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# Notes Found at Congress MP's Seat in Rajya Sabha

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DELHI, DEC-7

- **Abhishek Manu Singhvi in Rajya Sabha Cash Controversy**
- **Could the Notes be for YCP's High-Profile legal battles?**



## Kakinada Port Rice Smuggling Issue

### SIT Formed Under Vineet Brijlal's Leadership

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The Andhra Pradesh government has formed a six-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the rice smuggling issue from Kakinada Port. The SIT will be led by CID Inspector General (IG) Vineet Brijlal, with CID SP Umamaheshwar and DSPs Govinda Rao, Ashok Vardhan, Rattaiah, and Balasunder Rao appointed as its members.

So far, 13 FIRs have been registered concerning the rice smuggling case. The government has directed the SIT to conduct a thorough investigation and submit a report within 15 days. To facilitate the investigation, the SIT has been granted significant powers, including the authority to conduct inspections, confiscate goods, and make arrests. Orders to this effect have been issued by the coalition government. The formation of the SIT underscores the government's commitment to addressing the issue and ensuring transparency in the investigation process.

The winter session of Parliament entered its 9th day on Friday, with sessions starting at 11 a.m. After the Rajya Sabha session began, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar made a startling announcement, revealing that cash was found at the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi. He stated that the currency notes were seized by security officials during a routine check conducted after the House was adjourned the previous day. The cash was reportedly found at seat number 222, allotted to Singhvi. Dhankhar announced that an investigation has been ordered into the matter.

The announcement triggered outrage among Opposition Congress MPs, who protested the disclosure of Singhvi's name without prior investigation. Congress President and Rajya Sabha MP Mallikarjun Kharge questioned the propriety of the announcement, asking how such a statement could be made from the Chairman's seat without due process.

Singhvi's Response: "I Will Bring a ₹500 Note to the House"  
Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi responded to the Chairman's statement with humor, remarking



that he would carry a ₹500 note to the House daily. Singhvi clarified his position on the incident, stating, "Yesterday (Thursday) at 12:57 p.m., I reached Parliament. There was agitation in the House at 1 p.m. At that time, I went to the canteen and stayed there until 1:30 p.m. I was in the canteen with Ayodhya Prasad. After that, I left Parliament. Yet, my name has been mentioned." He posted this explanation on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

Is the Money Linked to Andhra Pradesh's High-Profile Cases? Speculation is rife about the origin



of the cash, with some suggesting a connection to Andhra Pradesh, where several political leaders face high-stakes legal battles. Singhvi, known for his legal expertise and high-profile cases, is often the advocate of choice for political heavyweights.

In Andhra Pradesh, leaders such as YS Bhaskar Reddy, father of Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy, are embroiled in legal battles. Bhaskar Reddy was granted bail by the Telangana High Court, but the CBI has approached the Supreme Court seeking its cancellation. Another prominent case involves Sajjala Bhargav Reddy in

social media-related charges. Additionally, YSRCP MP Vijayasai Reddy has been accused in the Kakinada Port smuggling issue, while former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy's cases are reportedly progressing swiftly in the Supreme Court.

Critics suggest that the cash might be linked to lobbying efforts to secure bail for YSRCP leaders in these cases. Singhvi's reputation as a skilled lawyer who has successfully defended leaders such as former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, BRS MLC Kavitha, and AAP leaders Satyendar Jain and Sanjay Singh, has reportedly attracted several YSRCP leaders seeking his counsel.

Inquiry Underway  
Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed the discovery of cash at Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi's seat, stating it was uncovered during a routine anti-sabotage check. He emphasized his duty to inform the House, saying, "It was my duty and I am obliged to inform the House. This is a routine anti-sabotage check which takes place."

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## Construction of 18 Flyovers on National Highways in AP

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, revealed details about the construction of 18 flyovers on national highways in Andhra Pradesh, during a response to YSRCP MP Peddiredy Mithun Reddy's question in the Lok Sabha. He stated that the construction of these flyovers, costing ₹1,046 crore, is at various stages and is expected to be completed by September 2025.

**Gadkari provided specific timelines for the completion of some projects:**

- Five bridges being constructed at Morampudi, Jonnada, Undrajavaram Junction, Tethali, and Kaikaram on NH-216A are scheduled for completion by April 2, 2025.
- The bridge at Guntur Mirchi Yard will be completed by January 6, 2025.
- The flyover at Visakhapatnam Airport Junction is expected to be completed by February 15, 2025.
- Two bridges at Golagapudi Junction and Nellore T Junction on NH-16 will be completed by September 11, 2025.



Additionally, the minister mentioned that permission has been granted for the construction of bridges at Naguluppala Padu Growth Center and Rajupalem Junction on NH-16. Bids have already been invited for flyovers at Rajupalem Cross Road, Jonnathali Cross Road, Chevur Cross Road, Ranasthalam Town Portion on the same highway, and at Kia on NH-44. Furthermore, bids are yet to be invited for the construction of bridges at Sri City Zero Point and Chillakuru Center on NH-16.

Minister Gadkari assured that these projects would significantly improve connectivity and infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh.

## TDP Office Attack Case

Vallabhaneni Vamsi's PA Arrested

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In a significant development, Andhra Pradesh Police have arrested 11 additional suspects in connection with the attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Gannavaram. Among those arrested is Raja, the personal assistant (PA) of former Gannavaram MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi. These arrests come after seven individuals were taken into custody earlier for their involvement in the February 20 attack during the YSR Congress Party's rule.

The latest arrests were made in the early hours of Friday, with the suspects being taken to the police station for further investigation. Reports suggest that more arrests are likely in the Vijayawada Rural, Gannavaram, Bapulapadu, and Unguturu regions as the investigation continues.

The attack on the TDP office saw supporters of Vallabhaneni Vamsi and YSR Congress Party (YCP) vandalizing the premises, destroying furniture, burning vehicles, and assaulting TDP leaders. Despite the gravity of the incident, little progress was made in the case during the YCP government's tenure.

However, with the change in government, the investigation gained momentum. Leveraging CCTV footage from the scene, police identified 71 individuals involved in the attack. With today's arrests, the total number of individuals taken into custody has risen to 18, with more expected to be apprehended in the coming days. This case highlights the ongoing efforts of law enforcement to ensure accountability and justice for the incident that shook the political landscape of Andhra Pradesh.



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## CM Chandrababu Naidu, Gandhi Babji, and TDP Leaders Pay Tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

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On the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's death anniversary, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, along with prominent Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders, paid heartfelt tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution.

The commemorative event took place at the TDP office in Visakhapatnam, where leaders garlanded Dr. Ambedkar's statue. Parliament Speaker Pundurthi In-Charge, APOILFED Chairman Gandhi Babji, Ministers, MLAs, MLCs, and other party officials joined the Chief Minister in honoring the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar.



The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to Dr. Ambedkar's principles of social justice, equality, and empow-

erment, emphasizing the importance of his vision in building an inclusive society. The event marked a solemn

occasion to reflect on the immense contributions of Dr. Ambedkar to the nation.

## AP MSME Minister Highlights Opportunities at Procurement Summit Industry Owners Encouraged to Leverage New MSME Policy for AP's Development



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Andhra Pradesh MSME Minister Sri Kondapalli Srinivas and AP MSME Development Corporation Chairman Sri Tammireddy Sivashankar participated in the Procurement Summit, organized in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and the AP MSME Development Corporation.

The summit brought together industry owners and key stakeholders, aiming to highlight the opportunities presented by the state's new MSME policy. During the event, the Minister and the Chairman emphasized how the policy is designed to foster in-

dustrial growth and development in Andhra Pradesh.

They urged the youth of the state to take proactive steps in setting up industries, stating that entrepreneurship and innovation are critical for economic progress. To support this initiative, they announced plans to conduct awareness seminars across all districts, providing guidance and resources to aspiring entrepreneurs and industry leaders.

The Procurement Summit served as a platform to strengthen the relationship between the government, industry, and MSMEs, aligning with the state's vision for inclusive industrial growth.

## Revenue Conferences on Land Issues Begin in Andhra Pradesh

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As part of the Andhra Pradesh Coalition Government's initiative to address land-related issues, a Revenue Conference on Land Issues was inaugurated on Friday by local MLA Gadde Rammohan at the 11th Division Sri Kanakamedala Community Hall. The conference, held under the slogan "Your Land, Your Rights", aims to resolve disputes and protect property and land rights across the state.

The government has emphasized its commitment to ensuring that land-re-

lated grievances are addressed at the grassroots level. Petitions from locals, including issues related to boundary disputes, differences in land measurements, and the repair of damaged Auto Nagar roads, were submitted during the conference. The initiative also seeks to reduce the burden on citizens by proactively resolving these matters without requiring victims to approach multiple government offices.

The event witnessed participation from MRO officers, corporators, Janasena Party leaders, and Telugu Desam Party leaders, showcasing a collaborative effort to tackle land-related concerns.

## Govt Goal is to Provide Full Rights to the People – Revenue Minister Satya Prasad

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec-7

Minister Anagani Satyaprasad emphasized that the coalition government is dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by the people under the previous YSRCP administration. Speaking at a revenue conference in Peteru village, Repalle mandal, Bapatla district, the minister clarified that six months have passed since the formation of the coalition government, and significant efforts are underway to solve the issues

of the public while promoting the state's development.

Minister Satyaprasad highlighted the government's commitment to helping the poor, with a primary focus on resolving the land issues that have long plagued the state. He pointed out that the Chandrababu Naidu-led government has taken a proactive approach by organizing revenue conferences across the state, aiming to provide immediate relief to the people.

The revenue conferences, which will span 33 days across 17 revenue villages,

are designed to allow people to submit their petitions directly to the authorities. Each petition will receive a receipt, and efforts will be made to resolve the issues on the spot. Minister Satyaprasad participated in one of these conferences in Peteru, where he actively received petitions from villagers and assured them that their problems would be addressed promptly. This initiative is part of the government's broader agenda to engage with citizens, understand their grievances, and take swift action to resolve long-standing issues.



## BITS Pilani Plans New Campus in Amaravati

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Amaravati, Dec-7

With the NDA assuming power in June this year, Andhra Pradesh has witnessed a surge in investments from prominent companies and institutions. The resumption of capital city development under the new government has further boosted confidence. Both the central and state governments have allocated funds and set deadlines to expedite the construction of Amaravati, aiming to shape the city within the next three years.

In a significant development, the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), one of India's premier educational institutions, is planning to establish a new campus in Amaravati. Recently, representatives from BITS, along with officials from the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), visited potential sites in Kuragallu (near SRM University) and near the Venkatayapalem bypass to evaluate the feasibility of setting up the campus.

The management of BITS is expected to finalize the decision soon. Currently, BITS operates campuses in Pilani, Goa, Hyderabad, and Dubai. If plans materialize, Amaravati will join this prestigious list. The city is already home to renowned educational institutions such as SRM University, VIT, and Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.

The addition of BITS Pilani to Amaravati's educational landscape would further enhance the city's reputation as a hub for higher learning and innovation, marking another milestone in its development journey.

Procurement Details for the Season KMS-24	
No. of Farmers Benefited	1,67,299
Quantity Procured (in MTs)	11,63,510
Procurement Value (in Crores)	2,678.63

## Government Collects Record Amount of Grain

Ensures Swift Payment to Farmers – Minister Nadendla

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec-7

State Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar announced that the coalition government is making significant strides in supporting rice farmers by collecting a record amount of grain.

As of yesterday, the government had successfully collected 11,22,699 metric tons of rice from 1,61,568 farmers, amounting to Rs. 2,584.62 crore. Today, the collection increased to 11,63,510 metric tons from 1,67,299 farmers, with a total value of Rs. 2,678.63 crore. This shows an additional 40,811 metric tons collected from 5,731 farmers, amounting to Rs. 94.01 crore.

Minister Nadendla Manohar praised the government's efficiency in ensuring that payments were promptly made to farmers. Within just 48 hours of collection, the funds were deposited into the farmers' accounts, which he noted highlights the government's commitment to supporting the agricultural community. The swift processing and prompt payment have earned the coalition government a reputation for being pro-farmer, ensuring that the hard work of farmers is recognized and rewarded. This efficient grain collection and timely payment system aims to strengthen the agriculture sector and provide financial security to the farmers.

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Dhankhar also noted that no one had claimed the currency notes, adding, "Does it reflect the state of the economy that people can afford to forget it?" He confirmed that an investigation had been ordered to determine the source of the money.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju defended Dhankhar's decision to mention Singhvi's name, arguing, "The Chairman has pointed out a seat number and the member who occupies that. What is the problem with that?" Rijiju criticized the act of bringing bundles of notes into the House, calling it "inappropriate," and supported the inquiry. BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi also demanded a thorough investigation, saying, "It was unexpected. The Chairman said he expected someone to claim the money, but no one did so. This makes us curious about the whole thing."

## Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Slams Jagan, Highlights TDP's Commitment to Dalits

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Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu strongly criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of betraying Dalits and undermining welfare schemes meant for marginalized communities. Speaking at a blood donation camp held at Vijayawada Government Hospital on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's death anniversary, Ramanaidu highlighted the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) efforts to implement Ambedkar's ideals in the state. The minister emphasized that TDP is the party that brought Dalit representation to prominence by appointing GMC Balayogi as the first Dalit Lok Sabha Speaker and Prati-bha Bharati as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. He also mentioned Chandrababu Naidu's efforts in appointing Kaki Madhav Rao, a Dalit, as the Chief Secretary of the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh



cial benefits. Reflecting on TDP's legacy, he said that under N.T. Rama Rao's leadership as National Front Chairman, Dr. Ambedkar was honored posthumously with the Bharat Ratna. He further claimed that during the TDP's governance, the SC Sub-Plan was effectively implemented to uplift Dalit communities. Ramanaidu pointed out incidents of alleged injustice under Jagan's regime, including the killing of a Dalit by a YSRCP MLC. He vowed that the TDP-led coalition government would always stand by the people and ensure justice for all commu-

nities. The blood donation camp, organized in memory of Ramanaidu's father, saw significant participation, with the minister himself donating blood 24 times under the Dharma Rao Foundation. He reiterated the TDP's dedication to empowering Dalits and upholding Ambedkar's vision. and setting up the SC Commission under Justice Punnaiah's leadership. Ramanaidu accused Jagan of backstabbing Dalits by canceling 27 welfare schemes while deceptively claiming support for marginalized groups. He also alleged that SC Sub-Plan funds were diverted during Jagan's tenure, depriving Dalits of cru-

## Minister BC Janardhan Reddy Blames YCP Govt for Road Infrastructure Issues

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Andhra Pradesh State Roads, Buildings, Investments, and Infrastructure Minister BC Janardhan Reddy criticized the previous government for failing to renew and maintain roadworks, leading to significant challenges for the public and tourism. During an inspection of roadworks at the Nandyal check post and NH works on Friday, the minister outlined his department's efforts to address these issues and improve road infrastructure across the state. The minister inspected patchwork from the Nandyal check post to Gargayapuram and directed officials to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the expansion of KG Road, emphasizing the need to widen city roads to prevent accidents caused by obstacles like transformers. Highlighting the current status, he stated that only 40% of potholes in Adoni have been filled, and he instructed officials to expedite the remaining work, ensuring all potholes across the state are addressed by Sankranti. He announced that road



construction in Amaravati is progressing with a substantial budget and promised new road development using the Public-Private Partnership (PP) model, drawing on studies conducted in other states. Janardhan Reddy accused the previous government of causing tourism losses due to poor road infrastructure. He dismissed claims by Sakshi Daily that roads worth ₹42,000 crore were constructed during the prior administration, challenging them to show tangible results. He also praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for securing ₹3,000 crore in central funds for Orvakal's development and for supporting the establishment of a drone hub in the region. Accompanying the minister during the inspection were Panyam MLA Gouri Charita Reddy, Joint Collector Dr. B. Navya, R&B SE Maheshwara Reddy, Municipal Commissioner Ravindra Babu, and other officials. The minister assured citizens that his government is committed to improving infrastructure and addressing the public's needs.

## I'll File Criminal Case Against Vijayasai Reddy - Buddha Venkanna

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TDP leader Buddha Venkanna has issued a stern warning to YSRCP Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy over his recent comments criticizing Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Vijayasai Reddy alleged that Chandrababu was "caste-mad," prompting a sharp response from Venkanna, who accused Vijayasai of lacking human values. Speaking to the media, Buddha Venkanna condemned Vijayasai Reddy's remarks and warned him to be cautious with his words. He stated that while Vijayasai Reddy and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy might exhibit caste-driven behavior, Chandrababu Naidu does not, asserting that such allegations were baseless and defamatory. Venkanna further alleged that Vijayasai Reddy has been involved in activities that intimidate and threaten businessmen to seize their assets, particularly mentioning issues related to Kakinada Port. He declared his intent to file a criminal case against Vijayasai Reddy and vowed not to relent until the latter faced legal consequences and was sent to jail. The TDP leader's comments reflect the escalating political tensions between the ruling YSRCP and the opposition TDP in Andhra Pradesh. The verbal exchanges have become increasingly personal, highlighting the growing divide as both parties gear up for the upcoming elections. The incident has drawn significant attention, with both parties steadfast in their stances. As the political discourse continues to heat up, it remains to be seen how these allegations and counter-allegations will impact the political landscape in Andhra Pradesh.



## Vijayasai Reddy Advocates for Pawan Kalyan to Lead Andhra Pradesh

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YSRCP senior leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vijayasai Reddy has sparked a heated discussion with his latest tweet, in which he endorsed Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan as a suitable leader for Andhra Pradesh. Taking a veiled dig at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Vijayasai Reddy remarked that a "75-year-old man" cannot lead a young and dynamic state like Andhra Pradesh. Instead, he suggested that Pawan Kalyan, with his national appeal and relatively younger age, possesses the qualities required to guide the state's future. In his tweet, Vijayasai Reddy went on to praise Pawan Kalyan as the most exemplary leader among those representing the NDA alliance in Andhra Pradesh. The statement has sparked intense discussions, with many interpreting it as an attempt to sow discord within the NDA camp. Pawan Kalyan's supporters and Jana Sena Party ranks have responded

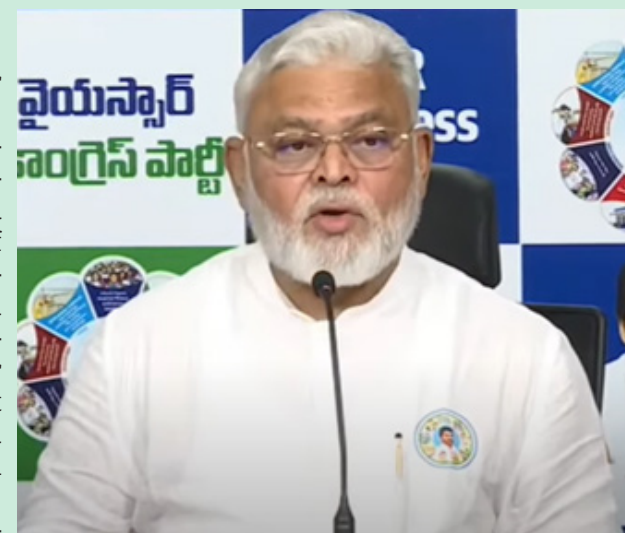


ed enthusiastically to Vijayasai Reddy's comments, viewing them as an acknowledgment of the actor-turned-politician's growing influence. Meanwhile, TDP cadres see the statement as a calculated political move by Vijayasai Reddy to divert attention from other issues. The tweet has quickly gone viral, fueling debates across political and social media circles. As Andhra Pradesh gears up for crucial elections, the political narrative continues to evolve, with leaders using every opportunity to shape public opinion.

## Ambati Rambabu Criticizes Govt, Announces Protest for Farmers' Rights

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Ambati Rambabu, Guntur District YSRCP President, launched a scathing attack on the coalition government during a media conference, accusing it of neglecting farmers' welfare. Rambabu claimed that farmers are being denied fair prices for their produce and alleged that the government has failed to support the agricultural community adequately. In response to this situation, Rambabu announced that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) would organize a protest demanding remunerative prices for farmers. Originally planned for the 11th of this month, the protest has been rescheduled to the 13th due to the MLC election code in certain districts. Taking aim at opposition leader Pawan Kalyan, Rambabu accused him of staging political dramas. Referring to the alleged involvement of KV Rao, whom Pawan Kalyan previously accused of being a proxy for Chandrababu Naidu, Rambabu criticized what he described as an orchestrated show of support for KV Rao.



"First, they wanted to seize the ship; now they want to take over the entire port," Rambabu said, implying that opposition leaders are prioritizing personal and political gains over genuine public welfare. The remarks reflect the rising tensions between the ruling YSRCP and the opposition as both sides engage in verbal battles over governance, farmer welfare, and alleged corruption. Rambabu urged YSRCP leaders, activists, and farmers to unite and participate in the upcoming protest to amplify their demand for justice for the agricultural community.

## "I Bought 6 Acres in Kakinada SEZ with My Own Money" - Dadishetti Raja

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Kakinada, Dec-7

YSRCP leader and former minister Dadishetti Raja revealed that he purchased six acres of land in the Kakinada Special Economic Zone (SEZ) using his personal funds. Addressing allegations, Raja explained that his family has been in the gold business since 1940, and the purchase was made by offering farmers a price higher than the prevailing market rate. Raja criticized the opposition, accusing leaders like Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Yanamala Ramakrishnu of exploiting marginalized communities, including BCs, Kapus, and Dalits, during the coalition government's rule. He alleged that properties acquired by these leaders were taken from the people through unfair means. He also claimed that farmers were poorly compensated during the TDP regime, where grain prices were as low as ₹1,400 per quintal compared to ₹2,000 under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership. Raja accused the



previous government of neglecting farmers' welfare and enriching themselves instead. Targeting Yanamala Ramakrishnu specifically, Raja stated that when Yanamala first contested as an MLA, he did not even have ₹2 lakh for election expenses, which were borne by farmers' associations. Yet, he now owns properties worth thousands of crores, alleged Raja. He demanded that such "ill-gotten" properties be redistributed to the poor. Raja defended his own property acquisitions, questioning why members of the YSRCP should not be allowed to purchase land. Additionally, he warned that the YSRCP would initiate a movement if the government failed to reimburse students' fees promptly. The remarks have added to the ongoing political tussle between the ruling YSRCP and opposition parties, further intensifying debates on governance and property acquisitions.

## Adimulapu Suresh Pays Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Slams NDA Govt

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec-7

On the occasion of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's death anniversary, former minister Adimulapu Suresh paid tribute to the architect of the Indian Constitution and reaffirmed the YSRCP's commitment to his ideals. Suresh criticized the current coalition government, accusing it of undermining democracy and neglecting the welfare of marginalized communities. He alleged that attacks on Dalits and incidents of violence against Dalit women have increased under the present regime, creating an atmosphere of insecurity and inequality. Highlighting the achievements of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership, Suresh claimed that equal opportunities were provided to the oppressed classes in all sectors during



his tenure. He alleged that these progressive measures have been dismantled under the Chandrababu-led government, reversing the gains made in uplifting Dalits and other marginalized groups. Suresh reiterated the YSRCP's commitment to fighting for the rights of the people, inspired by Ambedkar's ideology. "Even in the past, under

Jagan's leadership, the YSRCP has always stood with the people and will continue to do so," he stated. The former minister called on the public to remain vigilant and observant of the coalition government's actions, urging them to support a leadership that genuinely upholds democratic values and works for the welfare of all sections of society.

## Requests Pour In at Nara Lokesh's Praja Darbar on its 50th Day

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Undavalli, Dec-7

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh held the 50th day of his Praja Darbar, where citizens from across Andhra Pradesh presented grievances and sought solutions. Minister Lokesh assured the public that their issues would be addressed promptly after a thorough examination.

### Key Appeals and Assurances:

#### 1. Land Grievances in Madanapalle:

Basani Sunitha and Reddy Gopalanaidu, residents of Madanapalle, accused former minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy of seizing ₹200 crore worth of land from 15 families using forged documents. They alleged harassment and physical attacks by Peddireddy's followers. Minister Lokesh assured them of an investigation and protection for their property and lives.

#### 2. Separate Panchayat for Gangavalli Village:

Villagers from Gangavalli in NTR district requested separation from Pochavaram panchayat due to lack of development and drinking water issues. Lokesh assured them that the matter would be reviewed for resolution.

#### 3. Issues of Tipper Owners:

Representatives of the Andhra Pradesh State Tipper Owners Association highlighted challenges due to overloading, unauthorized mining, and harassment. They sought the minister's intervention to regulate the industry and safeguard livelihoods. Lokesh promised to address their concerns.

#### 4. School Infrastructure in Eluru:

Parents and villagers of Gattugudem, Eluru dis-



trict, requested a new building for the Mandal PariSad Primary School, citing the dilapidated condition of the current structure. Lokesh assured them of action to improve facilities for students.

#### 5. Job for Visually Impaired Woman:

K. Dasu of Prakasam district sought government support and a job for his daughter, who lost her sight due to Covid complications. Lokesh pledged to provide suitable assistance.

