



◆ DMK-led JAC passes a unanimous 7-point resolution on delimitation. ◆ The resolution demands stakeholder consultation in the process. ◆ JAC calls for an extension of the freeze on Parliamentary constituencies for another 25 years. ◆ Key political leaders from various states attended the meeting in Chennai. ◆ Telangana CM Revanth Reddy and BRS Leader KTR also attended the meeting. ◆ The next JAC meeting on delimitation will be held in Hyderabad.

Transparency, Freeze on Seats

Parties' Key Resolution on Delimitation

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The DMK-led Joint Action Committee (JAC) convened in Chennai for its first meeting on Friday to discuss the Union government's proposed delimitation exercise. The committee, comprising representatives from multiple political parties, expressed concerns over the lack of transparency in the process and the absence of sufficient consultations with key stakeholders.

Following deliberations, the JAC passed a unanimous 7-point resolution demanding an inclusive and transpar-

ent approach. It emphasized that any changes in the delimitation of Parliamentary constituencies should involve discussions with all state governments, political parties, and relevant stakeholders to ensure fairness and democratic representation.

Key Resolutions Passed by the JAC

The 7-point resolution stressed that any delimitation exercise must be carried out transparently, allowing political parties from all states, state governments, and other stakeholders to deliberate and contribute to the process. It also highlighted the >> PAGE 2



- Southern states face fiscal imbalance criticism.
- Calls for fair and scientific delimitation.
- BJP's delimitation stance criticized strongly.
- Southern states' contribution, return imbalance noted.

CM Revanth Reddy Opposes Population-Based Delimitation



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At a meeting in Chennai led by Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy voiced strong opposition to

the proposed population-based delimitation of parliamentary constituencies. He argued that such a move would disproportionately affect southern

states, which have effectively implemented population control measures. Revanth pointed out that while states like Bihar receive six rupees back from

the Centre for every rupee paid in taxes, Telangana gets only 42 paise, highlighting the fiscal imbalance. He called for a fair and just delimitation process, suggesting that the current number of Lok Sabha seats should remain unchanged, and any redrawing of constituency boundaries should be conducted within states without altering their overall representation. Revanth also criticized the BJP's stance on the issue, urging opposition to any unjust delimitation plans that could marginalize southern states politically.



KCR Confident of BRS Returning to Power in Telangana

- Telangana's resources under threat, warns KCR.
- BRS strategizing for upcoming elections.
- KCR criticizes Congress for state's challenges.
- KTR supports KCR's leadership and vision.
- BRS aims to reconnect with electorate.

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Former Chief Minister and BRS leader K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) expressed strong confidence in his party's return to power in Telangana. Speaking from his Eravalli farmhouse, KCR stated that the BRS would secure a single-party majority in the upcoming elections. He criticized the current Congress government, attributing the state's recent challenges to their administration. Highlighting Telangana's progress

under BRS rule, KCR warned that external forces were attempting to exploit the state's resources. He emphasized that only the BRS truly fought for Telangana's rights and that the party was actively strategizing to regain governance.

KCR's son and BRS working president, K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), echoed these sentiments during a meeting in Suryapet. KTR criticized the Congress's governance, suggesting that the public desired BRS's return to address their >> PAGE 2

KTR Warns Future Generations Will Question Today's Silence on Delimitation

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At a Delimitation conference in Chennai, BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) delivered a significant address, emphasizing the potential long-term consequences of current decisions on delimitation. He cautioned that if concerns are not raised now, future generations will undoubtedly

question the present's silence on this critical issue.

Reflecting on the Telangana movement, KTR noted that under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), the struggle against majority dominance and centralized power led to the fulfillment of Telangana's aspirations after 14 years. He acknowledged the inspiration drawn from Tamil

Nadu's resilience in fighting for rights and existence, highlighting the Dravidian movement as a guiding force for regional empowerment within a united India.

Addressing the current delimitation proposal, KTR expressed concerns over its potential adverse effects on southern states. He argued that the proposed changes could



lead to reduced parliamentary representation and exacerbate existing financial disparities, as these states are already contributing >> PAGE 2



A DEADLINE FOR AVINASH REDDY?

- YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case has been ongoing for years
- CBI investigation progressing at a slow pace
- Sunitha approaches Telangana High Court again
- Petition filed to direct the CBI to complete the probe within six months
- High Court accepts Sunitha's petition for investigation
- Kadapa MP Avinash is a key accused in the case
- Political discussions suggest Avinash is being cornered

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The YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case, which has seen several twists and turns, is yet to reach a conclusion. Despite changes in government, the investigation remains incomplete. Many suspicions have been raised due to the mysterious deaths of witnesses connected to the case, leading to speculation that the probe might stall. In response, Vivekananda Reddy's daughter, Sunitha, has once again approached >> PAGE 2



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legislative intent behind the 42nd, 84th, and 87th Constitutional amendments, which sought to protect states that had effectively implemented population control measures.

The JAC demanded that the freeze on Parliamentary constituencies based on the 1971 Census should be extended by another 25 years, considering that national population stabilization has not yet been achieved. It further asserted that states that successfully implemented population control programs should not be penalized by losing parliamentary representation and urged the Union Government to enact the necessary constitutional amendments to uphold this principle.

To counter any attempts by the Union Government to undertake delimitation against these principles, the resolution called for the formation of a Core Committee comprising Members of Parliament from the participating states. This committee will coordinate parliamentary strategies and submit a joint representation to the Prime Minister during the ongoing session. Additionally, the resolution encouraged political parties to push for state legislative assembly resolutions against delimitation changes and communicate their stance to the Union Government. The JAC also resolved to launch a coordinated public awareness campaign to inform citizens about past delimitation exercises and the potential consequences of the proposed changes.

Key Leaders in Attendance

The meeting was attended by several prominent leaders, including Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, BRS leader KTR, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Odisha Congress President Bhakta Charan Das, and Biju Janata Dal leader Sanjay Kumar Das Burma. Former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik participated virtually, while the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) did not attend the meeting. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, who convened the meeting, announced that the next JAC meeting on delimitation would be held in Hyderabad.

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significantly to the nation's GDP yet receive less in return. He warned that such measures might unfairly penalize states that have effectively implemented population control measures.

KTR also voiced apprehensions about the centralization of financial resources, suggesting that it could pave the way for authoritarian governance. He stressed that discussions on delimitation should not be confined to administrative boundaries but should also consider the broader implications on governance and federal equity. He concluded by stating that if these issues are not addressed, history will judge the current generation harshly for its inaction. Overall, KTR's address underscored the BRS's commitment to safeguarding the interests of southern states and ensuring that the principles of federalism and equitable development are upheld in national policies.

KCR Confident of BRS Returning to Power in Telangana

grievances. He praised KCR's leadership in achieving Telangana's statehood and reaffirmed the party's commitment to the region's development. In a recent party executive meeting, KCR reiterated the BRS's determination to reclaim power, attributing the state's current issues to the Congress's mismanagement. He called for intensified efforts to reconnect with the electorate and restore the party's previous success.

Overall, the BRS leadership remains optimistic about regaining control in Telangana, citing past achievements and criticizing the incumbent government's performance.

A DEADLINE FOR AVINASH REDDY?

the court. The CBI investigation into YS Vivekananda Reddy's brutal murder has been dragging on for six years. It is widely believed that political influences and pressures have hindered progress. Even after facing criticism from the Supreme Court, the CBI's pace has remained sluggish. Determined to ensure that her father's killers are brought to justice, Sunitha Reddy has now petitioned the Telangana High Court.

In her plea, Sunitha has requested the High Court to direct the CBI to complete its investigation within six months. She has also sought orders for the CBI court to conduct daily hearings in the case. Despite the CBI court handling the case for four years, no significant progress has been made. Taking this into account, the Telangana High Court has accepted her petition, raising hopes for a speedier investigation.

Meanwhile, there is growing speculation in political circles that this development spells trouble for Kadapa MP Avinash, a key accused in the case. The petition itself is seen as an indication that the net is tightening around him. The CBI has already questioned Avinash multiple times, and his statements have been recorded. If the High Court's orders accelerate the investigation, political discussions suggest that Avinash could face serious legal challenges.

Adding to the complexity of the case, five witnesses have died under suspicious circumstances over the past five years. Most recently, Ranganna, who worked as a watchman at Vivekananda Reddy's residence, passed away. Initially, his death was considered natural, but after his wife raised suspicions, it was reclassified as a suspicious death. Similarly, witnesses Srinivasulu Reddy, Gangadhar Reddy, Abhishek Reddy, and Narayana have all died under different circumstances. These unexplained deaths have only deepened suspicions surrounding the case.

