list of beneficiaries be displayed in villages to raise awareness. He also highlighted the long-neglected Chinna Kaleshwaram Mukteshwara Lift Irrigation Scheme and called for expedited land acquisition and construction of more outlets for the Dewadula project. The minister noted that the Pattipaka reservoir construction would stabilize 2.4 lakh acres of farmland and bring an additional 15,000 acres under cultivation. Babu further urged the submission of proposals for the Potaram and Bheem Ghanpur lift irrigation schemes.



Prashanth Reddy Accuses CM of False Promises



TPN , Telangana : Former Minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy held a press conference at the Nizamabad BRS office, making strong statements regarding the current political situation in Telangana. Reddy criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of lying while in office. He alleged that none of the six guarantees promised by the Congress government had been fully implemented this year. He also condemned the farmers' festival in Mahabubnagar, calling it shameful given the ongoing distress of farmers.

Reddy claimed that more than 50 percent of farmers' loan waivers in the state remain unfulfilled, accusing the Congress government of failing to deliver on promises made during the KCR regime. Additionally, Reddy issued a challenge to Chief Minister KCR, demanding that he resign from his MLA position if he can prove ownership of a thousand acres of land. He further called on Revanth Reddy to write to him if he doesn't own the alleged land.

Kannada TV Actress Shobhita Found Dead in Hyderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: Kannada television actress Shobhita, aged 29, was found dead by hanging at her residence in Gachibowli on Sunday, December 1, in a suspected case of suicide. Known for her roles in popular serials like Brahmaganthu and Ninidale, Shobhita had stepped away from acting after her marriage last year and had been living in Hyderabad with her husband, Sudhir.

The reasons behind her death remain unclear, and the police are questioning her family, friends, and neighbors to piece together the events leading to her demise.

Her body has been sent to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem, and after the examination, it will be taken to Bangalore, where her family resides.

The Gachibowli police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Niranjan Reddy Accuses Govt of Betraying Farmers



TPN , Telangana : Former minister Niranjan Reddy criticized the current government's handling of agricultural issues, claiming that the Revanth Reddy administration is "cutting the throats of farmers with a wet cloth." He pointed out that during the BRS government, Palamuru became green and halted migration, contrasting it with the current government's failure to make significant progress, despite heavy rainfall.

Reddy accused the AP government of diverting about 400 TMCs of water from the Krishna River, while the Telangana government had not shown any advancements. He also alleged that the government's

scheme forced farmers to rely on middlemen instead of buying paddy directly from the canals.

Highlighting the increasing farmer hardships, Reddy claimed that 568 deaths occurred in the state this year due to power outages. He further questioned the government's financial commitment, saying that while KCR promised Rs. 10,000 per acre, the farmer's bond was insufficient, and the promised Rs. 35,000 crore bonus never materialized. Reddy accused the Agriculture Minister of withholding information and misleading the farming community.

Government Fails to Deliver- MP Vishweshwar Reddy

TPN , Telangana : Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy criticized the Congress government for its failure to fulfill its promises after one year in power. Reflecting on the state's situation, he remarked that while the previous administration looted resources in the name of Kaleshwaram, the new Congress government has failed to make a difference for the people. Despite the promises of six guarantees, the government has not implemented them, Reddy stated.

He accused both Congress and BRS of indulging in political theatrics and mutual criticism, while the Congress party failed to show real progress. Reddy praised the central government for its support to farmers, including the PM Kisan assistance, urea subsidies, and the employment guarantee scheme. He also emphasized that rice cultivation in the state and country is surpassing the requirements, with the central government ready to purchase paddy at support prices.



CPM Leader Tammineni Slams Revanth Over Adani Ties

TPN , Siddipet : CPM State Secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram has accused Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of having questionable ties with industrialist Gautam Adani, despite AICC leader Rahul Gandhi's opposition to the Adani Group. Speaking at the third general meeting of the CPM in Gajwel, Veerabhadram criticized CM Reddy for accepting a Rs. 100 crore cheque from Adani. He questioned the CM's actions, urging him to reveal any agreements made with Adani.



Veerabhadram further alleged that Adani had paid Rs. 1,750 crore to Andhra Pradesh CM Jaganmohan Reddy for a power deal during the YSRCP government in AP. He accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of aligning the country's wealth with Adani and Ambani, calling them "pests" to the nation.

In response, CM Revanth Reddy denied any involvement in the Adani controversy, clarifying that the Telangana government had decided not to accept the Rs. 100 crore from Adani for the Skills University project. He emphasized that Telangana had no connection to the ongoing issues surrounding Adani in other regions and insisted that his government should not be drawn into such controversies.

In related news, Veerabhadram also criticized the purchase of solar power from Adani Renewable Energy by the AP government, revealing that a 2,333 MW supply agreement with Adani was under legal dispute in the AP High Court.

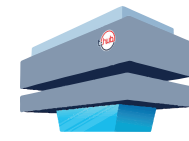
Vivek: We Will Get Positions If We Fight Against KCR



TPN , Telangana : MLA Vivek Venkata Swamy addressed a gathering, emphasizing unity among the Mala community and their commitment to fighting caste discrimination. Speaking at a recent event, Venkata Swamy thanked all attendees for standing up in defense of their self-respect and dignity. He highlighted the ongoing caste-based inequalities in the country, pointing out that equal opportunities, particularly in education, remain inaccessible to many Dalits.

Venkata Swamy reminded the audience of Baba Saheb Ambedkar's legacy, stressing that Ambedkar fought for the freedom and rights of Dalits and criticized the political establishment for undermining caste-based reservations. He warned political parties and leaders who speak against the Mala community, asserting that such criticism would no longer go unanswered. He also dismissed allegations that Malas were seeking ministerial positions, stating that their fight is not for positions but for justice and equality.

Venkata Swamy further revealed that he had been offered numerous positions by political parties if he were to oppose Chief Minister KCR. However, he emphasized that he had refused these offers, asserting his commitment to the cause and solidarity with the Mala community, even in the face of challenges such as ED raids. "We stand together, and our fight will continue," he concluded.



I Focus Mission Hosts Inspiring Sunday Breakfast Meet



TPN, Avinash: The I Focus Mission organized its weekly Breakfast Meet on Sunday with the unique message that Sunday is not the weekend but the first day of the week, and an opportunity to begin anew and turn dreams into reality. The event was held to reinforce the mission's goal of transforming individuals into "power

citizens" who contribute meaningfully to society.

The event was graced by I Focus Mission Chief Coordinator Shri Vasudeva Sharma, Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajendhar, former Uppal MLA Subhash Reddy, and I Focus Mission secretaries Vinod Yadav, Maruthi Kiran, Sa-

hadev, and Shekhar Evani.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vasudeva Sharma highlighted the importance of nurturing power citizens for the progress of the country. He praised the role of the I Focus Mission over the past 19 years in shaping such individuals and emphasized the

need for leaders like MP Eatala Rajendhar, whose contributions uplift society.

MP Eatala Rajendhar, in his address, lauded the Indian ethos of "SARVE JANA SUKHIÑO BHAVANTU" emphasizing the greatness of a culture that prioritizes collective well-being. He

remarked, "It is not just about how much wealth or fame we acquire, but the satisfaction and impact we create in life that truly matter."

He extended his congratulations to the members of the I Focus Mission, commending their efforts in empowering individuals to reach their highest potential. He noted the relevance and necessity of organizations like I Focus Mission in today's society, which foster meaningful change and societal betterment.

The Breakfast Meet concluded with a renewed commitment to the mission's goals, leaving attendees inspired to contribute to their fullest abilities as part of a progressive and unified community.

GHMC Elections 2025: Is TDP Eyeing a Comeback?



TPN, Avinash: The stage is set for what could be the most intense Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections in recent memory. With the 2025 elections approaching, a new contender has emerged in the form of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which is gearing up to make its presence felt in Telangana after years of dormancy in the region.

In the 2020 GHMC polls, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) led the race with 56 seats, followed by BJP's 48 and AIMIM's 44. Congress lagged behind with a mere 2 seats. However, the dynamics for the 2025 elections have shifted significantly, and TDP appears to be preparing for a resurgence fueled by its massive victory in Andhra Pradesh's recent elections.

TDP's remarkable membership drive has caught attention, with strong responses not just in Andhra Pradesh but also in Telangana. The party, which has deep roots in the state, appears poised to leverage its existing cadre strength and its likely alliance with BJP to make a mark in Hyderabad.

Despite Congress's victory in the Telangana Assembly elections, the party's influence in Hyderabad's urban centers remains limited. Meanwhile, the BRS, grappling with its poor performance in the recent MP elections, faces an uphill task to regain momentum. This leaves room for a strong contender like the TDP-BJP alliance to step in and reshape the GHMC elections.

Historically, TDP has held sway in key urban constituencies like Jubilee Hills, Kukatpally, LB Nagar, Serilingampally, Sanath Nagar, and Rajendranagar. If its cadres, who leaned towards Congress during the Assembly elections, are redirected to work for the TDP-BJP partnership, the alliance could emerge as a formidable force in the urban landscape of Hyderabad.

With its renewed focus on urban voter engagement and a robust strategy for the GHMC elections, TDP is positioning itself to regain its foothold in Telangana politics. As the contest heats up, all eyes are on TDP to see if it can turn its historic urban influence into electoral success. The 2025 GHMC elections promise to be a high-stakes battle, redefining political equations in Hyderabad.

Couple Killed in Road Accident in Hyderabad's Langar Houz

TPN, Hyderabad: A tragic road accident in Hyderabad's Langar Houz area claimed the lives of a couple on Saturday, November 30. The victims, identified as 35-year-old Dinesh Goswami and 33-year-old Mona Thakur, were riding a motorcycle when a speeding car collided with them. The couple died on the spot due to the injuries they sustained in the accident.

Police arrived at the scene and transported the bodies to Osmania General Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

A case has been registered under Section 106(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanahita (BNS), which addresses deaths caused by rash or negligent acts not amounting to culpable homicide. The section mandates imprisonment of up to five years and fines for such offenses.

Further details on the accident are awaited as investigations continue.

Renova Hospitals Conducts Mega Health Camp in Golconda

TPN, Hyderabad: Golconda witnessed a remarkable humanitarian effort today as Renova Hospitals, Langerhouse branch, organized a Mega Health Camp under the guidance of Dr. Tipparaju Venkata Nagesh and Dr. Shivkumar's team. Held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the camp served over 300 needy patients, providing free medical services and medicines.

Key services like ECG, 2D Echo, RBS tests, and routine investigations were conducted, ensuring comprehensive healthcare for the underprivileged. Dr. Rahul Verma, an Artificial Intelligence expert, and Nano Health founder Dr. Nagesh leveraged AI technology to screen ECGs for every patient, receiving an overwhelmingly positive response. Dr. Nagesh emphasized the noble cause, stating, "Serving patients is equivalent to serving God."



To further aid the needy, Mr. Subramaniam assured significant discounts for poor patients, demonstrating the hospital's commitment to accessible healthcare.