#### 6. Medical Assistance:

CH Srinivasa Rao of Kondapalli thanked Lokesh for promptly linking his daughter's name to the NTR medical service card, enabling her life-saving surgery under Arogyasri.

The event reinforced Lokesh's commitment to addressing public grievances and ensuring timely resolutions to problems faced by citizens.

## Ensuring Land Rights Through Revenue Meetings

A Step Towards Resolving Land Issues in AP

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The Andhra Pradesh government has launched a 33-day initiative, titled "Your Land, Your Rights," aimed at addressing land-related issues throughout the state. The program was inaugurated at Takkellapadu Village Secretariat in Jaggayyapet Mandal, with the presence of Special Principal Secretary of the State Revenue Department, RP Sisodia, along with MLA Sriram Rajagopal and District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa.

This initiative, driven by the Chief Minister's office, is designed to ensure that land-related issues are resolved at the village level, removing the need for citizens to go through complex bureaucratic channels. As part of the campaign, special counters have been set up to help people register grievances, examine village records, and issue necessary certificates. RP Sisodia highlighted that land-related grievances account for a significant portion of complaints received by the Praja Grievance Redressal System (PGRS), and the government is now directly bringing its services to the people to provide quick solutions.

Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa emphasized the importance of resolving land disputes before they escalate into larger social problems. She urged citizens to actively participate in the meetings to ensure that their villages become free of land-related



conflicts. MLA Sriram Rajagopal praised the initiative, calling it an excellent platform to tackle long-standing issues, and pointed out the government's efforts to repeal the Land Titling Act and introduce the Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act, 2024, to protect citizens' property rights.

While some issues can be resolved immediately, others will require more time and planning, Sisodia noted. The initiative will address discrepancies in survey records, mismatched areas, and disputes over inam and ceiling lands. Petitions will be recorded and followed up on through the RTGS Grievance Portal, ensuring a streamlined approach to resolving disputes.

The revenue meetings, set to run until January 8, 2025, aim to efficiently resolve land issues and build greater public trust in government processes, ensuring a long-term, equitable solution to land disputes across Andhra Pradesh.

## MP Kesineni Shivanath Pays Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on His 68th Death Anniversary

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On the occasion of the 68th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanath paid heartfelt tributes by offering flowers to Ambedkar's portrait at the Vijayawada Parliament Office, NTR Bhavan, on Friday.

MP Shivanath highlighted the significant contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, who not only fought against social inequalities but also played a crucial role in framing the Indian Constitution. He emphasized that the Constitution, which guarantees self-respect, equality, and freedom for all sections of society, was a testament to Dr. Ambedkar's vision.

Speaking on the occasion, Shivanath praised Dr. Ambedkar as a visionary leader who, through the Constitution, shaped the future of India, ensuring justice and dignity for all. He also announced that a discussion on the 75th anniversary of the Constitution's approval will



take place in the Lok Sabha on the 13th and 14th of this month.

Shivanath called for everyone to follow Dr. Ambedkar's ideals, which have greatly contributed to the progress of the country. He urged the people to work towards realizing Ambedkar's dreams of equality and justice.

The tribute ceremony was attended by several notable figures, including NTR District SC Cell President Songa Sanjaya Varma, 4th Division Corporator Jasti Sambasiva Rao, former SC Cell President G.V. Narasimha Rao, TDP leaders, and representatives from various community organizations.

## Krishna Lanka Police Arrest Accused in ATM Cheating Case

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Krishna Lanka Police have arrested an individual accused of cheating people at ATMs and stealing money. The arrest was made after a series of incidents where the accused targeted elderly people, convincing them that he could assist them with cash withdrawals, only to take their ATM cards, swap them with duplicates, and withdraw the entire amount from their accounts.

ACP Bangarraju, speaking at a media conference, revealed that the accused, identified as Chinta-



la Suresh Babu from Bombay Colony, Vijayawada, had been involved in similar crimes since 2017. His criminal activities included ATM thefts in Krishna Lanka, Bhawanipuram, Ibrahimpatnam, Huzurnagar, Kodad, and various locations across Telangana. Based on reliable information, Krishna Lanka police apprehended him near the Pandit Nehru Bus Station and have since been interrogating him. Authorities have seized two lakh rupees in cash and 78 ATM cards from his possession. The police are continuing their investigation into the matter.

## NTR Dist to Lead in PM Suryagarh Solar Scheme Implementation

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District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa has urged officials to work towards making NTR District a leader in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Suryagarh Muft Bijli Yojana (Solar Power) Scheme. In a review meeting held on Friday at the Collectorate, the Collector emphasized the importance of speeding up registrations to achieve the target of one lakh solar panel installations by March 2027.

Under this scheme, a 3 kW solar panel worth Rs. 2 lakh will be installed on the roof of each house with a subsidy of Rs. 78,000. The remaining amount, Rs. 1,02,000, can be availed as a low-interest bank loan. The solar panel system

has a lifespan of 25 years, with an expected savings of Rs. 8,27,369 over its lifetime. Dr. Lakshmi Sa urged officials to ensure widespread awareness of the scheme, highlighting its potential to provide financial benefits to families while promoting environmental sustainability. She encouraged government employees to be the first to register, setting an example for others. The goal is to complete 20,000 registrations by March of the next year, paving the way for achieving the one-lakh installation target by 2027.

The meeting was attended by Transco SE Muralimohan, DE (Tech) Hanumaiah, Nodal Officer Bhaskar, and APCDCL officials, among others.

## Union Minister Suresh Gopi Visits Durgamma Temple In Vijayawada

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The Honorable Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Tourism, Shri Suresh Gopi, paid a visit to the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamyvarla Devasthanam in Vijayawada on Friday. The minister visited the temple to seek blessings from Goddess Durga. He was warmly welcomed by the temple authorities, who extended traditional honors as he entered the premises.

After his darshan, the temple's Vedic scholars performed a brief ritual and bestowed their blessings upon the Union Minister. As a mark of reverence, Shri Suresh Gopi was presented with the Goddess's sheshavastra (sacred cloth), prasada (holy offering), and a portrait of the deity.

The visit was a significant moment for the temple and its devotees, as it underscored the Union Minister's spiritual engagement with the com-

munity. Shri Gopi expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and the opportunity to offer his prayers at one of the most revered temples in the region.

Sri Durga Malleswara Swamyvarla Devasthanam, situated on the Indrakeeladri Hill, is a major pilgrimage site in Vijayawada, attracting thousands



of devotees throughout the year. The temple is dedicated to Goddess Durga and is considered an important spiritual center in Andhra Pradesh. The visit of the Union Minister also highlights the continued importance of cultural and religious traditions, alongside his duties in public service, strengthening ties between the government and the spiritual community.

## Bonda Uma Distributes ₹5 Lakh Cheque to Bereaved Family

Govt Provides Relief to Flood Victims

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The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) On Friday distributed a ₹5 lakh cheque to the family of Nelaturi, a resident of Sundarayya Nagar, 62nd Division, who tragically lost his life in the floods that hit Vijayawada on September 5. The cheque, sanctioned by the TDP government and Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, was handed over to Nelaturi's wife, Sarala (56), at the Central Constituency TDP office.

Bonda Uma Garu, speaking on the occasion, emphasized that the Telugu Desam government has been actively monitoring flood-affected areas and engaged in ongoing relief activities. She mentioned that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh have been supervising the flood relief operations from the Command Control Center, ensuring that all necessary aid reached the affected areas.

Under the orders of Chief Minister Naidu, essential supplies, including milk vans, goods, and vegetables, were sent to flood-

hit Vijayawada. Relief efforts have included the use of tractors, JCBs, and loaders to assist those stranded due to water-logging. Additionally, measures were taken to clean homes and roads using fire engines.

The TDP government allocated and directly deposited compensation for flood victims, including ₹25,000 for ground-floor houses, ₹3,000 for damaged bikes, ₹10,000 for autos, and ₹20,000 for carts, an unprecedented move in the city's history.

Bonda Uma also highlighted that On Friday, ₹5 lakh cheques were distributed to the families of those who died in the floods, providing much-needed support during their time of loss. She reiterated that the TDP government would continue to stand by the flood-affected families.

The program was attended by Vijayawada Uttaram MRO M. Surya Rao, 62nd Division In-charge Paidi Srinu, and other TDP leaders, including Thottempudi Udaya Shankar, Bulleddula Ravichandra, and Raja.

# Kakinada Port Scam: All You Need to Know



TPN CORRESPONDENT, Kakinada : The Kakinada Port scandal continues to stir controversy in Andhra Pradesh, with a new development placing the spotlight on senior YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader Vijayasai Reddy. Karnati Venkateswara Rao, also known as KV Rao, has lodged a formal complaint with the Andhra Pradesh CID, accusing Vijayasai Reddy, his associates, and two companies of coercive practices to acquire a significant stake in Kakinada Deep Water Port (KDWP).

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Water Port (KDWP). KV Rao's complaint centers on the alleged forced acquisition of his family-owned Kakinada Infrastructure Holdings Pvt. Ltd. (KIHL) 41.12% stake in Kakinada Port by Aurobindo Realty & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (ARIPL), a company linked to Vijayasai Reddy's family. Rao has named Vijayasai Reddy, his son-in-law Sarath Chandra Reddy, YS Subba Reddy's son Vikranth Reddy, and two compa-

nies—PKF Sridhar & Santhanam LLP and ARIPL—as key parties involved.

According to Rao, the coercive activities began after YS Jagan Mohan Reddy assumed office as Chief Minister in 2019, with the actual acquisition taking place between May 2020 and February 2021. During this period, Rao claims he faced immense pressure to cede control of his company's assets.

Rao alleged that the parties involved resorted to threats and coercion, forcing him to sign documents and agreements in favor of the Aurobindo Group. He claimed he and his family were threatened with imprisonment if he refused to comply. Furthermore, he accused the accused parties of using forensic audits, fabricated documents, and manipulated financial records to undervalue the assets of KIHL and Kakinada SEZ Limited (KSEZ).

The complaint details significant financial losses due to the alleged

hostile takeover. According to Rao:

- KIHL, which held assets valued at ₹2,500 crore, was reduced to ₹494 crore.

- KSEZ, valued at ₹1,109 crore, was allegedly sold for just ₹12 crore.

Rao stated that he refrained from filing a formal complaint earlier due to the political climate and the alleged involvement of powerful figures. However, he has now turned to the AP CID to seek justice, urging the agency to investigate the matter.

The AP CID is expected to launch a thorough investigation into these allegations, which could have far-reaching implications for the political and corporate landscape in Andhra Pradesh. As the case unfolds, it remains to be seen how the alleged irregularities and coercive practices will be addressed.

This case marks yet another controversy in the ongoing narrative of alleged corruption and misuse of power in the state.

## Janasena Activist Shobhanjali Dora's Family Receives ₹5 Lakh Insurance Cheque



TPN CORRESPONDENT, Araku : Janasena activist Shobhanjali Dora from Dampulipodapa village in Araku constituency tragically lost his life in an accident. To support his family, Manohar, Chairman of the Janasena Party Political Affairs Committee and State Civil Supplies Minister, visited the grieving family on Friday and handed over an insurance cheque of ₹5 lakh.

During his visit, Manohar expressed the party's commitment to the welfare and safety of its activists, highlighting that Janasena Party President and State Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan always prioritizes the well-being of party members. He assured the family that the party would stand by them in this difficult time.

The event was attended by several key party members, including PAC member Tatarao Kona, Araku Parliament Party In-charge Vampuru Gangulaiah, State Secretary Bodapati Sivadutt, Volunteers Committee Coordinator Srinivas Patnaik, and others.

## MLA Buddha Prasad Participates in Janasena's Janavani Program



TPN CORRESPONDENT, Avaniigadda : Avaniigadda MLA and Janasena Party leader Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, known for his dedication to public service, participated in the Janavani program held at the party's central office. A language enthusiast, writer, and former minister, Buddha Prasad interacted with people from various districts and villages who presented their petitions during the event.

Throughout the day, Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad personally met with attendees, showing exceptional patience and commitment while listening to their hardships and grievances. His empathetic approach to addressing the concerns of the poor and underprivileged was widely appreciated.

During the event, Ravanam Swami Naidu, representing the All India Chiranjeevi Youth, congratulated and expressed his respect for Buddha Prasad's efforts in the Janavani program. The program demonstrated the Janasena Party's ongoing commitment to addressing public issues and ensuring that the voices of the people are heard.

## Octopus Police Conduct Mock Drill at Polavaram Multipurpose Project

TPN CORRESPONDENT, Polavaram : The Andhra Pradesh Octopus Police conducted a mock drill at the Polavaram Multipurpose Project on Friday to evaluate the preparedness of security forces in the event of a terrorist attack or the involvement of anti-social elements. The drill, supervised by senior Octopus Police officers, was carried out in collaboration with local police, SPF personnel overseeing the project's security, and MEIL, the construction company handling the project.