Kadapa District SP Ashok Kumar has responded to concerns about these deaths, announcing that a thorough investigation is underway to determine if they were linked to the accused. He stated that officials are examining whether the deaths were due to health issues or if foul play was involved. In her petition, Sunitha has also named the CBI as a respondent, making it clear that she is determined to hold the investigating agency accountable. Previously, she had approached the High Court seeking a CBI probe, and now she is pressing the same agency to complete its investigation. The High Court has allowed Sunitha's lawyer to issue notices to the six accused, including the CBI. If the court rules in her favor, the CBI will have no option but to complete the probe swiftly and submit a report.

Kishan Reddy Slams Opposition's Conspiracy on Delimitation

- **Kishan Reddy criticizes opposition's agenda.**
- **Opposition spreading false claims on delimitation.**
- **Congress, BRS losing political ground.**
- **Modi prioritizes equal development for states.**
- **Opposition accused of creating division.**
- **No state will be treated unfairly.**

the opposition parties for their stance on the proposed delimitation of constituencies. Addressing the ongoing political discussions in Chennai, where Congress, BRS, DMK, and Communist parties gathered to oppose the process, Kishan Reddy termed their objections as baseless and politically motivated.

Reddy stated that these parties were stirring public emotions and spreading false notions about the fairness of the delimitation, despite the rules and policies being yet to be finalized. He emphasized that the real agenda of these parties was to target BJP and distract the public from their own political failures. He cited the Congress's decline in Telangana and Karnataka, and the BRS's lack of success in the recent elections, as evidence of their desperation to regain lost ground.

Kishan Reddy also responded to the accusations regarding the unfair treatment of South India, especially Tamil Nadu. He defended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration, asserting that Modi has always prioritized the development of all states without discrimination. The BJP, according to Reddy, aims for a "developed India" by 2047, focusing on equal growth across regions.



Reddy further criticized the opposition for attempting to divide North and South India and spreading misleading narratives, particularly on the issue of the Three-language formula in schools. He reassured the public that under Modi's leadership, no state or region would be treated unfairly, and that all decisions would be made with national interest in mind.

Kishan Reddy Condoles Passing of Devendra Pradhan

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy paid his respects to the late Devendra Pradhan, former Union Minister and father of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, in Bhubaneswar today. Devendra Pradhan passed away recently, and Kishan Reddy visited the residence of Dharmendra Pradhan to offer his condolences.

Reddy, during his visit, paid tribute by offering a floral homage in front of a portrait of Devendra Pradhan. He then met Dharmendra Pradhan and his family members to express



his heartfelt sympathy.

In his remarks, Reddy shared his personal experi-

ences working with Devendra Pradhan during his time with the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Mor-

cha (BJYM). He recalled how he had the privilege of learning from Pradhan, who was not only a compassionate leader but also a great humanist. Reddy praised Devendra Pradhan's humility, leadership qualities, and his key role in BJP's national programs under leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L.K. Advani.

Reddy concluded by offering his deepest condolences to Dharmendra Pradhan and his family on behalf of the people of Telangana and Telangana BJP, praying for peace for the departed soul and strength for the family.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Discusses Ramzan Arrangements and Water Issues

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, in his capacity as the Hyderabad Incharge Minister, emphasized the importance of proper arrangements for the upcoming Ramzan and Eid festivities. During a meeting, he stated that, as per the direction of the Deputy Chief Minister, the government will continue organizing Iftar events every year, ensuring that all preparations are carried out without any issues. He stressed the need to make arrangements for Ramzan and Eid celebrations, noting that decisions made in previous meetings regarding the required arrange-

ments must be followed up and implemented.

Minister Prabhakar also addressed the issue of water availability, highlighting the city's water supply challenges. He emphasized that on World Water Day, the Water Works Department must focus on improving water storage and other related infrastructure, working together to prevent any water-related issues in the future.

Prabhakar underscored the importance of coordination between all departments to ensure smooth execution of activities and to prevent water scarcity problems in the city. He emphasized that these is-



suess should be proactively addressed through collaborative efforts across departments, ensuring that the residents of Hyderabad do not face any water shortages during the festive

season.