The Renova Hospitals team, including Dr. Ashwin, Dr. Zain, Dr. Tabrez, Dr. Shoeb, Dr. Lokesh, and Dr. Padmavathi, offered their services on a voluntary, humanitarian basis. The "business development team" comprising Mr. Mohsin, Mr. Mustaq, Mr. Pavan Kalyan, and Mr. Lateef worked tirelessly to ensure the camp's success.

The event garnered immense support from local leaders Mr. Ali, Mr. Asad Khan, Mr. Anwar, and Mr. Ameer, under the guidance of MLA Sri Kauser Mohiuddin, further strengthening the initiative. Local residents, particularly from middle and lower-middle-class backgrounds, praised Renova Hospitals for their dedication and impactful services. The camp concluded successfully, leaving a lasting impression on the community and reaffirming Renova Hospitals' mission to provide compassionate and accessible healthcare.

Nagaland Formation Day Celebration at Raj Bhavan

TPN, Telangana: As part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, Telangana Governor Sri Jishnu Dev Varma hosted special celebrations at the iconic Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, to mark the Formation Day of Nagaland on December 1. Nagaland, the 16th state of the Indian Union, was officially formed in 1963. On this significant occasion, the Governor extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Nagaland and paid tribute to the visionary leaders and citizens who played a key role in the state's creation. In his address, he highlighted the importance of celebrating state formation days, fostering mutual understanding, and appreciating diverse cultures.



The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances, including traditional songs and dances by Nagaland artists, and saw enthusiastic participation from Nagaland residents in Hyderabad and Raj Bhavan officials. The event reinforced the spirit of national unity and cultural harmony promoted by the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

Minister Ponnam Discusses Victory Festival with GHMC Leaders

TPN, Telangana: In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar met with key leaders of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to discuss the successful Public Administration Victory Festival held in Hyderabad. The meeting, held at the Hyderabad Ministers Quarters, was attended by Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC In-charge Deepadas Munshi, CM Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, and Mayor Gadwala Vijaya Lakshmi.

During the meeting, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar outlined the programs conducted as part of the festival and emphasized the importance of raising awareness about the government's initiatives over the past year. He directed the organization of events at the division, constituency, and state levels on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of December.

The Minister also called for widespread public awareness of the upcoming development programs that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will launch in Hyderabad under the banner of "Rising Hyderabad." These large-scale initiatives aim to further enhance the city's infrastructure and development, benefiting the people of Hyderabad.



Ishwari Bhai's 106th Birth Anniversary Celebrated at Rabindra Bharathi



TPN, Telangana: The 106th birth anniversary of Ishwari Bhai was celebrated at Rabindra Bharathi with the participation of several prominent leaders, including Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Sridhar Babu, Jupalli Krishna Rao, and PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. During the event, the ministers visited a photo exhibition showcasing the life and contributions of Ishwari Bhai. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized the importance of remembering such great personalities, stating, "We will organize programs to ensure that future generations remember you, Ishwari Bhai."

The celebrations paid tribute to Ishwari Bhai's contributions and legacy, highlighting the significance of preserving history for the benefit of the coming generations. The event underscored the commitment of the leaders to keeping the memory of such figures alive.

Police Participation in MLA Vivek's Birthday Celebrations

TPN , Hyderabad: A controversial incident occurred during the birthday celebrations of Congress MLA Vivek Venkataswamy in Chennur, Mancherial district. Police officers were seen cutting a cake at the event, raising questions about their involvement in political celebrations.

The incident has sparked criticism, with concerns over the perceived political neutrality of law enforcement. The behavior of certain officers, particularly after the Congress party came to power, has already drawn sharp reactions. Many are questioning the appropriateness of police officers participating in such political events, which may undermine their impartiality.

The birthday celebration, held at the MLA's camp office, included Congress leaders cutting the cake, but the participation of police personnel has become a focal point of the ongoing debate. This marks a growing trend of police involvement in political events in the Chennur constituency.



Etala Rajender Demands Statue of Police Kishtayya

TPN , Hyderabad: BJP MP Etala Rajender has demanded the installation of a statue of Police Kishtayya on Tank Bund to honor his contribution to the Telangana movement.

remember the sacrifices of martyrs and work towards fulfilling their aspirations. He called for proper support for the families of martyrs, including job provisions, housing, and monthly pensions. He also demanded grand celebrations for the birth and death anniversaries (Jayanti and Wardhanti) of martyrs to ensure their contributions are honored.

Paying tribute to Police Kishtayya, a martyr in the Telangana Mallidasa movement, at Gun Park on his 15th death anniversary, Rajender emphasized his sacrifice for the state's liberation. He recalled Kishtayya's courageous act of setting himself on fire in protest.

Rajender's call for a statue at Tank Bund underscores his efforts to memorialize those who fought for Telangana's formation.

Rajender urged the government to

Assembly Winter Sessions to Begin from December 9

TPN , Telangana : The winter sessions of the Assembly are scheduled to begin on December 9. During these sessions, key discussions are expected to focus on farmer assurance procedures and the caste census details. The opposition BRS plans to strongly challenge the government, accusing it of failing to fulfill promises made to the people.



BRS leaders are set to highlight what they claim is the government's neglect of six major guarantees, aiming to hold it accountable for unkept commitments.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy announced earlier that farmer assurance procedures and caste census details would be key points of discussion in the sessions. He also expressed satisfaction with the Congress's first-year rule and mentioned that Rythu Bharosa funds would be transferred to farmers' accounts after Sankranti. The upcoming sessions are poised to be a battleground for the ruling and opposition parties, focusing on critical issues affecting the public.

MLC Kavitha Assures Support to Police Kishtayya's Family



TPN , Telangana : BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has assured full support to the family of Police Kishtayya, a martyr in the Malidasa Telangana movement, on the occasion of his 15th death anniversary. Kavitha met Kishtayya's wife, Padmavati, and son, Rahul, on Sunday, expressing her heartfelt condolences and inquiring about their well-being. She became emotional during the meeting, reaffirming her commitment to the family.

itude for the support. She noted that KCR's assistance had been instrumental in their lives and that the BRS party would continue to be a source of strength for the family.

Padmavati recalled the financial assistance provided by BRS party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) for her daughter Priyanka's medical education, expressing grat-

During the meeting, Kavitha emphasized KCR's consistent support for the families of martyrs who sacrificed for Telangana's statehood. She also demanded that the Congress government fulfill all the promises made to the families of martyrs, urging them to honor their commitments. Kavitha was accompanied by former TSPSC member Sumitranand Tanoba during the visit.

BRSV Organizes Gurukula Path Program in Suryapet



TPN , Telangana : The BRSV, following a call from the state unit, organized a Gurukula Path program in Suryapet, where BRS student union leaders visited several government hostels. BRSV State General Secretary Shiga Venkatesh Goud engaged with students, addressing their issues. Other state student leaders, including Rapolu Naveen Kumar, Nemmadi Shraavan Kumar, and Banoth Suresh Nayak, also participated in the event, interacting with students to understand their problems.

Telangana Leaders Visit Srisailem Shrine Promote Pilgrim Services



TPN , Srisailem: Telangana State Women and Child Welfare Minister Anasuya Seethakka and Achampet MLA Vamsi Krishna visited the Srisailem Sribhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Ammarvar shrine on Sunday. Upon arrival at the temple's main gopuram, they were

warmly welcomed by the Devasthanam PRO, Srinivasa Rao, as per temple tradition. Special pujas were held at the shrine, followed by Vedic blessings in the temple courtyard. The leaders were presented with Tirtha Prasadam, Parimala Vibhudi, and sou-

venirs from Swami Ammarvar. They then visited the Mallikarjuna Nityanadana Sathram, run by TG Lakshmi Venkatesh Bhavan, where they enjoyed breakfast and inspected the services being provided to pilgrims. Minister Seethakka and MLA Vamsi Krishna praised the Annadana services offered by Arya Vaishyas from Nagar Kurnool, Achampet, and Kalvakurthi, acknowledging the community's contribution to Srisailem Kshetra.

MLA Vamsi Krishna emphasized their commitment to supporting the development of Srisailem, including the construction of essential facilities for pilgrims. Directors of the inn, Bachu Ramakrishna, Suresh, Anjaneyulu, and Ramayya also attended the event.

Tiger Attacks Sheep in Kumaram Bheem-Asifabad District, Tension Rises

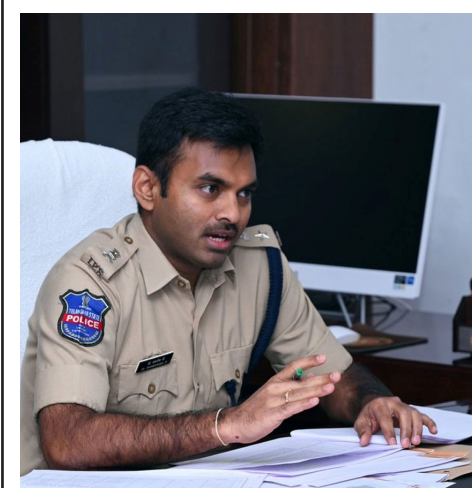
TPN , Kumaram Bheem-Asifabad: Tension continues to grip the Sirpur-Kagaznagar mandal of Kumaram Bheem-Asifabad district in Telangana following a series of tiger attacks. On Sunday, a tiger reportedly attacked a herd of sheep at Ippal Navegaon village in Asifabad mandal, marking the third consecutive day of such incidents.

and prevent further attacks, expressing concern over the safety of both livestock and humans.

Villagers reported that the tiger pounced on the grazing sheep but retreated into the nearby forests after the shepherds raised alarm. Local residents have urged the Forest Department to take immediate action to track the tiger's movements

This follows a series of attacks in the region, including the death of a young woman and the injury of a farmer. The tiger, which is believed to have strayed from Maharashtra two weeks ago, has already caused widespread panic in the district. Initially, the wild animal targeted livestock, but it has since escalated to human attacks. The latest incidents have heightened fears among locals, prompting calls for swift intervention by authorities.

District SP's Statement on Mulugu Encounter: 7 Maoists Killed in Gunfight



Mulugu: District SP Shabarish provided key details about the recent encounter between the police and Maoists in the Chalpaka forest of Mulugu district. He explained that the encounter followed the tragic killing of two innocent individuals by Maoists in Vajedu, who were falsely accused of being informers.

To prevent further such incidents, a police patrol was conducted in the Chalpaka forest. During the patrol at 6:15 AM, 10 to 12 Maoists were spotted. The police called on the Maoists to surrender peacefully. However, upon hearing the request, the Maoists opened fire on the police, prompting an exchange of gunfire that lasted for about 30 minutes.

In the aftermath, seven Maoists were killed, and several others fled the scene. The police recovered two AK-47s and a significant amount of weapons from the deceased Maoists. SP Shabarish urged remaining Maoists to surrender, assuring them of rehabilitation programs offered by the government, emphasizing that they could reintegrate into society and live peacefully with their families. Some of the deceased Maoists have been identified, with efforts underway to identify others.