During the exercise, the Octopus Police demonstrated effective strategies for responding to potential threats targeting large infrastructure like the Polavaram project. The drill showcased their ability to handle such situations using their force capabilities and weaponry.

In addition to the Octopus Police, local law enforcement, project security personnel, and other stakeholders participated in the drill. The objective was to assess the coordination, preparedness, and response among various teams involved in securing the project. DSP Tirupati, from the Octopus Division, explained that the mock drill was essential to evaluate the readiness of the Octopus Police for any untoward incidents. He reassured that such drills will continue regularly to further enhance their preparedness and response capabilities.

Prior to the drill, the Octopus Police team held a meeting with the Polavaram Police, SPF personnel, and MEIL officials to discuss the logistics and coordination for the exercise. Polavaram SSSS Pawan Kumar, SPFCI Vijaya Kumar, and other officials also attended the meeting.



## Land Issues to Be Resolved Through Revenue Conferences - GV Anjaneyulu

TPN CORRESPONDENT, Palnadu Dist : Government Chief Whip GV Anjaneyulu has stated that long-standing land issues will be resolved through ongoing revenue conferences. Speaking to officials, he emphasized the need to address the agraharam land issues immediately and to ensure that justice is served for affected farmers.



Anjaneyulu criticized the actions of the previous government, alleging that private properties were looted and government treasuries were plundered under the Jagan Mohan Reddy administration. He specifically highlighted the seizure of lands in the name of a "reserve survey" during the YSRCP regime, claiming that it resulted in the creation of land grabbers who exploited the system. He further accused the ruling party of creating a "landlord" class through these controversial surveys, with local YSRCP leaders allegedly benefiting from the seized lands.

The Chief Whip warned that strict action would be taken against anyone involved in land grabbing, particularly if farmers were coerced into paying bribes. He made it clear that under the Comprehensive Land Acquisition Control Act, there are severe penalties, including imprisonment for up to 14 years for those caught attempting to seize land unlawfully.

Anjaneyulu reiterated that the current government was committed to rectifying these injustices, ensuring that land issues are resolved swiftly and fairly. He vowed that the upcoming revenue conferences would serve as a platform to resolve these issues once and for all, with a focus on providing relief to the people who have been waiting for justice.

## IAC Founder Basava Ramana Accused of Abuse and Fraud in Srikakulam

TPN CORRESPONDENT, Srikakulam : A shocking incident has come to light in Srikakulam, where Basava Ramana, the founder and president of the Indian Army Calling (IAC) organization, is accused of exploiting candidates under the pretense of providing training for jobs in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Reports suggest that Ramana was charging candidates large sums of money, claiming to offer them job opportunities in the military. However, in a disturbing twist, it has

been alleged that he physically abused the candidates, subjecting them to severe beatings during the training sessions.

A video of the alleged incident, showing the brutal treatment, has gone viral on social media, sparking outrage. Authorities are reportedly investigating the matter, and further actions against the accused are expected. The incident has raised serious concerns about fraudulent recruitment practices and the safety of aspiring candidates seeking military jobs.



## Machilipatnam Municipal Authorities Crack Down on Illegal Structures

TPN CORRESPONDENT, Machilipatnam : Municipal authorities in Machilipatnam are taking strict action against illegal encroachments that have been erected over the past few years, particularly those built on land designated for a pond. The authorities have begun removing these encroachments at the Zilla Parishad Center and other areas where structures were illegally occupied without proper authorization.

The demolition drive, which targets encroachments that have been in place for several years, has sparked controversy among locals. Many residents are expressing their anger over the removal of structures that were built by the poor. The authorities have been accused of neglecting these illegal constructions for years, only to take action now, which has led to frustration among the affected families.

While the authorities justify the demolition as neces-

sary for the restoration of public spaces and water bodies, the locals argue that they were left unaddressed for too long, and the demolition is affecting those who have settled there out of necessity. The situation has led to clashes between the municipal authorities and residents, with many calling for a more considerate approach to resolving the issue.



## Food Safety Officials Inspect Kamath's Hotel After Rotten Chicken Allegations

TPN CORRESPONDENT, Vizag : Food safety officials recently conducted an inspection at Kamath's Hotel following allegations that rotten chicken was served to a customer. The inspection was prompted by a complaint from the victim, who claimed to have been served the spoiled meat.

However, sources have raised concerns about the manner in which the inspection was carried out. It is alleged that the food safety officials, who responded the day after the complaint, left the premises without checking the kitchen or conducting a thorough investigation. Kamath's hotel has faced criticism for this handling of the situation, with accusations of inadequate scrutiny during the inspection process. Further details on the outcome of the inspection or any actions taken by the authorities are yet to be disclosed.



# The Growing Threat of Persuasive AI: National Security and Personal Influence Concerns

Emerging technologies, particularly generative artificial intelligence (AI), hold the power to influence beliefs and decisions in ways previously thought impossible. While many of us may believe we're immune to such manipulation, mounting evidence suggests otherwise. The potential for AI-driven persuasion has become a pressing national security concern, as countries like China are advancing tools capable of swaying political opinions, manipulating social behavior, and even fostering unrest—without a single shot being fired.

A recent report from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), funded by the US State Department, raised alarms about the capabilities of Chinese tech companies. According to the study, these companies are developing persuasive technologies that exploit cognitive and physiological vulnerabilities. These tools rely on collecting personal data to tailor interactions with users, influencing their behaviors and attitudes in ways that support the Chinese government's political or military agendas. While China's private sector is leading the charge, it follows a similar trajectory to that of major US tech firms, which have long used persuasive algorithms to keep users engaged on platforms like Facebook or Instagram.

From a national security standpoint, the risk is clear: technologies with the power to shape opinions or sow division could be wielded by bad actors, including state actors like China. However, this is not just a geopolitical issue. Persuasive technologies, particularly those powered by AI, are already widespread across global markets, used by businesses to influence everything from consumer behavior to political opinions. The tools that allow platforms like Twitter and TikTok to keep



us engaged could also be used to manipulate us in harmful ways.

One positive use of persuasive technology has emerged, however: AI-driven conversations have been shown to reduce conspiracy theories, even among the most committed believers. A study found that engaging with AI models could help users rethink their entrenched views, offering hope that these technologies might also have a role in countering harmful ideologies.

But how to address the potential for abuse? Transparency is key. Tech companies should disclose when content is tailored in ways that may influence users. Stronger data protection laws and

clearer opt-out mechanisms would also help prevent companies from collecting and using data to manipulate individuals. Digital literacy is another crucial tool, as educating users about algorithms, personalized content, and how to spot manipulative tactics can protect them from undue influence.

The rapid development of persuasive technologies necessitates further research into their societal impact. It's critical that companies, regulators, and global policymakers collaborate to establish standards and protections before these tools are exploited for nefarious purposes. The growing power of AI and its persuasive potential should be a wake-up call to address this emerging threat now.



## Delhi's High-Stakes 2025 Elections: A Battle Between AAP, BJP, and Congress

As the election season of 2024 comes to a close, all eyes are now set on the high-stakes battle for Delhi in February 2025. Delhi's unique electoral landscape, marked by sharp split-voting patterns, makes it a crucial battleground. The city tends to vote for the BJP in Lok Sabha elections and for the AAP in assembly polls, creating an intriguing dynamic heading into the next election.

Following recent victories in Haryana and Maharashtra, the BJP is preparing to challenge AAP's dominance in Delhi. The party is counting on its "double-engine" model, which promises aligned governance at both the state and central levels, while also capitalizing on growing anti-incumbency sentiment against the AAP government. On the other hand, the AAP, led by Arvind Kejriwal, is focusing on its track record of development, including free electricity and water schemes, improvements in education, and healthcare for the underprivileged. The party also hopes to gain sympathy for Kejriwal and other leaders like Manish Sisodia, who claim they were targeted in politically motivated cases by the central government.

Delhi's electoral history has been marked by stark contrasts. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP swept all seven seats, while AAP only managed to secure a few assembly segments. However, the 2015 assembly elections saw a dramatic shift, with the AAP winning 67 out of 70 seats, leaving the BJP with just three. The pattern repeated in the 2020 assembly elections, where AAP clinched 62 seats and the BJP won only eight. This trend was reversed again in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, where the BJP claimed all seven seats, leaving AAP with nothing.

# Ludhiana's Toxic Drain: Why the Buddha Nullah Needs Urgent Rejuvenation



The Buddha Nullah in Ludhiana, once a vital lifeline for Punjab, has sadly transformed into a toxic drain. Years of industrial effluents, untreated sewage, and poor governance have turned this tributary of the Sutlej river into a serious health hazard. Despite multiple court orders and a commitment of Rs 840 crore for its rejuvenation, government efforts have proven ineffective, compelling civil society to take matters into their own hands.

On Tuesday, the Kale Pani Da Morcha, a group representing frustrated local citizens, staged protests against dyeing units that continue to discharge harmful pollutants. Their actions have highlighted the blatant non-compliance of three Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), which are supposed to treat industrial waste. These plants, however, continue to release toxic waste despite being ordered to implement zero liquid discharge. The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) and local civic authorities have been slow to enforce penalties or upgrade the outdated infrastructure, further deepening public distrust in the system.

The situation has also led to tension between activists and industrial workers, underscoring the socio-economic challenges of balancing environmental protection with industrial growth. Thousands of jobs are tied to these industries, but public health cannot be sacrificed for economic gain. It is essential for authorities to ensure that economic development aligns with sustainable practices.

A joint task force established by the Centre and Punjab Government is a positive step, though it comes much too late. Immediate action is needed, starting with the urgent upgrading of CETPs, fast-tracking the Gaughat pumping station, and sealing the 120 identified pollution points. A robust action plan involving rigorous monitoring and community engagement is critical for any meaningful change.

The people of Ludhiana and downstream communities continue to suffer from the polluted water, impacting both their health and agriculture. The time for symbolic protests is over; it is now crucial for all stakeholders—government, industries, and civil society—to come together for decisive action. Reviving Buddha Nullah is not just an environmental issue, but a matter of basic human rights. Only through collective action can we restore this vital waterway and secure a cleaner, healthier future for all.

# Sikh Extremist Sentiment and the Attack on Sukhbir Singh Badal

The attempt on the life of senior Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal at the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Wednesday is more than just an assault on a political figure. It highlights the growing influence of extremist Sikh sentiment and the increasing boldness of radical factions within the Sikh community.

Sukhbir Singh Badal and the Akali Dal have long been associated with moderate Sikh politics in Punjab. However, the attacker, Narain Singh Chaura, is a former militant and a Khalistan sympathizer with multiple criminal cases against him. This attack underscores the shifting dynamics in Punjab's political and religious landscape, as radical elements gain ground, challenging the authority of moderate Sikh leaders.

Badal was reportedly performing penance at the Golden Temple as instructed by the Akal Takht, the supreme religious and temporal authority of the Sikhs. This followed the Akal Takht's judgment finding Badal and other Akali Dal leaders guilty of religious misconduct. The act of penance, which required Badal to step down temporarily from his position in the Akali Dal, was a significant moment in Sikh political and religious traditions, where leaders are held accountable by the religious establishment.

Sikh tradition places a strong emphasis on holding members of the community, including political leaders, accountable for their actions. The high priests of the Akal Takht demanded the resignation of Badal, signaling their attempt to assert religious authority over political matters. This scenario reflects the ongoing intertwining of Sikh religious and political spheres, with leaders like Badal navigating a complex environment where political and religious accountability go hand in hand.

The Akali Dal has seen a decline in popularity in recent years, owing to governance failures and growing disillusionment among its rural Sikh farmer base. The party's failure to address key issues during its tenure and its growing distance from grassroots concerns have contributed to this decline.

While public reprimands of political figures by religious institutions have been criticized by some as outdated, others view them as necessary for self-correction within the party. The incident involving Badal reflects the deepening intersection between politics and religion in Punjab, and the growing influence of the radical fringe in Sikh affairs.



# PM Modi Highlights Northeastern States' Role in Shaping India's Future

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the growing significance of the northeastern states in shaping India's future during his address at the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav in Delhi on Friday. He expressed his belief that cities like Guwahati, Agartala, Imphal, and Itanagar will emerge as major symbols of development and strength in the coming decades.

Highlighting the importance of the region, the Prime Minister stated that the next few decades will see these cities rise as key drivers of progress, contributing to the nation's economic and cultural landscape. Modi underscored that the northeastern states would play a central role in shaping India's growth trajectory in



the years ahead.

Modi also declared that the future of India lies in the eastern part of the country, particularly the Northeast. "I firmly believe that the future

"the century of the East."