In conclusion, he urged all departments to implement the decisions taken during the review meetings to facilitate the upcoming events seamlessly.

KTR Meets Former Governor Narasimhan in Chennai, Presents Lakshminarasimha Swamy Idol

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) recently visited the residence of former Governor Narasimhan and his family in Chennai. During this visit, KTR enquired about their well-being and extended his warm wishes. Along with KTR, the delegation included MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former ministers Jagadish Reddy and Niranjan Reddy, MLC Shambipur Raju, and former MP Vinod Kumar.

As a mark of respect and goodwill, KTR presented the idol of Lord Lakshminarasim-



ha Swamy from Yadadri to the former Governor and his family. The gesture was appreciated by

the former Governor and his family, and it highlighted the continued bond between the

political leaders and the Narasimhan family.

KTR's visit underscored the party's respect for influential personalities and their contributions.

The delegation's interaction with Narasimhan's family was cordial, focusing on strengthening ties and exchanging pleasantries.

The presentation of the deity idol from Yadadri also reflects the cultural significance and the value placed on traditional practices in the state of Telangana, symbolizing prosperity and blessings for the former Governor and his family.



BRS MLC Kavitha Pays Homage at Komuravelli Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple

1. Kavitha pays homage at Komuravelli temple.

2. BC Bills passed, Kavitha fulfills vow.

3. Government approves 42% BC reservations.

4. Telangana Jagruthi leads BC rights movement.

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha visited the Komuravelli Mallikarjuna Swamy temple to offer prayers and pay homage. In her previous statements, Kavitha had announced that she would fulfill a vow once the BC (Backward Classes) Bills were passed. Following the approval of the BC Bills by the state legislature, she visited Komuravelli to honor her commitment.

Kavitha also highlighted the government's efforts in passing separate bills, responding to the demands of Telangana Jagruthi and United Phule Front. The government's successful move to secure 42% reservations for BCs through these bills marked a significant milestone, with Kavitha urging the government to now work towards gaining central approval and implementing the laws effectively.

She emphasized the importance of defending the laws in court, if challenged, as Telangana continues to push for the removal of reservation limits in the country. The



state has already achieved 54% reservations for BCs post the EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) reservations.

Kavitha also called for the installation of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's statue in the Assembly premises, stressing the need for societal progress and a united fight for constitutional rights. In her speech,



she reiterated that the BC movement in Telangana, led by Telangana Jagruthi, would continue to lead the struggle for the rights of the marginalized sections across the country.

Additionally, Kavitha mentioned that under the leadership of CM KCR, substantial development had taken place in Komuravelli, with an investment of Rs 50 crore and the creation of the Mallen Sagar reservoir.

MP Etala Rajender Criticizes Opposition on Delimitation Issue



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MP Etala Rajender responded sharply to the opposition's remarks on the delimitation process, stating that the central government has not made any official announcements regarding it. He criticized regional parties for their opportunistic behavior, claiming they are shifting blame to the central government without fulfilling the promises made to the public. Rajender also targeted Congress and BRS, accusing them of acting out of self-interest rather than for the people.

He emphasized that decisions related to population control in southern states should be in a supportive manner and not discouraging. Rajender dismissed premature comments on the issue, suggesting that it is better to speak when the central government officially announces its policies.

The BJP leader also pointed out how false propaganda led to the downfall of Congress in Himachal Pradesh and how similar tactics were attempted in Telangana. He criticized the financial mismanagement in Telangana, where promises were made without regard to the state's financial condition.

Rajender concluded by reaffirming BJP's commitment to national progress, highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inclusive approach, and criticized opposition leaders for spreading misinformation on delimitation. He emphasized that BJP's focus is on national development, not narrow political interests.

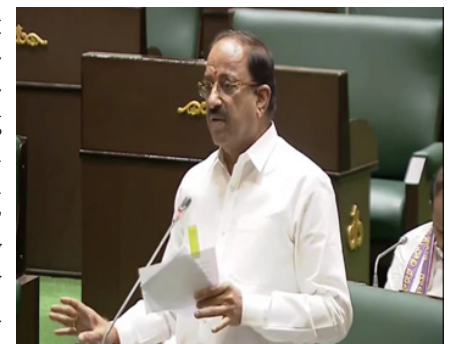
Shock for Farmers

No Loan Waiver for Amounts Above ₹2 Lakhs

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In a surprising turn of events, Telangana's Agriculture Minister, Tummla Nageshwar Rao, announced that farmers with loans exceeding ₹2 lakhs will not be eligible for a loan waiver.