Worms Found in Komuravelli Mallanna Prasadam

TPN , Komuravelli: A shocking incident at the Komuravelli Mallanna Temple has left devotees upset after worms were discovered in the temple's prasadam. The discovery has raised concerns, especially following recent controversies about adulterated ghee in Tirupati laddu.

anger among devotees, who feel that such negligence is disrespectful to their faith and devotion.

One devotee, upon receiving prasadam, found worms in the offering and raised the issue with the temple staff. However, the staff allegedly responded dismissively, failing to provide a satisfactory explanation. Devotees have reported similar issues with other prasadam items like laddu and Pulihora in the past, but the temple staff has reportedly shown little concern. This latest incident has caused considerable frustration among the temple's visitors, with many expressing disappointment over the lack of proper attention to cleanliness and quality control. The situation has led to growing





Busting Myths About Women in the Military: The Need for Inclusivity and Equal Leadership

The recent concerns raised by Lt Gen Rajeev Puri, outgoing Corps Commander of 17 Corps, regarding women Commanding Officers (COs) reflect a broader issue within the military: the resistance to women assuming leadership roles in traditionally male-dominated spaces. In his five-page letter to the Army Headquarters, Gen Puri criticized what he called the “exaggerated tendency to complain” and “misplaced sense of entitlement” of women COs, attributing their behavior to an over-ambitious desire to prove themselves in roles historically dominated by men. Such generalizations not only undermine the competence and potential of women leaders but also ignore the changing dynamics of modern warfare and the military’s increasing focus on intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) rather than brute physical strength.

In this context, the research of Orna Sassoon-Levy and Sarit Amram-Katz in 2007 provides critical insights into the integration of women in military units. Their study of mixed-gender training in Israel’s military showed that men and women exhibited similar operational suitability in high-tech warfare. Yet, the masculine ideal of the soldier, particularly in combat roles, continues to dominate military culture. This adherence

to outdated gender norms in the Indian military’s conception of a soldier leads to unnecessary discrimination against women, despite the evolving nature of modern conflict, which relies increasingly on technology, intelligence, and strategy rather than sheer physical prowess.

The notion that mixed-gender units are less effective due to a lack of “male bonding” has been dismantled by numerous studies, including one conducted by the U.S. Army Research Institute in 1995. This study concluded that military performance is more closely tied to a unit’s commitment to common goals rather than interpersonal relationships. Further research by scholars such as Robert MacCoun and Aaron Belkin supports this argument, emphasizing that cohesion is built on shared objectives, not on gender-based bonds. Moreover, Leora Rosen’s research suggests that the inclusion of women can have a positive impact on a unit’s overall effectiveness, highlighting the necessity of accepting women in military roles for the sake of enhanced operational efficiency.

Research from the Norwegian Defense Department, which conducted a study on the reasons women leave the military, found that a male-dominated, ex-

clusionary military culture was a significant factor driving women away. Such a culture is not only detrimental to women’s participation but also harms the military’s ability to retain talent and reduce attrition rates. The Indian military, lacking similar studies on gender inclusion, can still draw valuable lessons from global research to foster a more inclusive environment that supports the leadership potential of women.

In operational terms, including more women in leadership positions could also improve security outcomes in conflict zones. For example, the relative calm periods in Kashmir are often attributed to successful peacebuilding measures, such as reducing local recruitment into insurgent groups through intelligence gathering and community engagement. The presence of women in conflict zones, as seen in UN peacekeeping operations, can enhance intelligence networks due to the increased access they have to local populations, particularly women, who are often sidelined in highly militarized areas. Lt Gen Kirsten Lund, the first female Force Commander in a UN peacekeeping mission, emphasized that women soldiers have access to 100% of the population, a crucial advantage in conflict zones.

PM Modi’s Vision: Empowering India’s Youth for a Viksit Bharat



India, with one of the youngest populations in the world, holds a unique advantage in the form of its demographic dividend, where over 65% of the population is under the age of 35. Recognizing this immense potential, Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government is launching transformative initiatives to empower the nation’s youth and prepare them for leadership roles in the coming decades. These initiatives focus on education, research, and skill development, underscoring the government’s commitment to shaping India’s future.

One of the most groundbreaking initiatives is the *One Nation, One Subscription* program. This scheme democratizes access to high-quality educational resources, offering students and researchers from 6,300 institutions access to global academic content. With over 1.8 crore beneficiaries, this initiative aims to bridge the knowledge gap, providing Indian youth the tools to compete internationally. By fostering critical thinking and innovation, *One Nation, One Subscription* paves the way for discoveries that could change the future.

Another key initiative, the *PM Internship Scheme*, is designed to connect young professionals with top companies. The scheme’s goal is to offer 1 crore internships across 500 leading companies over five years, giving youth hands-on experience in their chosen fields. By aligning theoretical knowledge with practical application, it equips students with the skills necessary for the evolving job market. As of November 2024, over 6.5 lakh applications had been received for 1.27 lakh opportunities, demonstrating the high demand for such programs.

Additionally, the *PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme* addresses the financial barriers to higher education by offering collateral-free loans to students enrolled in top institutions. This scheme supports 22 lakh students annually, ensuring that financial constraints do not limit academic aspirations. This focus on accessibility empowers students from all backgrounds to pursue their dreams and contribute to India’s growth.

The *Anusandhan National Research Foundation* (ANRF) is another significant step in fostering a culture of research and innovation. With a funding commitment of Rs 50,000 crore over five years, the foundation aims to position India as a global hub for research in emerging fields like artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and biotechnology. This initiative promotes collaboration between Indian universities and global institutions, further advancing India’s self-reliance and technological leadership. Through these initiatives, PM Modi’s government is investing in India’s youth to unlock their potential. By focusing on education, skill development, and research, India is preparing its young generation to take on leadership roles, both at home and on the global stage. The vision of a *Viksit Bharat* (Developed India) hinges on the success of these youth-driven initiatives, ensuring that India’s future is shaped by its most valuable resource—its youth.

How Media Played Mani Shankar Aiyar in Maharashtra Elections

In the recent Maharashtra Assembly elections, the media played a crucial role in shaping perceptions around the political dynamics, especially when it came to the voting behavior of Muslims. Journalists, often accused of masquerading as neutral while being aligned with left-wing ideologies, vehemently criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for their provocative slogans, including Yogi Adityanath’s “Batenge to Katenge” and Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Ek Hain to Safe Hain.” However, these same media outlets overlooked the shift in Muslim voting patterns, which were evident in the polls.

For the first time in many years, Muslim voters did not vote uniformly for one anti-BJP party. A significant number of Muslim women, according to the Election Commission’s data, chose to vote for the BJP, undermining the traditional narrative of a monolithic Muslim voting bloc against the saffron party. This shift could be interpreted as a reflection of broader changes in the political landscape, where Hindus, too, voted in ways similar to the bloc-voting behavior traditionally associated with Muslims.

A critical look at the results of certain constituencies demonstrates how this fragmentation of the Muslim vote impacted election outcomes. In Aurangabad East, where Muslims form more than 37 percent of the electorate, the vote was split between multiple Muslim candidates, leading to the defeat of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Musli-



meen (AIMIM) state president Imtiaz Jaleel, a former MP. Jaleel lost by a narrow margin of 2,161 votes to the BJP’s Atul Save. Jaleel secured 91,113 votes, while Save garnered 93,274. The division of Muslim votes further deepened with Afsar Khan from the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) and Samajwadi Party’s Abdul Ghaffar Syed, who earned 6,507 and 5,943 votes respectively. This fragmentation proved detrimental to Jaleel’s chances, and Save’s victory became a symbol of how split votes can affect electoral outcomes.

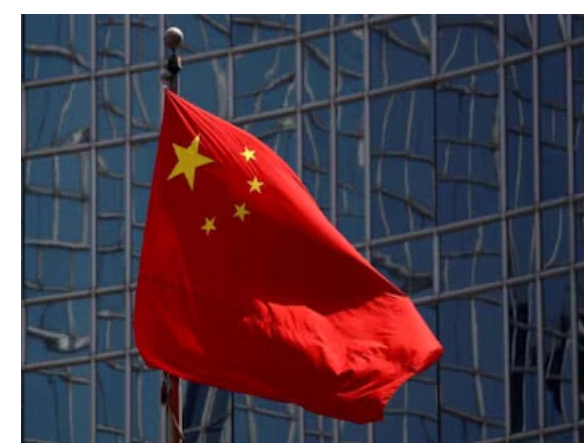
Similarly, in constituencies like Aurangabad Central, where the Muslim electorate is significant, the splintering of votes among multiple Muslim candidates affected the overall political landscape. This trend of divided voting was not an isolated occurrence but was evident in several constituencies where Muslim candidates from different parties drew votes away from each other, allowing BJP candidates to clinch unexpected victories.

China's New Strategy: Poaching Talent to Bypass IPR Violations and Boost Tech Capabilities

In an attempt to acquire cutting-edge technology and expertise, China has adopted a strategy of poaching key talent from Western companies, bypassing the usual methods of intellectual property rights (IPR) violations such as hacking and espionage. This shift in approach is exemplified by Chinese technology giant Huawei’s recent efforts to recruit employees from top semiconductor firms like Zeiss SMT, which produces vital components for the semiconductor industry.

Historically, Chinese hackers have been known for their brute-force tactics, breaking through complex software codes and stealing intellectual property. However, Huawei and other Chinese companies have recently realized that they can achieve their goals more discreetly by using time-tested tactics: headhunting. By offering enormous salaries—sometimes three times the current pay—Huawei has successfully lured disgruntled or ambitious employees from key players in the semiconductor industry. These employees are often tempted by the promise of a huge financial windfall, despite the risks of violating confidentiality agreements and corporate loyalty. Once enticed by such lucrative offers, employees may unintentionally or knowingly reveal trade secrets, contributing to China’s technology advancement without direct violations of intellectual property laws.

The strategy of poaching has been particularly effective in the semiconductor sector, where



high-level expertise is essential for the development of advanced technology. The global semiconductor industry, which includes companies based in the U.S., Europe, and Taiwan, has faced increasing pressure from China’s attempts to secure top talent. In fact, the Chinese approach has reached such an extent that even Taiwan, the world’s largest producer of semiconductors, has experienced Huawei’s overtures to recruit its employees. To avoid detection, China often uses intermediaries—seemingly innocuous local companies—to approach potential targets, keeping their activities under the radar of Western authorities.

This new approach has sparked alarm among Western governments and corporations. For instance, German intelligence agencies have investigated attempts by Huawei to lure employees of Zeiss SMT, a leading producer of semiconductor components.

PM Modi Calls for Police Modernization at DG-IG Conference

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for significant modernization in India's police forces and urged them to realign with the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) during his address at the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police. The conference took place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on November 30 and December 1, with senior police officials from across the country in attendance.