This vision for the Northeast is aligned with the government's push to enhance connectivity, infrastructure, and economic development in the region. Over the years, the central government has made significant investments in various sectors, including roads, railways, and energy, to boost the region's potential. Modi's statement reflects a long-term vision of a more integrated and prosperous Northeast, poised to take its place as a key player in India's development story.

By highlighting the importance of the northeastern states, Modi has reinforced the message that the region is not just a peripheral part of the country but a crucial pillar of India's future growth and prosperity.



## Disasters should not be about politics; people of Wayanad don't need excuses: Priyanka Gandhi

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Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday emphasized that disasters should never become political issues, urging both the state and central governments to focus on providing urgent relief to the people of Wayanad, who are struggling to recover from recent landslides. She stated that the residents of Wayanad are looking for hope, not excuses, as they work to rebuild their lives with dignity.

"Disasters should not be about politics. Efforts to support the victims of such disasters must prioritize humanity and compassion," Priyanka Gandhi wrote on X (formerly Twitter). She added that the people of Wayanad are relying on both the state and central governments to step up and fulfill their responsibilities in this critical time.

Her remarks came after a delegation of Kerala MPs, led by Priyanka Gandhi, met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the need for immediate aid for the landslide-affected regions. During the meeting, they urged Shah to rise above political differences and ensure timely and effective relief for the victims.

In her post, Priyanka Gandhi also shared details of the response from the central government, which included a note stating that the Centre had released funds for the relief efforts in Wayanad. According to the note, the first installment of Rs 145.60 crore was released on July 31, 2024, and the second installment was disbursed on October 1, 2024. The note also mentioned that the state's SDRF account held sufficient funds, and that the central government had proactively formed an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to assess the damage and support the state's recovery efforts.

The note highlighted the Prime Minister's aerial survey of the affected areas and his emphasis on creating long-term schemes to assist the victims, particularly children who lost their families. The IMCT's report and the state's recent request for additional funding will guide future recovery and reconstruction efforts. While the state government bears the primary responsibility for disaster management, the central government has been providing significant assistance, according to the note.



## PM Modi to Visit or Hold Talks Before Year-End

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The India Bloc in Manipur has formally requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the state before the end of 2024 or to engage in discussions with political parties from Manipur in New Delhi. This request comes amid ongoing concerns about the situation in the state, and the bloc is urging swift action to address the challenges faced by the people of Manipur.

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Modi, the India Bloc, which includes key political figures from the state, highlighted the importance of direct engagement between the central government and local political representatives. The letter emphasizes that a visit by the Prime Minister would be an essential step in understanding the situation firsthand and ensuring that the state's concerns are addressed.

The India Bloc has expressed that the people of Manipur are facing various issues that require urgent attention, and that the involvement of the Prime Minister would help expedite the process of finding solutions. If a visit is not possible within the year, the Bloc has proposed that the Prime Minister hold talks with the state's political leadership in the national capital, New Delhi. This would allow for productive discussions that could lead to effective measures to resolve the challenges facing Manipur.

The request underscores the importance of dialogue and collaboration between the central government and state leaders to ensure the progress and welfare of Manipur, particularly in these challenging times. By extending an invitation for direct talks or a visit, the India Bloc aims to foster a sense of unity and cooperation to resolve the issues that are affecting the state's stability and development.

## BJP conspiring to delete 11,000 voters ahead of Delhi Assembly polls: Kejriwal

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Former Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal on Friday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of orchestrating widespread deletions of voter names from the electoral rolls ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections. Kejriwal alleged that BJP leaders had submitted multiple applications to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to remove thousands of voters' names, particularly from constituencies like Shahdara, Janakpuri, and Laxmi Nagar.

Citing Shahdara as a prime example, Kejriwal claimed that the BJP had requested the deletion of 11,018 voter names from the constituency. He further alleged that a random check of 500 of these names revealed that 75 percent of individuals were still residing at the listed addresses. "This is a clear attempt to manipulate the electoral process," Kejriwal asserted.



He connected these deletions to the BJP's narrow victory in Shahdara during the 2020 Assembly elections, where AAP lost by just 5,294 votes. Kejriwal argued that removing 11,000 voters—around 6 percent of the electorate—could significantly alter the outcome in the constituency.

However, the district magistrate of Shahdara refuted Kejriwal's claims, stating that only 494 deletion applications had been received since October 29, 2024, calling Kejriwal's allegations factually incorrect. Despite this, Kejriwal presented individuals at a press conference whose names he claimed were unjustly targeted for deletion, further alleging that these people were still living at the same addresses.

In response, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva dismissed the accusations as "baseless," accusing AAP of protecting fraudulent voters, including "Rohingyas and Bangladeshis."

## India asks Pakistan to take strong action against Masood Azhar

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India has called on Pakistan to take immediate and strong action against Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar, after a report surfaced claiming that Azhar recently addressed a public gathering in Bahawalpur. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, expressed concern over the development, asserting that if the report is accurate, it would expose Pakistan's "duplicity" in its efforts to combat terrorism.



the JeM leader.

"Masood Azhar has been a key figure behind several cross-border terrorist attacks targeting India. If these reports are true, it underscores the hypocrisy of Pakistan's stance on containing terrorism," Jaiswal said during a weekly media briefing. He further emphasized that Pakistan's repeated denials about Azhar's presence in the country were contradicted by the speech, highlighting the need for concrete action against

Jaiswal's statement reflects India's long-standing concerns regarding Pakistan's failure to hold Azhar accountable for his involvement in various terrorist activities, including the 2001 Indian Parliament attack and the 2016 Uri attack. The Indian government has consistently pushed for Pakistan to take firm steps against individuals and groups engaged in cross-border terrorism.

India has demanded that Azhar be brought to justice, reiterating its call for Pakistan to cease harboring individuals responsible for terrorism. Azhar, a designated global terrorist by both India and the United Nations, has been a thorn in diplomatic relations between the two countries for years.

The Indian government's demand underscores its frustration with Pakistan's inaction, especially when faced with evidence suggesting that Azhar continues to operate openly.

# Assam CM Invites Nirmala Sitharaman to Advantage Assam Summit 2.0

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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma recently extended an official invitation to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, inviting them to attend the upcoming Advantage Assam Summit 2.0, scheduled to be held in Guwahati in February next year.



The Advantage Assam Summit 2.0 aims to promote the state as a premier investment destination and enhance its economic growth. The event is expected to attract a wide range of investors, businesses, and industry leaders from across the country and abroad, further cementing Assam's position as a key player in India's economic development.

During the meeting, CM Sarma emphasized Assam's growing role in national economic progress and how the summit would be an important platform for show-

ing the state's potential in sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, and infrastructure. He highlighted Assam's rich natural resources, strategic location, and conducive business environment, which make it an attractive investment hub for both domestic and international investors.

Sarma also discussed the state government's initiatives to improve the ease of doing business, including reforms aimed at simplifying regulations and providing incentives for businesses. He expressed his

hope that both Sitharaman and Sonowal's presence at the summit would add value and strengthen the event's impact.

Nirmala Sitharaman, who has played a crucial role in India's financial policy, and Sarbananda Sonowal, a former Chief Minister of Assam, are expected to bring valuable perspectives to the summit. Their participation would underscore the central government's commitment to Assam's development and foster greater collaboration between the state and the federal government in boosting economic growth.

# Syria Rebel Leader Says Goal Is To "Overthrow" Assad Regime

Rebel forces in Syria have launched a rapid offensive with the goal of overthrowing President Bashar al-Assad's regime, with their leader confirming the objective in a recent interview. The offensive, led by the Islamist faction Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), has already resulted in significant gains, including the fall of Syria's second-largest city, Aleppo, and the strategically important Hama. The rebels are now closing in on Homs, a key city that, if captured, would sever Assad's access to the Mediterranean coast and weaken his power base.

By Friday morning, the rebels were reported to be just five kilometers from the edge of Homs, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. HTS leader Abu Mohammed al-Jolani reaffirmed the rebels' commitment to toppling the Assad regime, stating, "The goal of the revolution remains the overthrow of this regime." The offensive began on November 27 and has seen rebel forces push through northern Syria, taking advantage of the ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, Assad's major backers, including Russia and Iran.

Tens of thousands of members of Assad's Alawite community, fearing the rebels' advance, fled Homs towards the coastal region. The city holds historical significance, having



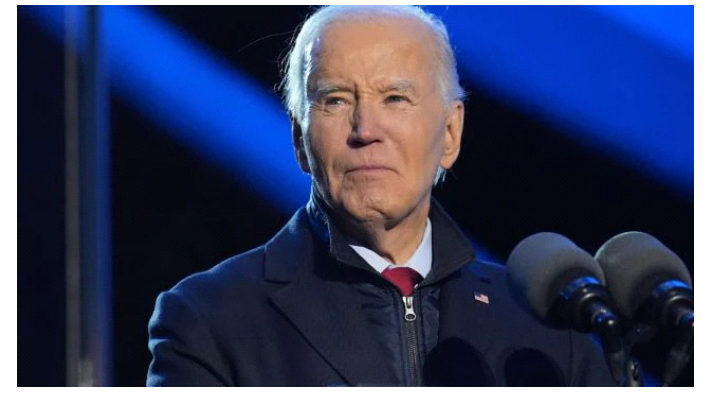
been a center of resistance in the early years of the civil war. The fall of Hama earlier this week, with rebel forces declaring it "liberated," was seen as a massive blow to Assad's government.

The United Nations has reported that the violence has displaced over 280,000 people, with the number expected to rise significantly. Experts believe the loss of Homs would be devastating for Assad, though it may not

immediately end his rule. However, it would critically undermine his position as it would disrupt the connection between Damascus and the coast, leaving his government increasingly isolated.

The escalating violence highlights the failure of international diplomacy to resolve the Syrian conflict, with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling the situation a "chronic collective failure."

## Biden Considers Sweeping Pardons for Allies Amid Transition



President Joe Biden is considering issuing sweeping pardons for officials and allies who the White House believes could face prosecution or targeting by the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump. This potential move would mark an unprecedented use of the president's pardon power and is being evaluated by White House lawyers.

The issue has been under discussion among Biden's senior aides, with the president reportedly engaging in conversations with key staff about the possibility. Although deliberations are ongoing, no firm decisions have been made as of now, and it remains uncertain whether Biden will proceed with such a controversial step. The move would serve as a preemptive action to shield certain individuals within the administration from future legal challenges or retaliation in the wake of a transition of power.

While the consideration of such pardons is unconventional, Biden's team is weighing the potential implications and risks. The idea of issuing pardons for people within the current administration or his political circle could be seen as an attempt to mitigate the possibility of politically motivated prosecutions under a new government.

In parallel, Biden's administration is also expected to grant more traditional pardons before the end of the year. These would likely focus on addressing sentencing disparities for people convicted of federal crimes, a move that would align with Biden's broader criminal justice reform agenda.

As the Biden administration heads into its final days, the possibility of sweeping pardons remains a sensitive and contentious topic, with many watching closely to see if such a move will be pursued. With growing attention on the political ramifications, Biden's team is treading cautiously as they weigh the decision.

## Imran Khan Demands Judicial Inquiry and Announces Civil Disobedience Movement

Imran Khan, Pakistan's jailed former Prime Minister, has urged his supporters to gather in Peshawar on December 13 to demand justice and accountability following violent protests linked to his party. The rally comes just days after a deadly protest march led by his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party in Islamabad.

Khan is calling for a judicial investigation into the crackdown on the November 25 protest, which he claims led to the deaths of at least 12 PTI supporters. He is also demanding an inquiry into the violence during protests on May 9, 2023, which resulted in eight deaths. In addition to these demands, Khan is insisting on the immediate release of all political workers arrested during recent demonstrations.

Khan, who has been in jail since late 2023, warned the government that if his demands are not addressed, he will initiate a civil disobedience movement starting December 14. He further stated that the government would be held responsible for any consequences of such actions. The call for civil disobedience marks an escalation in his campaign against the current administration.

Khan's legal troubles continue to mount. On Thursday, he was formally indicted on charges of masterminding the May 9 attacks, charges he denies. This is just one of many legal cases facing the 72-year-old former cricket star. His political influence remains strong, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where his PTI party holds power.

## Macron Faces Political Crisis as Barnier Resigns, New Prime Minister Sought

French President Emmanuel Macron is navigating a deep political crisis after the resignation of Prime Minister Michel Barnier following a historic no-confidence vote in Parliament. Barnier's government was ousted after a stand-off over the 2025 budget, marking the first time in over 60 years that a French administration has been toppled in such a manner.