This announcement came during the ongoing Assembly budget session, leaving many farmers in shock. The decision contradicts earlier promises made by the Congress party during the Telangana Assembly elections, where they assured full loan waivers for farmers.



Initially, Congress had stated that farmers with loans up to ₹1 lakh would receive full loan forgiveness, followed by waivers for loans up to ₹2 lakhs. However, recent statements from the state government suggest that those with loans above ₹2 lakhs would not benefit from the promised waiver.

BRS leaders sharply criticized the Congress-led government, accusing them of deceiving farmers. They claimed that the government had previously promised loan waivers up to ₹2 lakhs for all, but now they were backtracking on that commitment. In protest, BRS leaders walked out of the Assembly, condemning the decision.

This move has left farmers feeling betrayed, as many had hoped for the full waiver as promised by the Congress party during their election campaign. The issue continues to spark controversy and heated debates in the political circles of Telangana.

World Water Day

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Calls for Water Conservation

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Hyderabad: On the occasion of World Water Day, Hyderabad In-Charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar urged the public to conserve water and protect groundwater resources. In his address, the minister emphasized the need to use water wisely and make efforts to save it for future generations. He highlighted the alarming issue of depleting groundwater levels due to its overuse and wastage.

Minister Prabhakar called on the people of Telangana to make a collective effort in safeguarding the water resources of the state. He urged the citizens to participate in the initiatives taken by Hyderabad Metro Water Works to conserve water and spread awareness about the importance of water conservation. "We must save every drop of water, ensuring that there are no water shortages for future generations," he said.

The minister further appealed to the people to be mindful of their water usage and engage in actions that help preserve this vital resource. He concluded by stating that on World Water Day, everyone should take a pledge to conserve water and protect it for the well-being of future generations.

Through this initiative, the government hopes to build a sustainable water future for the people of Telangana.



Minister Komatireddy

Venkatareddy's Comments on Road Development and BRS Government



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In a recent assembly session, Minister Komatireddy Venkatareddy addressed the progress of road construction and criticized the previous government's efforts. He clarified that there were no proposals for roads under the PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model, and instead, the HAM (Hybrid Annuity Model) was being considered, where the government fully funds the project with private partnership. He stated that the HAM model was introduced by NHAI in 2016 and is successfully implemented in several states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and others.

Venkatareddy highlighted the significant achievements of the current BRS government in road infrastructure, noting that in just one year, they have been able to construct and repair roads worth over 4,000 crore rupees, while the previous government took 10 years to achieve far less. He emphasized the government's commitment to improving public infrastructure, including the construction of bridges, roads, and other essential facilities.

The Minister also criticized BRS leaders for neglecting road construction during their tenure and pointed out that the government has focused on providing people with quality roads and transport facilities. He stressed that road development remains a top priority for the government, and they are working towards the betterment of the people. Venkatareddy also announced plans for the construction of ropeways in various locations to further enhance the state's infrastructure.

Harish Rao Criticizes Delay in Rescue Operation at SLBC Incident

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The tragic incident at the Sri Shailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) in Nagarkurnool district, where workers have been trapped in a tunnel for over a month, has sparked criticism from BRS MLA Harish Rao. Despite the intense efforts of rescue teams, only one of the trapped workers has been recovered, with the whereabouts of the remaining seven still unknown. Harish Rao expressed

deep concern over the delay in the rescue operations, questioning the reasons behind the prolonged efforts to free the workers. He expressed his anguish, stating that it was heartbreaking to think of the workers, who had come in search of livelihood, being trapped in such a dangerous situation. He also pointed out the government's failure in handling the situation effectively. The MLA demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Red-

dy take responsibility for the tragedy and the immense suffering faced by the victims' families. He further called on the state government to provide clarity on the condition of the remaining workers and to ensure that such incidents are handled with more urgency in the future. The incident has raised serious concerns about the government's preparedness in rescue operations and its accountability in handling such crises.