During his speech, PM Modi emphasized the importance of technological integration in law enforcement to reduce the burden on police personnel. He highlighted the potential of advanced technology in enhancing efficiency and improving the overall functioning of police forces. "The police force must adapt to modern-day challenges and leverage technology to ease the workload of constables and officers," he said, underscoring that the modernization of police infrastructure is critical to achieving a developed nation.

Additionally, the Prime Minister expanded on the concept of SMART policing, which stands for "Strategic, Modern, Alert, Reliable, and Technologically Equipped" forces. He urged police officials to adopt these principles, with an emphasis on adaptability, transparen-



cy, and strategic thinking. PM Modi also called on the police to enhance their communication and coordination, ensuring a well-aligned and effective law enforcement system.

As part of his vision for a "Viksit Bharat," PM Modi also emphasized the need for police forces to be proactive in tackling emerging challenges, particularly in the areas of cybercrime, terrorism, and in-

ternal security. He stressed that police modernization is crucial to keep pace with the rapidly changing technological landscape and to ensure the safety and security of the nation.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the police leadership to embrace innovation and stay ahead of emerging threats, while continuing to uphold law and order with integrity and dedication.



Devendra Fadnavis Set to Succeed Eknath Shinde as Maharashtra CM

Amid ongoing uncertainty over the successor to Eknath Shinde as Chief Minister of Maharashtra, a senior BJP leader confirmed on Sunday that Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised as the new CM. The leader, speaking anonymously to news agency PTI, added that a BJP legislature party meeting will be held on either December 2 or 3 to formalize the decision.

Fadnavis, who served as the deputy CM in the outgoing Shinde-led government, has held the position of CM twice before, with his second stint lasting only a few days. His name had been circulating for the top position for some time, and this announcement is expected to bring clarity to the ongoing leadership suspense.

BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar also confirmed the upcoming meeting, stating that it would be held to select the parliamentary leader. "The representatives from the centre will bring the names forward. Once selected, the announcement will be made ahead of the oath ceremony," Mungantiwar said.

Meanwhile, caretaker Deputy CM Ajit Pawar had also remarked that during a Mahayuti leaders' meeting in Delhi, it was decided that the next CM would be from the BJP. Eknath Shinde, in a separate statement, reassured that unity remained strong among the Mahayuti allies. He added that the decision on the CM candidate would be made soon, emphasizing that he had already extended his "unconditional support" to the choice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP President JP Nadda.

As tensions mount over the leadership transition, all eyes are now on the official announcement, which is expected in the coming days, ahead of the new CM's swearing-in ceremony.



Cleared my stance last week, will support BJP in whatever decision they take: Shinde

Maharashtra's caretaker Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde, on Sunday reaffirmed his unwavering support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, stating that the BJP leadership would decide on his successor. He emphasized that whosoever is chosen for the top post would have his full backing, showcasing his loyalty to the BJP's leadership in the ongoing political discussions.

Despite this support, the Shiv Sena, led by Shinde, is still pushing for the crucial Home portfolio, a key element in the ongoing negotiations for cabinet positions. Shinde's son, Dr. Shrikant Shinde, a three-time Member of Parliament from Kalyan, has emerged as the Shiv Sena's preferred candidate for the Deputy Chief Minister (CM) position. This move is part of the party's strategy to secure a greater influence within the state government, particularly as it seeks to hold onto significant ministerial portfolios.

On the other side, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is facing internal discussions regarding the distribution of key positions. Devendra Fadnavis, the BJP leader and former CM, is the frontrunner for the CM's position. However, Fadnavis is reportedly reluctant to relinquish the Home ministry, a powerful and strategic portfolio he has previously held. The Home ministry's control is crucial to the state's political landscape, and Fadnavis's hesitance to give it up adds a layer of complexity to the ongoing negotiations.

In the previous government, Eknath Shinde served as the Chief Minister, while Devendra Fadnavis and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Sharad Pawar held the positions of Deputy CMs. Fadnavis was responsible for the Home ministry, while Pawar oversaw Finance, marking a unique power-sharing arrangement that balanced the interests of the Shiv Sena, BJP, and NCP.



India's Economy Faces Challenges: Rahul Gandhi Calls for New Thinking

As India's GDP slumped to a near two-year low of 5.4% in the July-September quarter, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, called for a shift in economic strategies. The downturn, attributed to poor performance in the manufacturing and mining sectors, as well as weak consumption, has prompted Gandhi to emphasize the need for a fresh approach to boost the nation's economy.

Official data revealed that the economy is facing substantial challenges, with growth figures marking a slowdown not seen in two years. The decline has raised concerns about the long-term stability of key industries and the welfare of the general population. In light of these figures, Gandhi argued that India's economic policies need to be rethought, with a focus on creating an equitable and sustainable growth model. Speaking on the issue, Gandhi pointed out the growing disparity in the distribution of economic benefits. He argued that the current economic framework is failing to uplift the vast majority of the population, including farmers, laborers, and the middle class, while a small group of billionaires continue to accumulate wealth. Gandhi stressed that economic growth should not be limited to a few individuals but should benefit all sections of society. He further added that for India to progress, it needs to devise policies that address the struggles of the poor and working classes.

The downturn in the economy, according to Gandhi, highlights the urgent need for a "new deal" for businesses, where the focus is on sustainable growth that benefits a wider cross-section of the population. He pointed out that only by prioritizing the welfare of the many over the interests of the few can India truly realize its economic potential and move towards inclusive development.



Kejriwal Accuses BJP of Inaction on Law and Order, Claims Attack Orchestrated

AAP national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday criticized the BJP-led central government for its alleged inaction on law and order issues in Delhi. He claimed that instead of addressing the growing security concerns in the city, the central government orchestrated an attack on him during his November visit to Gujarat.

Speaking at a press conference, Kejriwal addressed the incident in which a liquid was thrown at him, describing it as "harmless" but potentially dangerous. He pointed out that this was the third attack on him within a span of just 35 days, expressing concern over his personal safety and the overall security situation in Delhi. Despite the attack, Kejriwal emphasized that his focus remained on the deteriorating law and order in the capital, rather than engaging in political gamesmanship.

Kejriwal's remarks came amidst mounting tensions between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the BJP. The Delhi CM accused the central government, led by Home Minister Amit Shah and the BJP, of targeting him personally instead of addressing the root causes of crime and lawlessness in the city. He also claimed that instead of acting against criminals, the BJP had arrested one of his party's legislators, further intensifying the political standoff between the two parties.

While Kejriwal has consistently raised alarms about the deteriorating security conditions in Delhi, his criticism now extends to the alleged political motivations behind the attacks on him. He argued that the BJP's focus on silencing him, rather than addressing the city's security challenges, reflects the central government's inability to effectively manage law and order.



Will you now demolish Red Fort, Taj Mahal, Gol Gumbaz: Kharge to Hindutva outfits

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday raised concerns over RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent statement urging people not to look for a 'Shivling' in every mosque. Kharge questioned whether Bhagwat's remarks were a case of double-speak and suggested that Hindutva outfits might now target iconic landmarks such as the Red Fort, Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar, and Charminar.

Kharge made the comments during the 'Save Constitution Rally' where he voiced his skepticism over the growing influence of Hindutva groups in the country. He also pointed to a potential link between an oral observation by the then Chief Justice of India and the rise in demands from these groups for surveying mosques in search of temple remnants. Kharge implied that the judicial statement, which led to the surveys of mosque premises in Sambhal (Uttar Pradesh) and Ajmer (Rajasthan) in recent weeks, had fueled controversy and created a tense law-and-order situation in various parts of the country.

The surveys sparked widespread debates and protests, with critics arguing that such actions were attempts to stoke communal tensions by revisiting sensitive historical issues. Kharge's remarks underscored the ongoing friction surrounding religious symbols and heritage sites, which have become a focal point for Hindutva groups advocating for the reassertion of Hindu identity.

Kharge's statements also came at a time when Congress reaffirmed its "firm commitment" to protecting the Constitution and safeguarding India's pluralistic fabric. The party has been vocal in opposing the BJP's policies, particularly those linked to religious polarization and the role of Hindutva in national politics. By raising these concerns, Kharge has once again underscored the Congress' stance against efforts that may challenge India's secular principles.

As tensions escalate over the ongoing surveys and their potential consequences, Kharge's remarks reflect broader anxieties about the direction of political discourse and the preservation of India's constitutional values amidst increasing religious divisiveness.



Taiwan President Lai Ching-te Receives Warm Welcome in Hawaii

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te was greeted with a red carpet, flower garlands, and warm "alohas" as he arrived in Hawaii on Saturday for a two-day stopover, part of a broader Pacific tour. This visit marks the first time a Taiwanese president has been accorded such a welcome in Hawaii, according to his office. The reception in Honolulu stands in stark contrast to the fiery rhetoric from Beijing, which strongly condemns any recognition of Taiwan as a sovereign state.

China claims Taiwan as part of its territory, and Lai's overseas trip, which includes stops in the Pacific island nations that recognize Taiwan, has triggered threats from Beijing. China's foreign ministry issued a statement condemning the United States for facilitating Lai's visit, asserting that the US has "seriously violated" China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Beijing warned it would take "resolute



and strong measures" to defend its claims.

During his time in Hawaii, Lai, dressed

casually in a Hawaiian shirt, visited several significant sites, including a Pacific island history museum, an emergency management center, and the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. He was met by Hawaii Governor Josh Green and Ingrid Larson, managing director of the American Institute in Taiwan, among other dignitaries. Throughout his visit, he was presented with traditional Hawaiian leis and other local gifts, symbolizing the warm ties between Taiwan and the US.

Lai's trip continues Taiwan's push to expand its global partnerships, particularly with its diplomatic allies in the Pacific region. Following his stop in Hawaii, he is scheduled to visit the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Palau, the only Pacific island nations that officially recognize Taiwan's sovereignty. His itinerary also includes a brief stop in Guam.

In a statement before departure, Lai emphasized Taiwan's commitment to democracy, peace, and prosperity, stating that his trip aimed to strengthen international cooperation based on shared values. "We are all Team Taiwan," he said, reaffirming the island's collaborative approach to expanding its global presence.

Lai's visit comes at a time of heightened military tension, with China regularly conducting military drills near Taiwan. Despite Beijing's warnings, the Taiwanese government remains steadfast in its pursuit of international recognition and continues to strengthen ties with the US, its most important ally. Taiwan's security is bolstered by US military support, and Lai's visit coincided with the approval of a \$385 million US arms deal for Taiwan, which includes spare parts for F-16s and radar systems.



Indian-American Kash Patel Nominated As FBI Director By Donald Trump

US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American Pentagon official Kashyap "Kash" Patel as the new FBI Director, a move that signals his intent to radically reshape the nation's top law enforcement agency. Patel, a staunch Trump ally, has been a vocal critic of the FBI's operations, especially its investigations into Trump and his associates. His nomination highlights Trump's dissatisfaction with the current FBI leadership under Christopher Wray, whom he appointed in 2017.