Macron, in a defiant address to the nation, rejected calls for his resignation and vowed to appoint a new prime minister in the coming days. He emphasized the importance of passing a budget and forming a "government of general interest." Despite the crisis, Macron expressed confidence, referencing the successful rebuilding of Notre Dame cathedral as evidence of his administration's ability to overcome challenges.



The president is set to meet with leaders of his centrist party, the Socialist Party, and the right-wing Republicans on Friday to seek a compromise and form a new government. However, the hard-left France Unbowed and the far-right National Rally, which contributed to Barnier's ouster, were not invited to the discussions.

Barnier's resignation follows a series of political deadlocks. After June's snap parliamentary elections resulted in a hung parliament, no party could secure a majority, leaving the far-right holding key influence. Barnier's controversial austerity budget, aimed at stabilizing France's finances, sparked widespread opposition in Parliament, leading to his downfall.

Macron, who still has over two years left in his term, has rejected calls to resign despite polls showing that a majority of French citizens want him to step down. In a poll conducted by Le Figaro, 59% of respondents said Macron should resign, while a survey by RTL placed the figure at 64%. However, Macron remains determined to complete his mandate, stating that the next 30 months should be focused on action to benefit the country.



## South Korean Ruling Party Leader Calls for Yoon's Removal Amid Martial Law Controversy

South Korea's political landscape has been shaken following President Yoon Suk Yeol's controversial actions on Tuesday, which led the leader of the ruling party to call for his removal from office. This drastic move came after President Yoon granted the military sweeping emergency powers, with the aim of rooting out what he described as "anti-state forces" and dealing with political opposition that he claimed was obstructing his governance.

The president's decision to impose such measures, which many viewed as an attempt to impose martial law, stunned the nation and triggered a strong reaction from political circles. The leader of the ruling People Power Party, who has been an ally of President Yoon, expressed his concerns on Friday, stating that the president's actions were an abuse of power and should lead to his removal from office. This has created a significant divide within the party, with some members supporting the president, while others demand accountability and a reevaluation of his decisions.

The South Korean government has denied reports suggesting that it was preparing to issue a formal martial law declaration. In response to these allegations, a government spokesperson emphasized that the actions taken by President Yoon were in line with national security concerns and were meant to strengthen the country's defense capabilities, not to declare martial law. However, the opposition has voiced growing alarm over the potential consequences of these measures, fearing that they could lead to a further erosion of democratic freedoms and political stability.

As tensions escalate within the government and the ruling party, the country faces a critical moment in its political history. With calls for President Yoon's resignation growing louder, the next steps will determine the future of South Korea's leadership and its democratic institutions.

## NASA Delays Crewed Lunar Landing Until 2027 As Trump Prepares For Office

NASA has announced a delay in its planned Artemis 3 mission, which will now take place in mid-2027 instead of its original 2026 timeframe. The delay is attributed to ongoing technical issues with the Orion crew capsule, particularly problems with its heat shield, electrical systems, and life support. The heat shield's unexpected erosion during the Artemis 1 test flight raised concerns, but NASA has since identified the root cause and is working on solutions.

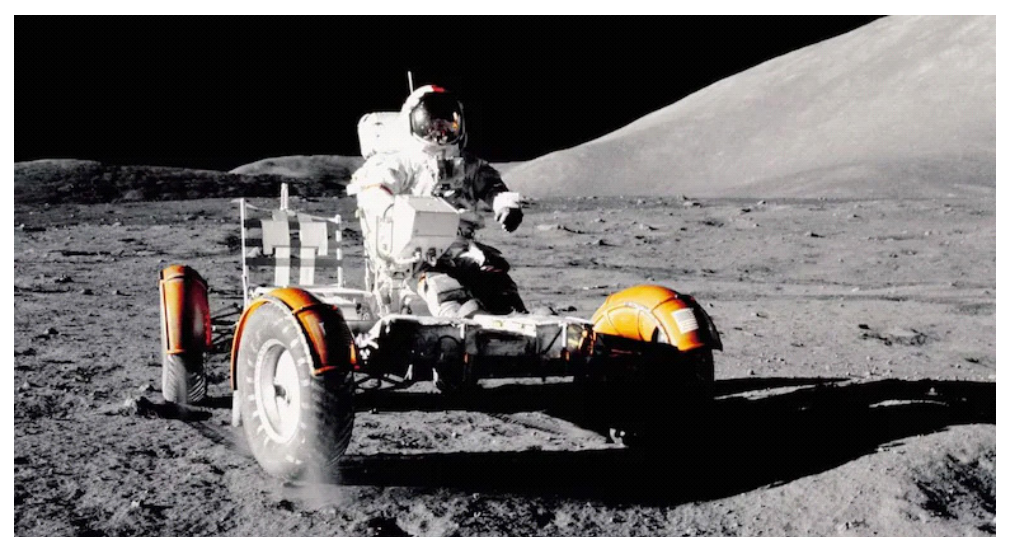
Artemis 2, which will involve a crew but not a landing on the Moon, has also been pushed back to April 2026,

instead of its original September 2025 launch date. The Artemis program, named after the Greek goddess Apollo's sister, aims to return astronauts to the Moon, with Artemis 3 set to land the first woman and the first person of color at the lunar south pole. NASA plans to complete this mission before China's projected Moon landing in 2030.

In addition to the issues with Orion, NASA is still waiting for SpaceX's Starship rocket to be modified into a lunar lander. Although SpaceX is making progress, challenges remain, including testing the refueling pro-

cedures needed for deep space travel. The development of spacesuits by Axiom is also delayed.

The Artemis mission faces additional uncertainty as President-elect Donald Trump prepares to take office, with potential changes to NASA's direction. Experts speculate that Trump could reassess the Artemis program, including potentially cancelling the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket or shifting focus from the Moon to Mars. Despite these setbacks, NASA remains committed to ensuring the safety of its astronauts and proceeding only when ready.







## Markets End Flat as RBI Holds Repo Rate

Sensex at 81,709, Nifty at 24,677 Amid Mixed Sentiment



The domestic stock market indices ended flat on Friday as the RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. They moved in a stagnant manner since the beginning. Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the repo rate cannot be reduced due to high inflation. It is noteworthy that the cash reserve ratio was cut by 50 basis points to increase liquidity. On the other hand, investors acted cautiously due to mixed signals from global markets. They bought attractive stocks available at low prices. Nifty ended at 24,677, Sensex at 81,887.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,765 in the previous session, opened at 81,887 today. It touched an intraday low at 81,506. It reached an intraday high at 81,925. It ended at 81,709, down 56 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,729 on Friday, touched a low of 24,620 and a high of 24,751. It closed down 30 points in total at 24,677. The Bank Nifty fell 94 points to settle at 53,509.

18 companies gained and 32 lost in the Nifty50. Tata Motors, Bajaj Auto, Axis Bank, BPCL, Dr. Reddy's were

the top gainers. Adani Ports, Cipla, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Life, IndusInd Bank were the biggest losers. Auto, FMCG, Metal, PSU Bank, and Consumer Durables indices were mixed today. Media, bank and finance indices lost slightly.

Market breadth on NSE was in favour of buyers. Out of a total of 2898 shares traded, 1694 ended in gains and 1127 in losses. Shares of 105 companies hit 52-week highs and 8 stocks hit 52-week lows. Rupee strengthened by 4 paise to settle at 84.69 against the dollar. Vibhor Steel Tubes shares rose 12% as Odisha facility gets ready for production. Kalpataru Projects acquires projects worth Rs 2174 crore. Emerald Tyres, Nisus Finance grey market price reached 70%. Power Finance Corporation shares rose for the 11th consecutive day. Ashoka Buildcon shares gained for the eighth consecutive session. Vodafone Group sells entire stake in Indus Towers. Subex subsidiary surrenders account aggregator license to RBI. Vedanta shares surge. BSE stock rises 19% in three days to touch Rs 5409. MCX shares rally. Maruti Suzuki to hike car prices by 4% from January 2025. Shares of Jagil Prepaid Services surge 4% after receiving 3 orders in two days.

## India Poised to Benefit from Bangladesh and Vietnam's Challenges in Textile Exports

Internal turmoil in Bangladesh and high production costs in Vietnam are expected to benefit Indian textile exporters, according to a report by financial advisory firm JM Financial. The challenges faced by these two key textile manufacturing countries are seen as opportunities for India's home textile and apparel sector, which stands to gain from these disruptions.



Bangladesh and Vietnam have traditionally been major players in the global textile and apparel market, but the current situation is pushing buyers to look elsewhere. The report highlights India's growing market share in apparel exports to the US and the UK, which have increased to 7% and 6%, respectively, in 2024, up from 5% and 6% in 2023.

Factors such as a strong execution capability, a huge addressable market size, and India's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the UK are seen as key drivers for growth in India's textile sector. The rising freight costs and Red Sea shipping issues, which have negatively affected margins, are expected to ease in the coming months, benefiting Indian exporters. Additionally, the deflation of yarn costs will further support margins, making Indian products more competitive.

The report also notes that China, long a dominant player in global textile exports, is losing market share due to rising labor costs and shifting manufacturing strategies under the "China+1" model. This has allowed India to capitalize on the changing dynamics. In the UK, China's share of the market has dropped from 27% in 2020 to 19% in 2024, further providing space for India's textile sector.

The global inventory de-stocking cycle is also coming to an end, with expectations of improved demand in the second half of the year as retailers prepare for the holiday season. The domestic textile market, valued at \$165 billion in 2022, is projected to grow to \$350 billion by 2030, making India one of the largest producers and exporters of textiles globally.

## India Faces Potential Copper Supply Crisis as Certification Delays Impact Imports



India's copper downstream industry is bracing for a potential supply shortage following the implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO) on refined copper, effective from December 1. The order, which mandates that all copper imports meet specific standards, has led to significant concerns within the industry. Japanese suppliers, who account for 80 percent of India's refined copper imports, are still awaiting certification, and experts warn that the supply crunch could last for over three months.

With limited domestic production capacity, India relies on imports to meet 30-40 percent of its refined copper needs. Copper is a crucial raw material, primarily used in the manufacturing of electrical wires, cables, and other industrial applications. In the 2023-24 financial year, India imported refined copper worth Rs 16,500 crore from Japan alone, making the nation heavily dependent on international suppliers, particularly from Japan.

The delay in certification is adding to the already

existing supply chain concerns, with the downstream industry expressing fears of disruption in production. Manufacturers and industry stakeholders are urging the government to resolve the issue as soon as possible to prevent any long-term damage to the copper supply chain.

The impact of the supply crunch could be significant, affecting a wide range of industries that rely on refined copper. Electrical manufacturers, construction firms, and the automotive industry—all of which use copper extensively—are likely to face production delays or increased costs as a result of the shortages.

India's heavy reliance on foreign copper supplies highlights the vulnerability of its manufacturing sectors to external disruptions. While the government works to address the certification process, industry representatives are calling for a more comprehensive plan to boost domestic copper production and reduce the country's dependence on imports in the future.

## RBI Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged, Cuts CRR, Revises GDP and Inflation Outlook for FY25

In its latest monetary policy review on Friday, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to maintain the repo rate at 6.5%, continuing its neutral stance for the 11th consecutive time since February 2023. Alongside this, the RBI also announced a reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to 4%, signaling an effort to improve liquidity in the banking system.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, in his address, mentioned that the central bank remains focused on striking a balance between inflation and economic growth. He emphasized that "only with durable price stability can strong foundations be secured for high growth." While the repo rate remains unchanged, the policy stance remains neutral, allowing room for future flexibility depending on economic conditions.

The RBI also revised its economic growth forecast for the financial year 2024-25. The GDP growth projection was lowered from 7.2% to 6.6%, reflecting a more cautious outlook amid global economic challenges. At the same time, the inflation forecast for FY25 was raised to 4.8%, up from the earlier estimate of 4.5%, due to higher food and commodity prices.

In addition to the monetary policy changes,

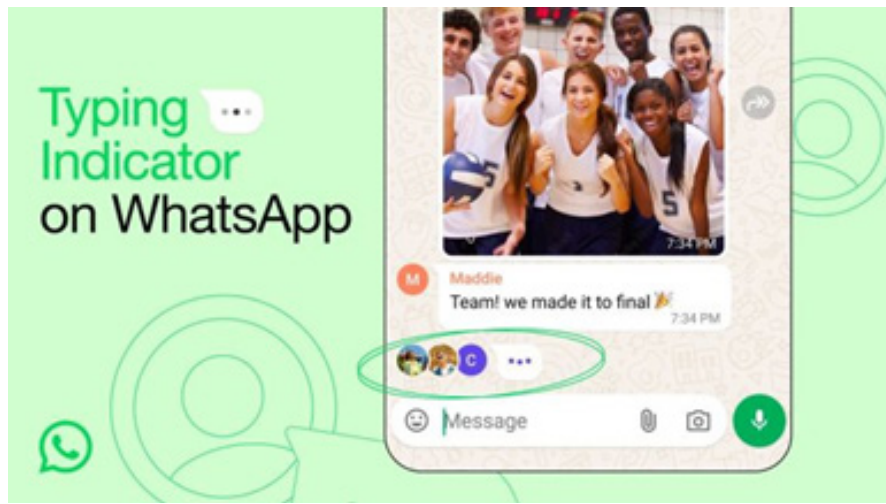


the RBI introduced several measures to support the economy. One key initiative was the increase in the collateral-free agriculture loan limit for farmers to Rs 2 lakh. The central bank also announced that small finance banks would be allowed to offer UPI credit lines, a move aimed at promoting financial inclusion and supporting the growth of digital payments.