Bandi Sanjay Slams Stalin's Meeting, Calls Attendees Thieves

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BJP leader Bandi Sanjay has made sensational remarks about a recent meeting organized by the DMK, where Congress and BRS leaders participated. He accused all the attendees of being "thieves," condemning their involvement in the meeting. Speaking to the media, Bandi Sanjay criticized the alliance formed by Congress, BRS, and DMK, suggesting that their actions were against the interests of the people and the state.

He also addressed speculation regarding his position in the BJP leadership race, stating that he is not in the running for the president's position and has already proven his worth. He

slammed some individuals for spreading rumors of becoming party president, calling it against party discipline. Sanjay urged party workers not to be confused by these rumors, asserting that the senior leadership would decide the president.

Further, Bandi Sanjay criticized the meeting held about constituency reorganization, calling it a gathering of "thieves." He expressed his frustration over the lack of clarity on the delimitation process and decisions regarding it, claiming that these issues had not yet been addressed by the concerned authorities. His remarks reflect the ongoing political tensions and rivalries in the state.





Auto Union Leaders Request Harish Rao to Raise Issues in Assembly

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Auto Union leaders have urged former Minister Harish Rao to raise their concerns in the Legislative Assembly. On Saturday, a group of Auto Union leaders met with Harish Rao in Hyderabad to discuss their ongoing struggles and submitted a memorandum highlighting their issues. The leaders expressed their frustration over the Congress party's promises made during the elections, particularly the promise of Rs. 12,000 financial assistance. They claimed they were misled by the Congress party, as they had not received any such assistance even after 15 months of the party coming into power.

The union leaders also pointed out that the state budget presented by the government did not



mention any welfare schemes for auto drivers. Despite Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's promise to establish a welfare board for auto drivers, the union leaders pointed out that no concrete steps had been taken. They raised concerns over the financial difficulties faced by auto drivers,

with some even reaching a point where suicide was being considered due to mounting debts and pressures. The union leaders have now demanded that the government announce the promised Rs. 12,000 financial aid soon to support the drivers who are in dire need of help.

Hyderabad's Rotten Mutton Mafia Exposed: A Deadly Scandal

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In a shocking revelation, a mutton mafia operating in Hyderabad's Old City has been exposed, endangering public health. Police Task Forces raided multiple locations, including Dabirpura, Mangalhat, and Afzal Gunj, and seized tons of rotten mutton. The decaying meat was allegedly being sold at local weddings, functions, and events. To cover up the stench, vinegar was added to the spoiled mutton before being supplied to unsuspecting customers.

The authorities discovered that traders were importing spoiled mutton from North and South Indian states, storing it in warehouses and freezers for extended periods, and selling it at a cheaper price than fresh mutton. The traders reportedly showed little concern for public safety, with one remarking, "We don't care

what happens to people; we just want money."

This scandal has sent shockwaves through the city, especially during the wedding season when meat dishes are in high demand. With concerns about bird flu already affecting chicken consumption, many were turning to mutton as an alternative, unaware of the risks involved. As a result, doctors are now warning the public to stay away from non-veg items from dubious sources. The exposure has left many disgusted, with some questioning whether future celebrations should include meat at all.

The Task Force continues to investigate the operation, with police urging citizens to stay vigilant and protect their health from these dangerous practices.



300 Crore Investment in Telangana's Electronic City by Taiwan's Sera Networks



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Taipei, March 22: Taiwan-based Sera Networks, in collaboration with Hyderabad's Resolute Appliances, has announced the establishment of a state-of-the-art electronics manufacturing unit in Kongarakalan Electronic City (E-City) with an investment of ₹300 crore. The agreement was formalized during an official visit to Taiwan, led by Telangana IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

A key milestone in this partnership was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the Telangana State Industrial Corporation (TGIC) Managing Director Vishnuvardhan Reddy, who led the delegation. The companies will join forces to manufacture advanced data center switches, 5G technology equipment, and other high-end electronic components. This facility will be located on a 10-acre land parcel provided by the Telangana government within E-City.

The investment is expected to create around 2,000 new jobs, further enhancing Telangana's status as a hub for cutting-edge networking and telecom technologies. This project will contribute significantly to strengthening the state's global position in the electronics manufacturing sector, paving the way for more technological advancements in the region.