In a post on his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump praised Patel, calling him a "brilliant lawyer, investigator, and 'America First' fighter" who has dedicated his career to exposing corruption and defending justice. Trump also highlighted Patel's pivotal role in challenging the so-called "Russia Hoax," referring to the FBI's investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Patel, 44, has been outspoken about his desire to overhaul the FBI. In a recent interview with conservative podcaster Shawn Ryan, Patel outlined plans to dismantle what he perceives as the FBI's "deep state" elements, particularly its intelligence operations. "I'd break that component out of it. I'd shut down the FBI Hoover building on day one and reopen it the next day as a museum of the deep state," Patel said. He proposed sending thousands of FBI agents out across America to focus purely on law enforcement duties, rather than intelligence gathering.

This radical proposal aligns with Trump's ongoing criticisms of the FBI, particularly its handling of the investigation into classified documents found at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. The search, conducted under Wray's leadership, enraged Trump and his supporters, further fueling his calls for changes at the FBI.

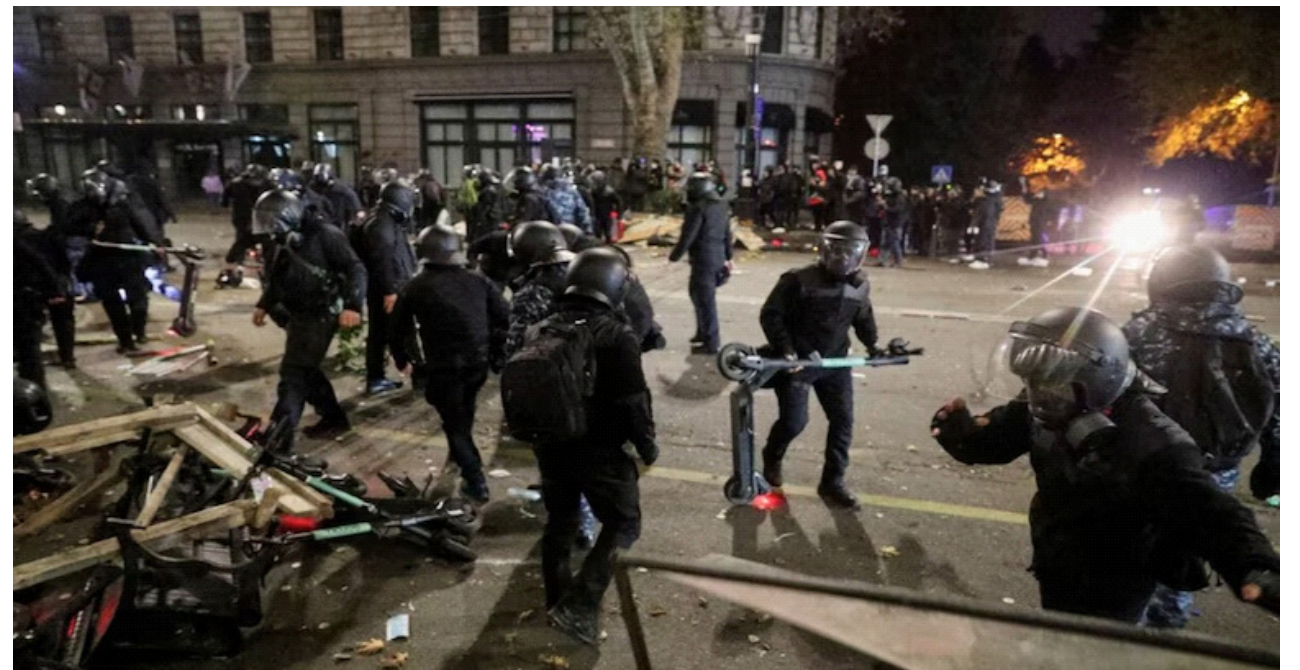
Patel's rise to prominence began during Trump's first term when he became involved in the investigation into the FBI's handling of the Russia probe. He played a key role in drafting the "Kash Memo," which accused the FBI of bias in its investigation of Trump's 2016 campaign.

Georgian PM Praises Police for Crackdown on Protests Amid EU Accession Crisis

Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze has praised the country's police forces for their response to ongoing anti-government protests, which erupted after the ruling Georgian Dream party announced it would halt European Union accession talks for the next four years. The decision has plunged the nation into a political crisis, with widespread protests in the capital, Tbilisi, and other cities.

The protests began after the Georgian government's announcement on Thursday that it would pause its EU accession negotiations, a move that has alarmed both the United States and the European Union. Many see it as a shift away from Georgia's pro-Western stance and a move closer to Russia. The protests, which have continued for three consecutive nights, have been met with heavy police force, including the use of water cannons and tear gas.

Prime Minister Kobakhidze, in a press conference on Sunday, dismissed international criticism of Georgia's response to the protests, particularly from the United States, which condemned the use of "excessive force" against demonstrators. He alleged that the protesters were being manipulated by "foreign instructors" intent on destabilizing the country. However, he did not provide evidence to substantiate these claims. Kobakhidze defended the police's actions, stating that they had acted with greater professionalism than American and



European forces would have in a similar situation.

The situation has drawn significant attention from Russia as well. Dmitry Medvedev, a former Russian president and now a leading security official, warned that Georgia was veering towards a "revolution," claiming the country was "moving rapidly along the Ukrainian path." While Moscow has not issued an official statement on the events,

it has long accused the West of inciting unrest in former Soviet states, which it considers part of its sphere of influence.

The crisis deepened with outgoing President Salome Zourabichvili's refusal to step down at the end of her term. Zourabichvili, a staunch supporter of EU membership, stated that she would not vacate office due to what she described as a "illegitimate" new parliament.

Putin approves military focused 2025-2027 Budget

Russian President Vladimir Putin has approved a new state budget for the years 2025-2027, which prioritizes military spending amid the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. According to a document published on Russia's official legal acts website on Sunday, the budget will feature a 25 percent increase in military expenditure, reflecting the country's heightened defense needs. However, the new budget will also be one of the most secretive in post-Soviet history, with nearly a third of the total spending concealed from public view.

The government has emphasized that military needs, particularly those related to the ongoing "special military operation" in Ukraine, will remain the main priority for national spending. Moscow continues to allocate significant resources to support its military efforts, and the latest budget shows a clear commitment to maintaining and even expanding defense capabilities in the face of continued international pressure and sanctions. The Russian leadership has justified these increases as necessary for national security and the defense of Russian sovereignty.

In addition to military funding, the budget also includes provisions for social needs and technological development. These areas have been earmarked as critical for maintaining internal stability and securing Russia's long-term economic future. However, the substantial increase in defense spending has raised concerns among critics who argue that it could come at the expense of other vital sectors such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

The budget's secrecy is also notable. Nearly a third of the total budget has been classified, with details about the allocation of funds for specific military projects and operations kept hidden from the public. This level of opacity raises questions about the government's priorities and how it intends to manage public funds during a period of economic hardship exacerbated by international sanctions. Despite these concerns, the Kremlin remains firm in its stance that the budget reflects Russia's strategic priorities. The government has emphasized the importance of technological advancement and modernization, with a focus on boosting domestic industries and reducing reliance on foreign imports in key sectors. As Russia continues to navigate the geopolitical fallout from its actions in Ukraine, this new budget will play a crucial role in shaping the country's future military and economic trajectory.



Bangladesh Court Acquits All In 2004 Attack On Sheikh Hasina's Rally Case

In a significant ruling on Sunday, the Bangladesh High Court overturned the verdict of a lower court, acquitting all 49 individuals convicted in connection with the 2004 grenade attack on a rally led by Sheikh Hasina, the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Among those acquitted were Tarique Rahman, son of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, and Lutfozzaman Babar, a former state minister.

The grenade attack, which took place on August 21, 2004, targeted an Awami League rally in Dhaka's Bangabandhu Avenue, leaving 24 people dead and nearly 300 others injured. The attack occurred while Hasina, then an opposition leader, was addressing the crowd at a rally against terrorism. Despite narrowly escaping the assassination attempt, Hasina and her party faced a profound political crisis.

The High Court's bench, consisting of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain, ruled that the trial court's judgment was "illegal" and annulled the verdicts. The judgment comes after reviewing death references and appeals related to the attack. The case had initially relied heavily on a confessional statement from Mufti Abdul Hannan, the leader of the banned militant group Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (HuJI). However, the High Court deemed the confession inadmissible, ruling it was extracted under duress and lacked proper legal examination.

In the original 2018 trial court decision, 19 individuals, including Babar, were sentenced to death, while Tarique Rahman and 19 others received life sentences. However, the defense team for the accused argued that no specific allegations had been made against their clients, leading to their request for the High Court to overturn the lower court's verdict. On the other hand, prosecutors urged the High Court to uphold the convictions, stating that the evidence against the accused was overwhelming.



Domestic Markets Poised for Mixed Performance

Amid Global Uncertainty and Slower GDP Growth

Domestic stock market indices are likely to move mixed this week. For now, the impact of the US District Court dispute on Adani has decreased. Tensions in West Asia and the Russia-Ukraine war are likely to subside. There is no major change in crude oil prices. If there are positive signals from international markets, the markets will rise. There may be fluctuations as India's GDP growth rate slows down in the current fiscal year. Last week, there was buying in the defense, public sector banks, oil and gas, and media sectors.



Stock Recommendations

Bharti Airtel: These shares, which have undergone a 15% correction from their lifetime high, are being sold off as investors are eager to invest in them as rating agencies say that these shares will rise by 20%. Another advantage is that the fluctuations are low and they are showing strength compared to the Nifty. Investors should take positions in this counter, which gained 4.28% on significant volume last Friday, with a target price of Rs. 1680/1710. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 1575.



LIC: Demand for these shares increased due to news that Manipal is going to buy 50% stake in Cigna Health Insurance and the government is planning to allow it to provide all types of insurance services. After fall-



ing from a lifetime high, key support was found at Rs. 900. Investors should buy in this counter, which closed at Rs. 985 with a 5% gain last Friday, with a target price of Rs. 1050/1100 at Rs. 960. Stop loss at Rs. 940 is mandatory.

Divis Lab: These shares have been in an uptrend since April this year. Momentum has increased further after breaking the four-year high in September. The stock is moving sideways after reaching a lifetime high. Accumulation is underway. These shares closed at Rs.6172 with a gain of 3.71% last Friday after brokerage houses gave top ratings. Investors should take positions in the Rs.6100 range with a target price of Rs.6250/6300. Keep a stop loss at Rs.6050.



Torrent Pharma: These shares, which fell by 15% after the latest quarterly results, found support at



the Rs.3100 level. They have risen by 8% in the last two weeks. It is noteworthy that they are performing better compared to the Nifty. Investors should take a position at Rs. 3300 with a target price of Rs. 3450/3500 in this counter, which closed with a gain of 3.79% last Friday. Stop loss at Rs. 3225 is mandatory.

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers: These shares, which reached a lifetime high after a multi-year breakout, have been in a downtrend since July. They found a key support at Rs. 150 and formed a double bottom. These shares have shown strength in the last two weeks. Investors should take a position in the Rs. 175 range with a target price of Rs. 190/215 in this counter, which closed with a gain of 3.38% last Friday. Investors should take a position in the Rs. 175 range with a target price of Rs. 175. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 168.