The reduction in CRR and the increased focus on agriculture loans reflect the RBI's ongoing efforts to bolster economic activity and support growth in key sectors of the economy. While the central bank is maintaining a cautious approach towards interest rates, these policy measures are expected to have a positive impact on liquidity and lending, especially in rural and agricultural areas.

## WhatsApp Introduces Bouncing “Typing Indicators” for Improved Chat Experience

WhatsApp has rolled out a new feature to enhance user experience on both Android and iOS platforms: the familiar “three dots” typing indicator. The new feature, called “Typing Indicators,” is designed to make it easier for users to see when someone is actively typing in a 1:1 or group chat.



As part of the update, users will now see a visual cue of three bouncing dots, which will appear at the bottom of the chat screen whenever someone is typing a message. Along with the dots, the sender's profile picture will also be displayed, allowing users to quickly identify who is engaging in the conversation.

This feature is set to improve the chat experience by offering better communication cues. Previously, WhatsApp only showed a notification when someone started typing, but it wasn't as visually clear. With this new update, users will have a clearer understanding of who is typing and when they are engaged in the conversation.

WhatsApp's Typing Indicators are now available for global users on both Android and iOS devices. This update is part of WhatsApp's on-

going effort to refine and improve the user experience across its platform. It enhances the flow of conversations by giving users better insight into the activity within a chat, whether it's a casual conversation or a larger group discussion.

With this update, WhatsApp users can look forward to a smoother, more interactive chat experience. The company has continuously worked on improving its messaging platform with features such as end-to-end encryption, voice and video calls, and status updates, all of which enhance communication in various ways.

In addition to the Typing Indicators, WhatsApp is expected to roll out other minor features in future updates, making the app even more engaging and user-friendly.

## OpenAI launches \$200 ChatGPT subscription for research use

OpenAI has introduced a new subscription tier for its popular ChatGPT chatbot, priced at \$200 per month. The new version, called “ChatGPT Pro”, is aimed at professionals in engineering and research sectors, expanding the chatbot's capabilities to support more specialized industry applications.



This move is part of OpenAI's strategy to broaden the scope of its technology beyond casual use, tapping into commercial markets where AI-powered tools can offer significant value. ChatGPT Pro is designed to cater to users who require advanced functionalities, making it a valuable tool for professionals in fields that rely heavily on technical knowledge and research, such as engineering, data science, and academia.

The launch of ChatGPT Pro adds to OpenAI's existing offerings, which include the ChatGPT Plus, Team, and Enterprise subscription plans. These subscriptions have already been widely used by individuals and businesses, providing access to ChatGPT's conversational capabilities. With the Pro version, OpenAI aims to provide enhanced features for more specialized use cases, positioning itself as a tool for professionals looking to integrate AI into their workflows.

By rolling out ChatGPT Pro, OpenAI is capitalizing on the growing demand for artificial intelligence

in various industries. The new subscription is expected to provide users with more robust functionalities, including better customization, higher limits for usage, and possibly more access to the model's cutting-edge features, which could prove invaluable for research, development, and problem-solving in technical fields.

With this move, OpenAI further strengthens its position as a leader in the rapidly growing AI market. The company is clearly focused on expanding the commercial applications of its technology, catering to a wide range of industries seeking to leverage AI for improved efficiency and innovation. As AI technology becomes increasingly integrated into professional environments, OpenAI's efforts to offer tailored solutions signal the beginning of a new era for ChatGPT in industry-specific applications.

## How Alcohol Accelerates Aging: The Skin-Damaging Truth

Aging is a natural process, but there are ways we can slow it down, and one of the most significant factors is what we consume. The foods and drinks we indulge in daily can greatly affect our skin and overall appearance. Recently, nutritionist Garima shared on Instagram the top three drinks that can accelerate the aging process. Let's take a closer look at these drinks and why you should consider avoiding them.

Energy drinks have gained popularity, especially among younger people, for their quick energy boost during workouts. While they may provide an immediate rush, they also come with significant downsides. According to Garima, energy drinks are packed with caffeine, which can lead to dehydration, making your skin look dull and lifeless. Additionally, these drinks contain high levels of sugar, contributing to oxidative stress in the body. This can speed up the aging process by causing premature skin aging. Instead of energy drinks, try switching to decaf coffee or sugar-free tea for a healthier alternative.

While it's okay to indulge in alcohol occasionally, excessive consumption can significantly contribute to aging. Garima explains



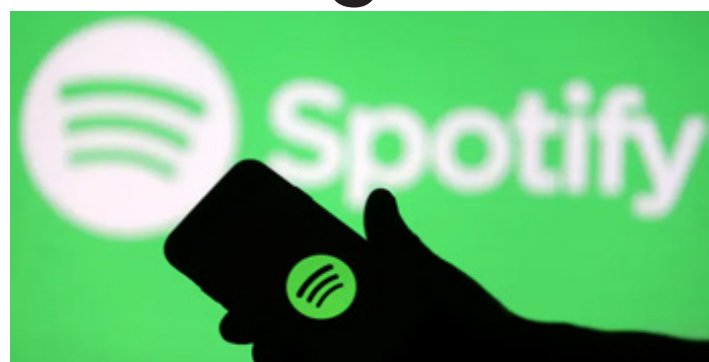
that alcohol increases the number of inflammatory cells in the body, leading to skin damage and the breakdown of its elasticity. Moreover, alcohol dehydrates the skin, leaving it looking dry and lifeless. A study by Northwestern Medicine found that daily alcohol consumption for five years could accelerate biological aging by four months. So, it's best to consume alcohol in moderation to avoid speeding up the aging process.

Soft drinks are often a go-to choice at restaurants or parties, offering a quick burst of refreshment. However, they are loaded with sugar, which can negatively impact your skin's health. High sugar intake reduces collagen production and skin elasticity, making your skin more prone to wrinkles and sagging. To maintain a youthful appearance, it's best to cut back on soft drinks and opt for healthier beverages like water, herbal teas, or natural fruit juices.

By reducing your intake of these drinks, you can help slow down the visible signs of aging and keep your skin looking youthful for longer.

## Spotify 2024 Wrapped Faces Backlash for AI-Driven Changes

Spotify's 2024 Wrapped, an eagerly awaited annual tradition for music lovers, has been met with widespread criticism from social media users. Instead of the personalized and engaging experience listeners have come to expect, the latest Wrapped left many feeling disappointed, especially with the increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) in its design.



Unlike previous years, where Wrapped offered insights into listeners' favorite music genres, top albums, and overall listening habits, this year's edition took an unexpected turn. The introduction of a “Wrapped AI podcast,” powered by Google's NotebookLM technology, became the focal point. This feature verbally recapped users' listening patterns through AI-generated voices, delivering data points in a manner that many found impersonal and lackluster. Instead of the usual vibrant, visually-rich summary that Wrapped is known for, users were left with what some described as a bland and uninspiring experience.

Criticism quickly flooded social media, with users expressing their dismay over the over-reliance on AI. “Spotify Wrapped is so underwhelming and reeks of AI... there seems to be real lack of effort this year from the boring visuals to the missing genres and

quirks,” one user commented. Another user wrote, “Hi I'm just here to remind you all that AI is going to ruin the world and Spotify Wrapped is the perfect dramatic example of that.” Some even speculated that the incorporation of AI might be tied to Spotify's cost-cutting measures, with one user claiming, “Apparently Spotify fired a lot of workers and used AI to create this year's Wrapped, no wonder it sucks.”

For many, the charm of Spotify Wrapped has always been in its personal touch, offering a unique, nostalgic look at the year in music. The heavy use of AI in this year's edition has stripped away that personal connection, leaving users feeling disconnected and underwhelmed. As Spotify pushes further into AI-driven features, it remains to be seen whether this direction will resonate with its loyal user base or if it risks alienating them.

## Google Extends Software Support for Pixel Devices by Two Years

In a surprising move, Google has extended its software support for the Pixel 6, Pixel 7, and Pixel Fold, offering two additional years of OS updates and security patches. Initially, Google had promised 3 years of OS updates and 5 years of security patches for these devices. However, the tech giant has now announced that these devices will be eligible for 5 years of OS updates, meaning they will receive updates until Android 17 for the Pixel 6 and Android 18 for the Pixel 7 and Pixel Fold.



This extended support applies from the devices' original release date, significantly enhancing their longevity and ensuring that users will enjoy the latest features and security improvements for a longer period. With the additional updates, the Pixel 6 will continue receiving updates until Android 17, while the Pixel 7 and Pixel Fold will be eligible for updates up until Android 18, which is expected to launch in 2027.

This change marks a notable departure from the typical Android update cycle, where many manufacturers often fail to meet their promised update timelines. Google's move to extend the update policy reflects the company's commitment to delivering long-term support for its Pixel devices, pro-

viding users with a better overall experience and enhanced device longevity.

However, Google has not made a similar announcement regarding the Pixel tablet. As of now, the Pixel tablet will continue to follow the initial policy of 3 years of OS updates, with no indication of an extension for that device at this time.

With this new policy, Google sets a strong precedent for supporting its devices for a longer period, which could influence other Android manufacturers to follow suit in providing longer software support for their own devices.

## India Bag Six Medals At World Pickleball Championship In Hong Kong

India delivered an outstanding performance at the Hong Kong leg of the World Pickleball Championship, securing a total of six medals, including one gold, three silvers, and two bronze. The event took place from November 29 to December 1, 2024, and saw Indian players rise to the occasion, further solidifying the country's growing presence in the sport.

Vanshik Kapadia and Vrushali Thakare clinched the gold medal in the 19 open mixed doubles category, making a remarkable achievement for the Indian team. The duo's victory stood out as a highlight of the championship. In addition to the gold, India also bagged three silver medals. Kuldip Mahajan earned a silver in the 19 open mixed doubles, partnering South Korea's Kim Eung Gwon. Vanshik Kapadia also earned a silver in the 19 open men's singles, while Karina Aditya Dwipayani and Vrushali Thakare secured another silver in the 19 open women's doubles category.

India's success continued with two bronze medals. Isha Lakhani and Roos Van Reek earned the bronze in the 19 open women's doubles, while Mayur Patil and Neilson Chen teamed up in the 19 open mixed dou-



bles to capture the second bronze medal for India.

This strong showing in Hong Kong builds on India's impressive performance at the World Pickleball Championship's India leg in November 2024, where the country won a total of 28 medals, including 11 golds. India's continued success in international pickleball competitions highlights the nation's growing talent and investment in the sport. With such remarkable performances, India's players are expected to remain strong contenders in future international tournaments.

## Mitchell Starc's Career-Best 6/48 Leads Australia to Dominate Day 1 of Second Test

Mitchell Starc delivered a sensational performance with the ball, claiming 6 wickets for 48 runs, as Australia bowled out India for just 180 runs in 44.1 overs on day one of the second Test at the Adelaide Oval on Friday.

Under overcast conditions, Starc made an immediate impact, trapping Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw with the first delivery of the match. India briefly found some stability through a 69-run partnership between KL Rahul and Shubman Gill, but Starc's brilliance quickly dismantled their middle order.

Starc struck twice in quick succession, first dismissing Rahul and then sending Virat Kohli back to the pavilion, leaving India at 81/4. In the first session, India opted to bat after winning the toss, but Starc's early breakthroughs, including a golden duck for Jaiswal, gave Australia the upper hand. Rahul was fortunate to survive a close call for a duck, with replays showing that Scott Boland had overstepped and Rahul's bat had not made contact with the ball.

As the session progressed, Rahul and Gill made their way through to a solid partnership. However, just when it



seemed India would build some momentum, Starc returned to dismiss Rahul with a short ball, followed by Kohli's dismissal after he was caught in the slips. Boland, playing his first Test in 18 months, trapped Gill lbw for 31, further tilting the balance in Australia's favor.