With its focus on advanced manufacturing and future-ready technologies, this collaboration marks a significant step towards positioning Telangana as a global leader in electronics innovation and production.

Good News for Liquor Lovers: Telangana Government to Open 70 New Bars

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The Telangana government has good news for liquor enthusiasts. It has decided to open 70 new bars across the state, focusing on areas with higher revenue potential. Currently, there are over 1,000 bars in Telangana, with more than half of them located in the twin cities. The government now aims to expand its presence by establishing new bars in other towns and cities across the state.

In addition to opening new bars, the state government is also planning to introduce new liquor brands. As part of this initiative, the Telangana State Beverages Corporation Limited has invited applications from beer and liquor companies. So far, 40 companies have applied, with 20 of them being foreign liquor brands and 10 foreign beer brands. Currently, 53 domestic and international brands supply beer and liquor in the state. The government is now working to further increase the number of brands available by inviting more applications from additional companies.

Bihar Foundation Day Celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad

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The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, and the First Lady of the State, Smt. Sudha Dev Varma, graced the celebration of Bihar Foundation Day (Bihar Diwas) as Chief Guests at the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Governor extended warm greetings to the participants and paid tributes to the visionary leaders and people of Bihar for



their pivotal role in the formation and development of the State.

The Governor expressed his joy in joining the Bihar Diwas celebrations, marking the creation of Bihar

on March 22, 1912, when it was carved out of the Bengal Presidency.

He emphasized Bihar's significant contributions to the nation's cultural, spiritual, political, and

educational heritage, recalling its distinction as the cradle of civilization, with ancient centers like Nalanda and Vikramshila Universities, and the Bodhi Tree in Bodhi Gaya, where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. The event, held under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative, fostered national integration through cultural exchange. A video message from the Governor of Bihar was screened, alongside a presentation

by the Bihar Tourism Department showcasing the State's rich history and culture. Traditional dance performances and artistic presentations reflected Bihar's vibrant ethos. The event was attended by distinguished dignitaries, including Sri M. Dana Kishore, IAS, Maj Gen Akhilesh Kumar, SM, and several officials from Raj Bhavan and the Bihar community in Hyderabad.

Major Foreign Liquor Seizure in Greater Hyderabad

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In a significant operation, the police in Greater Hyderabad have seized a large quantity of foreign liquor. Acting on credible information, the Enforcement B Team, led by CI Chandrashekar Goud, apprehended two individuals and confiscated 2003 bottles of foreign liquor near the Tata Water Agency warehouse in Bashir Bagh, close to the Café Bahar restaurant. The seized liquor is valued at approximately Rs. 9,68,150.

Along with the liquor bottles, the police also seized a car, Rs. 35,000 in cash, and two mobile phones from the suspects. One of the arrested individuals, Harish Kumar Irvani, had previously been involved in the liquor business. Due to his failure to secure a liquor shop in previous tenders, he had resorted to bringing foreign liquor from Delhi to sell at a profit of Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2000 per bottle. Along with Irvani, Williams Joseph was also arrested in connection with the case. The police



have assured that further investigations will continue to uncover the full extent of the illegal liquor trade.

CM Revanth Meets Mallareddy: Sensational Comments on Party Change

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Former Minister and Medchal BRS MLA Mallareddy, along with his son-in-law and Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for a courtesy visit. After the meeting, Mallareddy spoke to the media about various issues concerning his constituency, particularly focusing on development projects and medical and engineering seat allocations. He emphasized that completing the pending works in the Medchal segment should be a priority and questioned if it was wrong to approach the CM for the same.

Mallareddy made a sensational remark regarding party changes, stating that at 72 years of age, there was no need for him to switch parties. He pointed out that many individuals who had recently joined other parties were facing difficulties. He also mentioned that four members from his family were ready to contest the upcoming elections from the BRS. Additionally, Mallareddy hinted that if a by-election were to occur, he would be willing to contest for the MP seat. His comments have sparked curiosity about the future political moves within the BRS and potential shifts in the party's dynamics.



Gorati Venkanna's Fiery Speech in Legislative Council

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Renowned singer and writer Gorati Venkanna, who played a vital role in awakening the masses during the Telangana movement through his songs and poems, recently made a bold statement in the Telangana Legislative Council. Acknowledging his contribution to the movement, the previous BRS government appointed him as an MLC.