India's Coal Production Sees 7.2% Growth in November



India's coal production grew by 7.2% in November, reaching 90.62 million tonnes (MT) compared to 84.52 MT in the same month last year, according to a statement from the Ministry of Coal released on Sunday.

The country's coal output from April to November this fiscal year also showed a positive trend, rising by 6.21% to 628.03 MT from 591.32 MT during the same period in 2023, based on provisional figures. This increase in production reflects the government's ongoing efforts to ensure a steady supply of coal for energy generation and other sectors.

In November 2024, coal production from captive and other entities saw a significant rise, reaching 17.13 MT, up from 12.44 MT in November 2023. This surge highlights the growth in coal output from both public and private sector players, contributing to the overall increase in national coal production.

Coal dispatches also showed steady improvement, with 85.22 MT dispatched in November, compared to 82.07 MT in the same month last year, reflecting a growth of 3.85%. This increase in coal dispatches is crucial for meeting the energy demand, especially with the ongoing energy transition and the need to secure adequate fuel supplies for power plants and industries across the country.

The rise in coal production and dispatches comes as part of India's broader strategy to meet its growing energy needs, particularly in the wake of increasing electricity demand during the winter season. The government has been focusing on ramping up domestic coal production to reduce reliance on imports and enhance energy security.

As India continues to pursue its energy goals, the coal sector's performance remains key to supporting the country's industrial activities and electricity generation capacity.

India's GDP Growth Slows to 5.4% in Q2; Crisil Revises 2024-25 Forecast to 6.8%

India's economic growth has shown signs of slowing, with the country's GDP expanding by just 5.4% in the July-September quarter of the financial year 2024-25. This marks a significant decline from the 8.1% growth seen during the same period last year and falls short of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) forecast of 7%. Following this weaker-than-expected performance, credit rating agency Crisil has revised its full-year GDP growth forecast to 6.8%, down from an earlier estimate of 7.2%.



The slowdown is attributed to a combination of factors, including high interest rates and a lack of fiscal stimulus. Crisil noted that risks remain tilted toward the downside due to the disappointing second-quarter performance. However, some high-frequency indicators from October, such as robust automobile sales and export growth, suggest a potential revival in the third quarter, raising hopes that the current slowdown may be temporary.

Agriculture, however, offers a silver lining. The sector's growth has improved, with expectations of a strong kharif harvest, driven by favorable monsoon conditions and higher reservoir levels. Crisil anticipates that agricultural growth will continue to boost rural incomes and consumption. Additionally, as kharif crops begin to enter

the market, food inflation pressures are expected to ease, which could help alleviate the cost of living for both rural and urban households.

On the inflation front, retail inflation stood at 6.21% in October, exceeding the RBI's upper tolerance limit of 6%. This rise in inflation was primarily driven by higher food prices, particularly for vegetables, fruits, and oils. Despite these inflationary pressures, Crisil suggests that easing food prices, combined with the festive and wedding season, may provide a boost to consumption in the second half of the fiscal year.

The RBI has maintained an elevated repo rate of 6.5% to curb inflation, with policymakers hoping to bring it down to a more sustainable 4% target in the long term.

GST Collections Hit ₹1.82 Trillion in November, Driven by Festive Demand

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections reached ₹1.82 trillion in November, marking an 8.5% year-on-year growth, according to official data released on Sunday. The figures highlight a strong boost in tax receipts driven by increased consumption during the festive season.

However, the November collections were slightly lower than the ₹1.87 trillion reported in October, which was the second-highest GST collection since the introduction of the new indirect tax regime in 2017. The highest-ever GST collection of ₹2.1 trillion was recorded in April.

The uptick in GST collections was anticipated by policymakers, reflecting a surge in goods purchases during the festive period, which provided a welcome boost to industries. The tax collected in November corresponds to transactions carried out in October, a month marked by major festivals such as Diwali.

Policymakers are optimistic about sustained growth in both rural and urban consumption. In its latest monthly economic review, the Ministry of Finance noted that India's economic momentum showed signs of revival in October, supported by indicators like the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) and increased e-way bill generation. These signals suggest a recovery in demand across both ru-



ral and urban sectors.

The government's budget for FY 2025 projects an 11.6% growth in total GST collections to ₹10.6 trillion for the fiscal year. MS Mani, a partner at Deloitte India, commented that domestic GST revenue growth of over 10% in FY25 supports a forecasted GDP growth of 7%. He added that collections in the first eight months of FY 25 had already exceeded ₹1 trillion more than the same period in FY 2024, surpassing budget estimates for the fiscal year.

In November, the government issued ₹19,259 crore in tax refunds, a decrease of 8.9% compared to the same month last year. After refunds, the central government collected ₹34,141 crore, while states collected ₹43,047 crore. GST revenue from interstate sales stood at ₹91,828 crore, with cess revenue contributing ₹13,253 crore.



WhatsApp Testing New QR Code Feature for Easy Channel Discovery

WhatsApp is reportedly testing a new feature that allows users to easily view and join channels on the platform. Currently under development, this functionality is designed to simplify the process of discovering and following new channels, enhancing the overall user experience.

According to a recent report from WABetaInfo, the feature is currently available to users who are testing the latest WhatsApp beta versions for both Android and iOS. This new feature works by allowing users to scan a QR code with their phone's camera. Once the code is scanned, users will be redirected to the associated channel, where they can browse its content and join if it aligns with their interests.

The introduction of this feature could be a game-changer for WhatsApp's channel system, which allows users to follow public updates from different sources, including businesses, news outlets, and influencers. By integrating QR codes, WhatsApp aims to

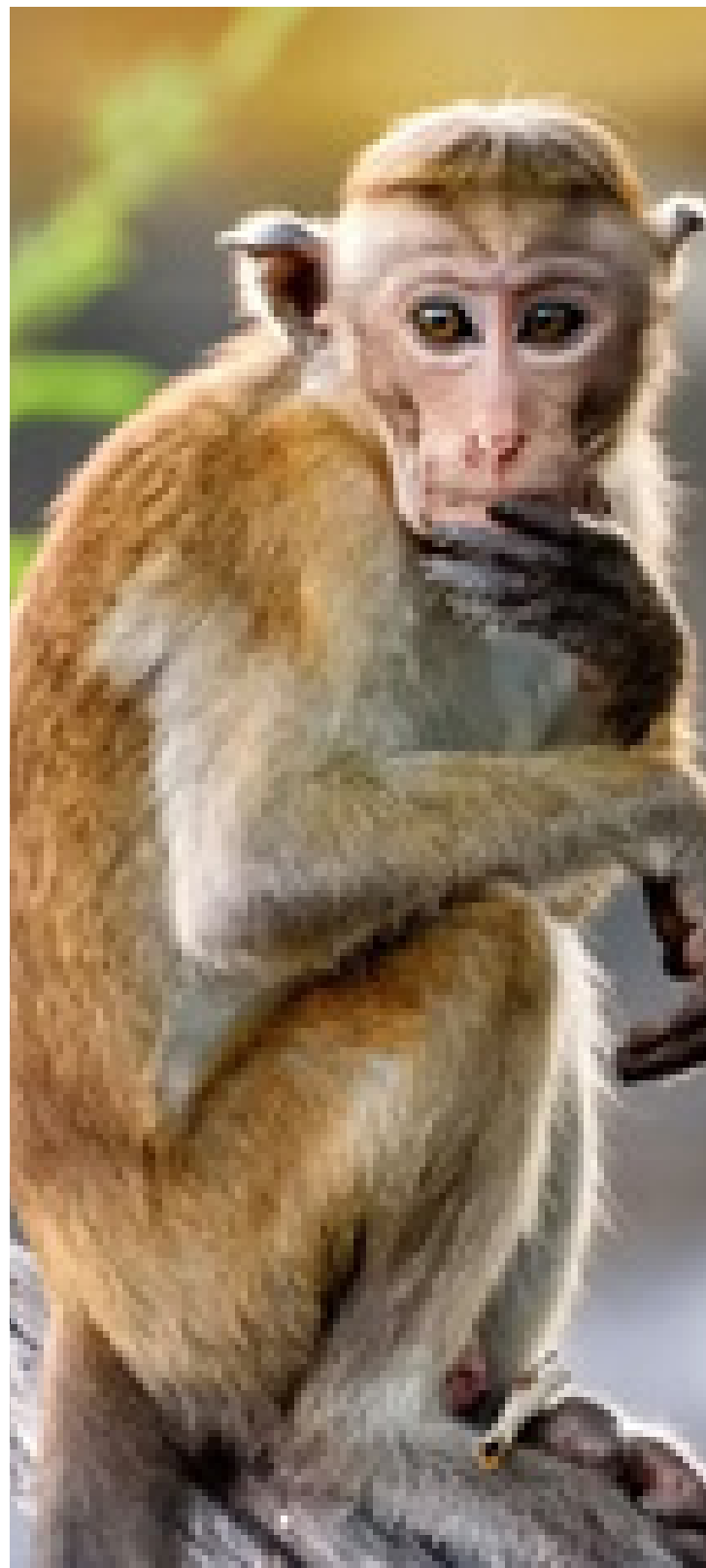


make it easier for users to find and access these channels, enhancing the platform's social and informational aspects.

The QR code scanning feature offers a more efficient way to connect with channels compared to manually searching for them, which can sometimes be time-consuming. This could be particularly beneficial for users who come across a channel in

real life, on promotional material, or through social media, as they can simply scan the code to instantly access and follow it on WhatsApp.

While the feature is still in the testing phase and may undergo further changes before its official release, it has already generated significant interest among beta testers. As WhatsApp continues to roll out and refine the feature, users can expect a smoother and more intuitive way to explore and join channels, helping the platform compete with other social media and messaging apps that already offer similar functionalities.



China's First Gene-Edited Pig Kidney Survives Over Six Months in Monkey

In a groundbreaking achievement in the field of organ transplantation, scientists in China have successfully transplanted a gene-edited pig kidney into a monkey, where it survived for over half a year. This achievement marks a significant milestone in the field of xenotransplantation, where organs from one species are used to replace damaged or failing organs in another species. According to a report by the *South China Morning Post*, this success paves the way for future advancements in the use of gene-edited pig organs for human transplants.

Earlier this year, China made headlines with the first-ever transplant of a gene-edited pig liver into a human cancer patient, though the procedure's outcome was limited. However, the long survival of the gene-edited pig kidney in the monkey offers promising prospects, addressing one of the major hurdles faced by xenotransplantation: the lack of successful long-term animal testing.

The significance of this new development is twofold. First, it advances the scientific understanding of gene editing in pigs, a species often chosen for organ harvesting due to its similarities to human anatomy. Secondly, it highlights the potential of creating more viable organs for human transplantation, a process that could help alleviate the global organ shortage crisis. Gene editing allows researchers to modify the pig genome to prevent rejection of the transplanted organs by the recipient's immune system, improving the chances of long-term survival.