After the break, Starc's inswinging yorkers continued to wreak havoc, as he cleaned up the tail. He took the cru-

cial wicket of India's top scorer Nitish Kumar Reddy, who had counterattacked with a brilliant knock of 42, including several boundaries and sixes. Reddy's resistance was ended when he holed out to mid-off, bringing the innings to a close.

India's poor performance was compounded by wickets falling rapidly, leaving Australia in a commanding position.

## Paris Olympic 2024 emerges as 'most followed Olympic Games' in IOC Audience

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games captivated a record-breaking 84% of the potential global audience, reaching approximately five billion people, according to the Paris 2024 Insights and Audience Report released on Thursday. This report, based on independent research commissioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), highlights unprecedented levels of digital engagement during the Games.

Social media saw an extraordinary 412 billion engagements, a 290% increase from the Tokyo 2020 Games. This surge was driven by over 270 million posts across various platforms. Additionally, global media platforms saw a total of 28.7 billion hours of Olympic content consumed, marking a 25% increase from the previous Games. On average, each viewer watched nearly nine hours of coverage, underscoring the immense popularity of the event.

In France, the host nation, 95% of the population tuned in, with viewers averaging 24 hours of Olympic action. The IOC's digital platforms played a key role in this achievement, generating 16.7 billion engagements, a 174% increase from prior Games. This helped Olympic athletes, National Olympic Committees, and other associated bodies gain 85 million additional followers, reflecting the heightened digital interaction, particularly among younger audiences. Gen Z showed particularly strong engagement, brand loyalty, and connection to the Games.



IOC President Thomas Bach praised the global appeal of Paris 2024, emphasizing the importance of the Olympic Movement's mission to unite the world through peaceful competition, particularly in today's divided world. "Paris 2024 demonstrated the unprecedented global appeal of the Olympic Games," said Bach, noting that Olympic values resonate deeply with younger generations.

The Games, fully planned and delivered under the Olympic Agenda 2020, focused on inclusiveness and sustainability. Feedback from athletes and audiences was overwhelmingly positive, with 95% of athletes reporting positive experiences. Seven out of ten surveyed individuals considered Paris 2024 a success and predicted a lasting legacy. A final evaluation will be completed in March 2025, concluding the official review process of Paris 2024.

## Vaibhav Suryavanshi Shines with 36-Ball 67 as India Storms into U-19 Asia Cup Final

Vaibhav Suryavanshi was the hero of the day as India secured a dominant seven-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the U-19 Asia Cup, advancing to the final in style. The young prodigy, who recently made headlines as the youngest cricketer ever bought at an IPL auction, continued his impressive run with a blistering 67 off just 36 balls. His innings included six boundaries and five massive sixes, guiding India to chase down Sri Lanka's target of 174 with a staggering 170 balls to spare.

Suryavanshi's explosive performance was a key factor in India's smooth run chase, as they comfortably reached the target with plenty of time left. The 13-year-old's remarkable strike rate and powerful stroke play have made him one of the standout performers of the tournament.

Earlier, Sri Lanka had set a modest target of 174, but India's bowlers, led by disciplined performances from their attack, restricted Sri Lanka to a total that never seemed challenging. With their bowlers doing the job, it was left to Suryavanshi to finish off the chase in style, which he did with ease.

This victory puts India into the final of the



U-19 Asia Cup, where they will face Bangladesh on Sunday at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. With Suryavanshi in scintillating form and the team playing cohesive cricket, India will be looking to lift the trophy in what promises to be an exciting final showdown. The young Indian side has been in superb form throughout the tournament, and they will hope to continue their winning momentum in the final.

## Liverpool Face Emotional Merseyside Derby, Chelsea Surpassing Expectations

Premier League leaders Liverpool will be hoping Mohamed Salah continues his blistering form as they face Everton in a highly charged Merseyside derby at Goodison Park this Saturday. The fixture holds added significance as it marks the final Premier League clash between the two clubs at the iconic stadium before Everton's move to their new home at Bramley Moore Dock.

Goodison Park has always been a hostile ground for Liverpool, but with Salah's remarkable form, including nine goals in his last seven league matches, they will be confident of silencing the passionate Everton fans. Salah, who netted twice in a 3-3 draw at Newcastle on Wednesday, surpassed Wayne Rooney's record of scoring and assisting in



the same Premier League game for the 37th time. Although Salah's contract expires at the end of the season and he has expressed disappointment at the lack of a new deal, his 15 goals this season underline his importance to Liverpool's title hopes.

Meanwhile, Chelsea, under new manager Enzo Maresca, have been defying expectations. Initially seen as taking on an almost impossible task with a bloated squad and demanding ownership, Maresca has turned the team's fortunes around. After Wednesday's 5-1 victory at Southampton, Chelsea sit second in the league, just seven points behind Liverpool. Their unbeaten run has now

stretched to six matches, and while a title challenge may be premature, a top-four finish would be a major achievement for the team.

In the relegation battle, West Ham's Julen Lopetegui and Wolves' Gary O'Neil find themselves under intense pressure. Both managers face crucial matches this weekend, with Lopetegui's West Ham hosting Wolves on Monday in a clash that could determine their futures. Both clubs have struggled this season, with West Ham 14th and Wolves 19th, increasing the likelihood that one of these managers may be sacked.

Everton v Liverpool (1230), Aston Villa v Southampton, Brentford v Newcastle, Crystal Palace v Manchester City (1500), Manchester United v Nottingham Forest (1730).



# 'RAPO22' First Look: Ram Pothineni's Cool Stunt Raises Expectations

After a series of action-packed roles, Ustaad Ram Pothineni is making a comeback with a fresh and exciting project titled \*RAPO22\*. The film, which was formally launched with a Pooja ceremony recently, has just released a striking new poster that stands out for its unique aesthetic appeal.

In this newly unveiled poster, Ram is introduced as the character "Sagar." While this name is central to the character, it is not the title of the film itself. The poster exudes a calm, relatable vibe, showcasing Ram in a suave, charming look that is quite different from his usual intense roles. He effortlessly brings to life a boy-next-door persona, radiating a sense of warmth and approachability, which is sure to resonate with audiences.

With this film, Ram seems to be returning to a more grounded and sensible character, showcasing his natural elegance and charm. His ability to pull off such relatable and sophisticated looks only adds to the excitement surrounding the project.

\*RAPO22\* stars Ram Pothineni alongside Bhagyashri Borse in the lead roles. The film is produced by the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers, with Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar leading the production team. The talented team behind the film includes music by the renowned Vivek-Mervin duo and visuals by the highly skilled Madhu Neelakandan, ensuring



high production standards.

Directed by Mahesh Babu P, who is known for his success with \*Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty\*, \*RAPO22\* promises to be a delightful experience for fans and moviegoers alike. With its mix of fresh storytelling and top-notch talent, the film is definitely one to watch out for.

# Pushpa 2: The Rule Breaks Records, Surpasses Jawaan on Opening Day



"Pushpa 2: The Rule," the much-anticipated sequel to the Allu Arjun-led franchise, is making waves at the box office, continuing the dominance of Pushparaj. Released across multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and Kannada, the movie has been creating a massive buzz, drawing crowds to theaters and setting new records.

On its opening day, "Pushpa 2: The Rule" surpassed expectations, with reports indicating an impressive Rs. 30 crore share in the Nizam area alone, beating the record set by "RRR" (Rs. 23.38 crores). The movie's debut continues to generate headlines, as it also broke another significant record, surpassing the first-day collection of Shah Rukh Khan's "Jawaan," which earned Rs. 65 crores. "Pushpa 2" earned Rs. 67 crores, further solidifying its place as a box office giant.

The film's success is not just limited to its opening

day. With nearly house-full shows at all centers, "Pushpa 2" is showing no signs of slowing down. The movie, directed by Sukumar and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, is creating a massive impact across India and beyond.

The star-studded cast, featuring Allu Arjun as Pushparaj, alongside Fahadh Faasil, Jagadish Pratap Bhandari, Jagapathi Babu, Prakash Raj, Sunil, Anasuya Bharadwaj, Rao Ramesh, Dhananjaya, Shanmukh, and Sritej, has captivated audiences with their powerhouse performances. With a massive budget backing it, the film's production values and gripping storyline are contributing to its phenomenal success.

As "Pushpa 2: The Rule" continues to break records and set new benchmarks in Indian cinema, Pushparaj's dominance at the box office is undeniable, and the film is expected to soar even higher in the coming days.



# Suriya's 'Kanguva' Set for OTT Release

Hollywood star Suriya's much-anticipated film \*Kanguva\* hit theaters on November 14, 2024, with high hopes from fans and audiences alike. However, despite the initial buzz, the film struggled to meet expectations, failing to create a lasting impact at the box office. Several factors contributed to the movie's underperformance, leaving fans disappointed with the final product.

In a recent announcement, Amazon Prime Video revealed that \*Kanguva\* will make its OTT debut on December 8, 2024. The film will be available for streaming in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam. However, the Hindi version's release date has yet to be confirmed, adding some uncertainty about its broader appeal. Given the film's lackluster theatrical performance, many are curious to see how it will be received by the OTT audience, who may offer a different kind

of feedback.

\*Kanguva\* boasts a star-studded cast, including Disha Patani, Bobby Deol, Karthi (in a cameo), Yogi Babu, Redin Kingsley, and KS Ravi Kumar, among others. The film, produced on a grand scale by Studio Green and UV Creations, also features a music score by Devi Sri Prasad, adding to the film's high expectations before its release. Despite the film's strong technical and star power, it failed to resonate with its audience in theaters.

The movie's release on Amazon Prime Video gives it a second chance to find an audience, with the hope that the OTT platform will help bring it the success it was unable to achieve in cinemas. Fans and critics alike will be watching closely to see how \*Kanguva\* fares in its digital debut, as it aims to find new life and potentially a more favorable reception.

# Sai Dharam Tej Set to Create Carnage with 'SDT18': Special Update Revealed

Supreme Hero Sai Dharam Tej (SDT) is gearing up to make a big impact with his upcoming project, tentatively titled \*SDT18\*. The film, produced by K. Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the banner of Primeshow Entertainments, follows the success of their previous blockbuster \*Hanuman\*. The movie marks the directorial debut of Rohit KP, and its shooting has already begun at a rapid pace.

Recently, the makers shared an exciting update, announcing that a special revelation about the film will be made on December 12. Along with this, a fresh poster was unveiled, hinting at the intensity of the movie with the tagline "coming to create carnage." This teaser has further stirred the excitement surrounding the project, building anticipation among fans and moviegoers alike.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the film is its proposed title, \*Sambarala Aetigattu\*. The



title, which reflects the historical backdrop of 1947, perfectly complements the warrior-centric character Sai Dharam Tej will portray. As the film delves into a period drama, the crew feels that this title captures the essence and scale of the story.

\*SDT18\* is being designed as a pan-India film, which will be released in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam. The scale and vision of the project are set to resonate with a wide audience, and with Sai Dharam Tej in the lead role, the film is expected to make a massive impact at the box office.

With the team working tirelessly on the project, fans eagerly await the upcoming updates and the much-anticipated official announcement of the title and storyline. The buzz surrounding \*SDT18\* is building fast, and it looks set to be a major addition to the 2024 lineup of films.

# Sunny Deol's 'Jaat' Teaser Reveals Action-Packed Adventure

Bollywood actor Sunny Deol, who made a significant impact with his blockbuster hit \*Gadar 2\* last year, is continuing to ride the wave of success with multiple projects. One of his most anticipated upcoming films is \*Jaat\*, directed by Telugu filmmaker Gopichand Malineni, known for his hits like \*Crack\* and \*Veera Simha Reddy\*.

\*Jaat\* is generating considerable buzz after the release of its teaser, where Sunny Deol is seen in a powerful, intense role. The film promises to be a commercial entertainer, showcasing Deol's signature style and larger-than-life persona. The teaser has already caught the attention of fans and industry professionals alike, as the actor is poised to bring his usual dynamism to the silver screen.

The film is a collaboration between two major production houses, Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory. Alongside Deol, the movie features the versatile Randeep Hooda, who will play the antagonist, adding an extra layer of excitement for the audience. The film's music will be composed by Tollywood's celebrated music director, S Thaman, known for his engaging and energetic compositions.

Behind the scenes, \*Jaat\* boasts an impressive technical team. Cinematographer Rishi Punjabi will be handling the visual aesthetics, while Avinash Kolla is the production designer,



contributing to the film's overall look and feel. The combination of Deol's star power, Malineni's direction, and a talented supporting cast has raised expectations for this film.

As \*Jaat\* is set to mark Gopichand Malineni's Bollywood debut, the film is already being looked at as a potential game-changer. The industry is eagerly waiting to see how the director transitions into Bollywood, and with Deol's involvement, the film has all the ingredients of a commercial blockbuster. Fans are excited for the release, and the movie is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of the year.