While this achievement is a step forward, further testing and refinement are necessary before moving to human trials. Ethical concerns surrounding xenotransplantation, particularly regarding the use of animals, continue to be a subject of debate. Nevertheless, this latest success marks an exciting leap toward potentially saving countless lives by expanding the pool of available organs for transplant.

Naples to New York: How pizza became a fan favourite across the world

Few fast-food dishes have as rich and literary a history as pizza. Mentioned in texts ranging from Virgil's *Aeneid* to Alexandre Dumas' *Le Corricolo*, and Pellegrino Artusi's influential 1890 cookbook *La Scienza in Cucina e l'Arte di Mangiar Bene* (Science in the Kitchen and the Art of Eating Well), pizza has made its mark in literature across centuries.



Today, pizza is one of the most beloved foods globally, available in a multitude of forms and variations across different cultures. However, the earliest pizzas were simple flatbreads, topped with mushrooms and herbs, lacking the tomato sauce and cheese we associate with modern pizza. These flatbreads were often sold to people who couldn't afford plates, serving as both the meal and the dishware. In Virgil's *Aeneid*, after Aeneas and his companions arrive in Latium, they sit under a tree and eat "thin wheaten cakes" as platters for their meal, topping them with mushrooms and herbs. The scene ends with Aeneas' son, Ascanius, exclaiming: "Look! We've even eaten our plates!"

The pizza we recognize today — specifically the thin-crust Neapolitan version, not the

unusual momos-topped variants from some fast-food chains — was born in Naples during the late 18th century. Under Bourbon rule, Naples became one of Europe's largest cities, home to a large population of impoverished peasants known as the *lazzaroni* due to their ragged appearance, likened to Lazarus. These laborers, porters, and messengers needed inexpensive, portable food. This demand led to the creation of pizza, with its simple toppings suited for quick, affordable meals on the go.

Thus, pizza evolved from humble beginnings as a flatbread snack into the iconic dish enjoyed worldwide today, with a legacy deeply embedded in both literature and culture.

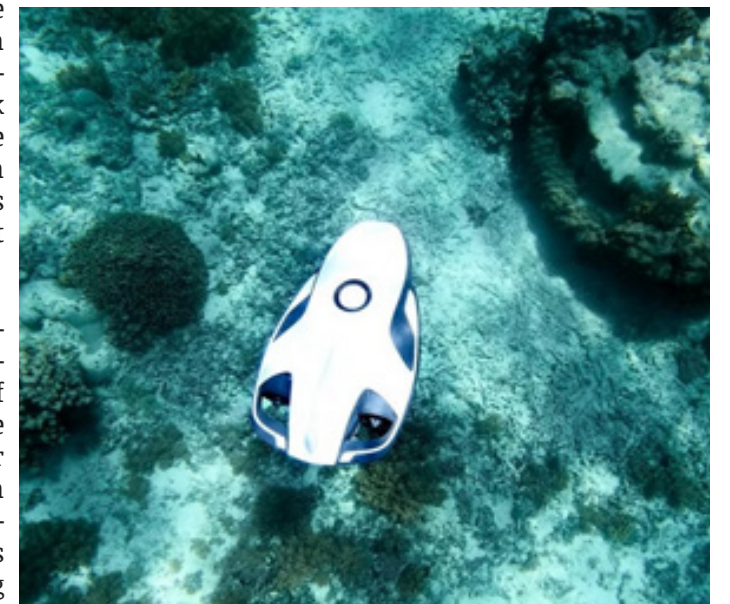
Harvard Researchers Create Robots Powered by Vodka, Inspired by Cheerios in Milk

Researchers at Harvard University have unveiled a groundbreaking innovation in robotics—robots powered by vodka. Drawing inspiration from the way Cheerios stick together in milk, these robots utilize the Marangoni effect, a physical phenomenon where liquids with varying surface tensions create motion, to move across water without the need for motors or batteries.

The Marangoni effect occurs when two liquids with different surface tensions interact, creating a flow of liquid from areas of high tension to low tension. In this case, the researchers used vodka, which has a lower surface tension compared to water. When vodka is introduced to water, it creates a dynamic force that propels these robots across the water's surface. By carefully controlling the amount and placement of vodka, the robots move in a precise and controlled manner.

This unique method of movement opens up exciting possibilities for future applications. One major potential benefit lies in environmental cleanup. These robots could be deployed to clean up oil spills or other contaminants in water, where their ability to move autonomously without the need for power sources like motors or batteries makes them ideal for delicate and hard-to-reach environments.

In addition to environmental applications, the technology could have significant implications in medical delivery systems. Robots that move using



the Marangoni effect could be used to transport medicine or other small materials within the human body, providing a non-invasive, controlled way to deliver treatment.

The precision and eco-friendliness of this approach also make it promising for future advancements in robotics, where motors and batteries could be replaced with a more sustainable, liquid-based propulsion system. As researchers continue to refine the technology, the potential for these vodka-powered robots to revolutionize industries ranging from medical to environmental sectors seems limitless.

Chinese Man Scams 63 Hotels Using Dead Cockroaches and Used Condoms

A 21-year-old man from Taizhou, Zhejiang province, China, defrauded 63 hotels by using a series of deceitful tactics to get free accommodation and monetary compensation. The man, identified only by his surname Jiang, allegedly spent his college tuition fees on travel and resorted to unethical means to fund his journey once he ran out of money.

According to a report by the *South China Morning Post*, Jiang's scam began in September 2023 when he chose to travel instead of enrolling in university. As he exhausted his funds, he de-

vised a plan to extort money from various hotels by fabricating complaints about the condition of the rooms.

Jiang's method was disturbingly creative: he would plant dead cockroaches and used condoms in hotel rooms to create the impression that the accommodations were unhygienic and unsanitary. After making these claims, he would demand compensation for the supposed poor conditions or



request a free stay. His actions ultimately earned him the opportunity to stay in several hotels without paying, with some even offering monetary compensation to avoid negative publicity.

Over the course of his scheme, Jiang targeted numerous hotels, traveling from one to another and leaving a trail of complaints in his wake. His plan worked for several months until he was eventually caught. The

incident has raised concerns about the vulnerability of businesses in the hospitality sector and the lengths to which some individuals will go to exploit such systems.

Authorities are investigating the case, and Jiang's actions have sparked widespread discussion about fraudulent practices in the tourism and hotel industries. His deceptive journey highlights the risks faced by businesses in ensuring the quality and credibility of their services, as well as the potential consequences of unethical behavior.

Melbourne Renegades Win Maiden WBBL 2024 Title with Thrilling 7-Run Victory

The Melbourne Renegades were crowned champions of the 2024 Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) after a thrilling 7-run victory over Brisbane Heat at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday. Hayley Matthews was the star of the match, delivering an all-round performance that helped the Renegades clinch their first-ever WBBL title.



After winning the toss, Brisbane Heat opted to field first. Opening the batting, Matthews played a scintillating knock of 69 runs from 61 balls, including 8 boundaries, while Courtney Webb contributed 9 runs from 8 balls. Despite Webb's early departure, Matthews' explosive innings propelled the Renegades to a competitive total of 141/9 in their allotted 20 overs. Georgia Wareham (21 runs from 21 balls) and Naomi Stalenberg (16 runs from 12 balls) also provided valuable support, adding crucial runs towards the end of the innings.

Matthews' innings came to an end in the final over, with Charli Knott claiming the key wicket, but by then, the damage had already been done. Knott led the Brisbane Heat's bowling attack with a three-wicket haul, supported by Grace Parsons, who picked up two wickets. Nicola Hancock, Lucy Hamilton, and Jess Jonassen each took one wicket.

Rain interruptions during the innings break delayed play, reducing the second innings to just 12 overs. According to the DLS method, Brisbane's target was revised to 98 runs from 12 overs.

In their chase, Brisbane Heat's top and middle order faltered, but Jess Jonassen's captaincy-inspired knock of 44 runs from 28 balls kept them in the hunt. Jonassen's innings, which included 5 fours and a six, was the highlight of the chase, but despite her efforts, Brisbane fell short by 7 runs.

Matthews also shone with the ball, taking 3 wickets in her three-over spell. Charis Bekker, Milly Illingworth, Sophie Molineux, and Deandra Dottin each claimed one wicket. Matthews was named Player of the Match for her outstanding all-round performance.

Hardik Singh Appointed Captain of UP Rudras for Upcoming Hockey India League

Star India midfielder Hardik Singh has been named the captain of the UP Rudras for the upcoming season of the Hockey India League (HIL). The announcement was made on Sunday, and Singh's leadership will be crucial for the Lucknow-based franchise, owned by Yadu Sports, as they prepare for a highly competitive season.

The UP Rudras have assembled a strong squad for the upcoming season, which includes rising star Priyobarta Talem, Gurjot Singh, and several prominent players from Indian and international hockey, such as Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Simranjeet Singh, Lars Balk, and Kane Russel. The team is brimming with talent and promises exciting performances.

Mr. Madhavkrishna Singhanian, Co-Founder of Yadu Sports, expressed his confidence in Hardik Singh's leadership abilities. He praised Singh as a "true leader on and off the pitch" and congratulated him on being appointed as the team captain. He also emphasized the strength of the team, noting that the players have the potential to not only

perform at their best but also win the hearts of the fans.

UP Rudras' head coach, Paul Van Ass, echoed this sentiment, highlighting Singh's consistent performance for India, including being part of the Indian team that won two consecutive Olympic bronze medals. Van Ass stated that Hardik's deep understanding of the game and his leadership skills would bring out the best in his teammates.

Hardik Singh expressed his excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to lead the team. He acknowledged the honor of representing and captaining a team from the hometown of the legendary Dhyanchand Ji. Singh expressed confidence in the strength of the squad, stating that they possess talent across all departments and are ready to make a strong impact in the league.

As the UP Rudras prepare for the season ahead, fans are eagerly anticipating the leadership and performance of Hardik Singh in what promises to be an exciting edition of the Hockey India League.



PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen Win Singles Titles at Syed Modi International 2024



Top-seeded Indian shuttlers P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen delivered impressive performances to win the women's and men's singles titles, respectively, at the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Sunday.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, ended a long dry spell by clinching her third Syed Modi International title. The 29-year-old outclassed China's World No. 119, Wu Luo Yu, with a dominant 21-14, 21-16 victory in the women's singles final. Sindhu had previously triumphed at the tournament in 2017 and 2022, and this win marked a significant return to form for the Indian star.

In the men's singles final, Lakshya Sen, the 2021 World Championship bronze medallist, put on a dominant display, defeating Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-6, 21-7. Sen's performance was a testament to his exceptional skills, as he completely controlled the match, showcasing his strength and precision throughout.

Both Sindhu and Sen's victories at the prestigious tournament reaffirmed their place at the top of Indian badminton and marked a successful end to their campaigns at the Syed Modi International. Their commanding victories are set to provide a boost to their confidence as they prepare for future international competitions.

Joe Root Surpasses Sachin Tendulkar in 4th Innings Test Runs, Leads England to Victory

England's Joe Root etched his name into the history books during the first Test against New Zealand by surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar for the most runs in the 4th innings of Test cricket. Root's achievement came as England triumphed by 8 wickets in a convincing win. Though Root was dismissed for a duck in his first innings, he made amends in the second, scoring 23 runs off 15 balls and finishing unbeaten.

Before this match, Tendulkar held the record with 1625 runs in the 4th innings of Tests. However, Root now sits at the top of the list with 1630 runs. The updated list of the highest run-scorers in the 4th innings of Test cricket.

England's captain, Ben Stokes, expressed



his satisfaction with his team's performance in the series opener. "Very good, very happy with the way we fought the

entire week," said Stokes. Despite being under pressure on day two, with England at 40 for 3, the team's recovery and eventual lead were commendable. Stokes also praised Harry Brook for making the most of his opportunities, highlighting the importance of capitalizing on dropped catches.

Brydon Carse was named Player of the Match after his remarkable 10-wicket haul across both innings. Stokes, who has known Carse since his days at Durham, was thrilled with his performance, calling it "amazing." He further praised Carse's consistency and effort with the ball, as well as England's bold approach in chasing down targets.

With an all-round strong performance, England dominated the match, with key contributions from players like Root, Carse, and Brook.

An unbeaten fifth-wicket partnership of 65 runs between Tayyab Tahir and Irfan Khan powered Pakistan to a 57-run victory over Zimbabwe in the first of three Twenty20 internationals on Sunday. The victory came as part of Pakistan's ongoing white-ball tour of Zimbabwe, where they had already secured a 2-1 series win in the One-Day International format. Winning the toss at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo, Pakistan posted 165/4 in their allotted 20 overs. Zimbabwe, in reply, were bowled out for just 108 in 15.3 overs.

Pakistan's innings had been struggling at 100/4 with 34 balls remaining when Tahir and Khan came together to turn the game around. The pair launched a blistering assault, scoring 65 runs off the final overs, exploiting poor bowling and careless fielding by Zimbabwe. Tahir top-scored for Pakistan with 39 runs, including one six and four fours, while Usman Khan, who had also made 39, contributed with four boundaries, two of them sixes. Irfan Khan added 27 off 15 balls, including three fours.

"We just decided to run hard and hit every ball. If we couldn't hit a six, we'd settle for running," said Tahir, who was named Player of the Match.

Tayyab Tahir and Irfan Khan Lead Pakistan to 57-Run Victory Over Zimbabwe in T20I



Zimbabwe's response was hindered by Pakistan's disciplined bowling attack, with Tadiwanashe Marumani and captain Sikandar Raza putting on a fighting 59-run partnership for the third wicket. Raza top-scored for Zimbabwe with 39, but after Marumani was run out for 33 and Raza was caught at backward point, Zimbabwe's batting crumbled. The last four wickets fell for just 13 runs.

Jahandad Khan claimed the crucial wicket of Raza, while Sufiyan Muqem was the standout bowler for Pakistan, picking up three wickets to destroy Zimbabwe's tail.

Pakistan will look to extend their dominance in the remaining T20I matches, set to take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mohanlal's 'L2: Empuraan' Completes Shoot, Set for March Release

A month ago, the makers of the highly anticipated film *L2: Empuraan* (L2E), starring Mohanlal and directed by Prithviraj Sukumaran, announced its theatrical release date of March 27, 2025. Now, the film is once again making waves with an exciting new update.

The team has officially wrapped up the shoot, marking a significant milestone in the production process. This wraps up the filming phase, and now the focus shifts to an intensive post-production period where the final touches will be added to create the cinematic masterpiece fans have been eagerly awaiting. With the shooting now complete, the team is ready to kick off full-scale promotional activities to build excitement for the film's upcoming release.



L2: Empuraan is the highly anticipated sequel to the 2019 blockbuster *Lucifer*, which saw Mohanlal deliver an iconic performance as the powerful Stephen Nedumpally. The sequel is set to expand on the gripping story that captivated audiences across India and beyond. Produced by Lyca Productions and Aashirvad Cinemas, *L2: Empuraan* promises to be a pan-Indian epic, and fans are eagerly waiting to see how the saga unfolds.

no Thomas, Indrajith Sukumaran, Shakti Kapoor, and Saikumar. With such a stellar ensemble, *L2: Empuraan* is set to offer an unforgettable cinematic experience. The music, composed by Deepak Dev, is expected to complement the grand scale of the film, further elevating the anticipation.

As the post-production phase begins and promotional efforts ramp up, excitement continues to build for *L2: Empuraan*. Fans of the *Lucifer* franchise can look forward to the film's release in March 2025, promising an epic continuation of the story.

The film boasts an exceptional cast alongside Mohanlal, including Manju Warrier, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Tovi-

Dhruva Sarja's New Film 'Kora' Creates Buzz with First Look

Dhruva Sarja, one of the most popular and talented actors in Kannada cinema, is all set to make waves once again with his upcoming project *Kora*. Following his recent success in the Telugu film *Martin*, Sarja is now venturing into the world of production, adding another feather to his cap. The highly anticipated movie has already generated significant excitement, especially with the release of its first look.



Kora is an action-packed entertainer, and Dhruva Sarja is taking on the role of a producer this time, stepping away from the hero's journey. The film has caught the attention of audiences with its intriguing first look, where Sarja is seen in a serious avatar, with scars on his face, leaving fans eager to know more about the character and storyline. The rugged look has created a buzz, heightening the curiosity surrounding the movie.

Directed by Oratashree, *Kora* is set to feature a talented ensemble cast, with Tsunami Kitty, Charisma, and P. Murthy in lead roles. The film is produced by Dr. AB Nandini, AN Balaji, and P. Murthy under the banners of Sri Lakshmi Jyoti Creations and Ratnamma Movies. The film also features MK Mata, Muniraju, and Neenasam Aswat in significant roles.

With music composed by BR Hemant Kumar, *Kora* promises to offer an immersive cinematic experience. The film is set to be released in multiple languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, and Malayalam, making it a pan-Indian release. As fans eagerly await further updates, the excitement surrounding Dhruva Sarja's *Kora* continues to grow, and it is expected to capture the attention of audiences across the country.



Peelings.. A Massy Meals From Pushpa 2

As the release of *Pushpa 2: The Rule* approaches, excitement continues to build, especially with the release of a new song from the film. At a recent event in Kochi, Allu Arjun revealed that the first few lines of the song would be in Malayalam, a special gesture for the Kerala audience, which has only heightened the anticipation for the movie.

The song, written by Chandrabose, explores the emotional complexity of love, highlighting the twists and turns of a relationship. Fans have been eagerly speculating about the song's impact, with many believing that the "peelings" (or key moments) in the track will transcend expectations. The lyrics delve into the emo-

tional ups and downs of a love-filled journey, resonating deeply with listeners.

Unlike typical lyric videos that feature just stills, this song is accompanied by a two-minute original video, showcasing the film's confidence. The video features Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna performing a visually captivating dance sequence, where Allu Arjun lifts Rashmika, adding an extra flair to the performance. Choreographed by Shekhar Master, the dance steps offer a refreshing departure from the norm, designed to deeply connect with the audience. While the song may not seem extraordinary on the first listen, its appeal grows gradually, making it a

track that lingers.

Though most of the *Pushpa 2* soundtrack has been released, the much-anticipated "Jathara" song remains a mystery, expected to surprise audiences when they watch the film. Whether the songs from *Pushpa 2* will match the overwhelming popularity of those from *Pushpa 1: The Rise* remains to be seen, but the full theatrical experience will reveal all.

With advance bookings already setting new records, *Pushpa 2* is set to premiere on December 4 with second-show screenings. The film promises to deliver an unforgettable spectacle as Pushpa Raj returns to take theaters by storm once again.

Pushpa 2 goes wild – Hits \$2 million at NA box office

Allu Arjun's highly anticipated film *Pushpa 2: The Rule* is all set to hit theaters this Thursday, and expectations are soaring high. Directed by Sukumar, this action-packed sequel to the blockbuster *Pushpa: The Rise* is poised to make a massive impact at the box office. With well-executed promotions and an eager fanbase, the film is expected to break records and set new milestones in Indian cinema.



The makers have left no stone unturned in ensuring a grand opening for *Pushpa 2*. Ticket price hikes have been implemented across the Telugu states to maximize the film's debut. In North America, the film has already made waves, crossing an impressive \$2 million in pre-release sales—a groundbreaking achievement for a Telugu film. With the film's release just around the corner, more records are expected to be shattered as the movie takes the box office by storm.

Fans across the nation are eagerly awaiting the release, with *Pushpa 2* set to dominate cinemas. Both Allu Arjun and director Sukumar are confident in the film's success, and they are supported by a strong cast. Rashmika Mandanna reprises her role as Allu Arjun's love interest, adding more charm to the film's narrative. In addition, the film features the talented Fahadh Faasil as

the antagonist, bringing intensity to the story with his portrayal of a ruthless villain.

The ensemble cast also includes Sunil, Jagapathi Babu, Anasuya Bharadwaj, Jagadish, Brahmaji, and Rao Ramesh, all of whom add depth to this pan-Indian drama. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, *Pushpa 2: The Rule* features music by Devi Sri Prasad, further enhancing the film's appeal with his signature compositions.

As the release date approaches, the excitement surrounding *Pushpa 2* continues to build. Fans and movie enthusiasts can expect a thrilling cinematic experience as the sequel promises to exceed all expectations.

Prabhas Prepares for *Kalki 2898 AD* Release in Japan

Prabhas, the pan-India superstar, has already established a strong fanbase in Japan, thanks to the massive success of the *Baahubali* franchise and *Salaar*. His immense popularity in the country has made him one of the most successful Indian movie stars in Japan. Now, the actor is set to make his return to the Japanese audience with his upcoming sci-fi mythological epic, *Kalki 2898 AD*.

Scheduled for release on January 3, 2025, coinciding with Shogatsu, Japan's New Year festival, *Kalki 2898 AD* promises to be a grand spectacle. The film's Japanese version will be distributed by Twin, one of the leading distribution houses in Japan. The film has already generated a significant buzz among fans, and Prabhas is expected to engage with the audience through promotional activities in the country.



Directed by Nag Ashwin, *Kalki 2898 AD* is a high-budget, visually stunning entertainer that features an ensemble cast. Prabhas plays the lead role, while Bollywood legends Amitabh Bachchan and Deepika Padukone also take on key roles. The film further enhances its appeal with Kamal Haasan, who portrays the antagonist. This ambitious project, produced by Ashwini Dutt, has already made waves globally, grossing over Rs 1,100 crore at the worldwide box office during its initial release.

Prabhas and the *Kalki* team are set to fly to Japan in the coming weeks for promotional activities, adding further excitement to the movie's release. With the combination of star power, groundbreaking visuals, and a compelling storyline, *Kalki 2898 AD* is poised to create a major impact on the Japanese box office.