During the ongoing Budget sessions, Gorati Venkanna passionately spoke in the council, using his poetic skills and wit to challenge the government. He did not shy away from offering strong suggestions to the current administration while

emphasizing the need to continue the development projects initiated by the previous government.

Venkanna highlighted Telangana's progress and greatness, urging the government to focus on its development. His unique style of addressing the house with a blend of poetry and serious political discourse captured the attention of all present. He advocated for the government's responsibility in ensuring the welfare of the state and urged for further improvements. His fiery yet constructive speech resonated with many, showcasing his deep commitment to Telangana's growth.



Mobile Phones Outnumber Population in Telangana

Mobile Phones Exceed Telangana's Population
Urban Leads, Rural Catching Up
Driving Digital Growth

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PARDHU, Hyderabad: Telangana has recorded a remarkable milestone in the telecom sector, with mobile phones outnumbering the state's population. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) report for September 2024, the total number of telephone subscribers in Telangana has reached 4.19 crore, of which 4.4 crore are mobile users

The rapid rise in mobile phone usage highlights the growing dependence on digital communication, while landline connections continue to decline. The number of landline subscribers in the state stands at just 15.25 lakh. As per the TRAI report, Telangana's wireless tele-density is 105.32%, indicating that for every 100 people, there are over 105 mobile phones in use.

Urban vs. Rural Mobile Usage

The data further reveals a significant urban-rural divide in telephone usage. While 60% of total telephone subscribers are from urban areas, 40% are in rural regions. In terms of mobile usage, 59% of subscribers belong to cities, whereas 41% are from villages. The disparity is even more evident in landline connections, where 96% of users are from urban areas, and only 4% are from rural regions.

Telangana Ranks Fourth in Mobile Penetration

At the national level, Telangana ranks fourth in mobile phone penetration. The top three states are Goa (152%), Kerala (115%), and Haryana (114%). Telangana also has a strong internet user base of 3.64 crore, reflecting the increasing focus on digital connectivity and technology adoption among its citizens.

The growing mobile penetration in

105 Phones for Every 100 People
Telangana Ranks 4th in India
Balancing Benefits & Risks

Telangana is a clear indication of the state's digital progress. Mobile phones have become essential tools for information access, online transactions, digital education, telemedicine, and e-commerce. The expansion of mobile connectivity will further strengthen the state's progress across various sectors.

Is the Mobile Boom a Positive Trend?

While the surge in mobile phone usage brings numerous advantages, it also raises concerns. Excessive dependence on mobile devices can lead to health issues, social isolation, and mental stress. Therefore, it is crucial to promote a balanced and responsible use of technology.

Expanding Connectivity in Rural Areas

The TRAI report highlights the grow-



ing telecom revolution in Telangana. Although urban areas are well-connected, rural regions still need better network infrastructure. If the government enhances mobile connectivity in villages, it will help bridge the digital divide and ensure that the benefits of the mobile revolution reach every

citizen. With increasing adoption of mobile phones, Telangana is set to become a digitally advanced state. However, ensuring responsible mobile usage and inclusive connectivity will be key to maximizing the benefits of this technological boom.

Sunny Yadav Approaches High Court Over Online Betting Case

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Telangana Police are taking strict action against the online betting app mafia and have started cracking down on celebrities promoting these platforms. Several YouTubers and film personalities have been booked, and notices have been issued to others. Among those who received notices is popular Telugu motorvlogger and social media influencer, Bayya Sunny Yadav. The police have asked him to appear for questioning regarding his promotion of online betting apps. In response, Sunny Yadav has approached the Telangana High

Court. A case has been filed against him at the Nuthankal Police Station in Suryapet district, accusing him of promoting online betting apps. Seeking anticipatory bail, Sunny Yadav moved the High Court. After hearing his petition, the court has postponed further proceedings to March 24. Reports suggest that after the case was filed, Sunny Yadav went into hiding. Consequently, the authorities have issued a lookout notice for him. The case is now under investigation, with Sunny Yadav's involvement in promoting illegal online betting apps under scrutiny.



Severe Storms Hit Vikarabad and Sangareddy Districts

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The scorching heat and oppressive weather that gripped Telangana throughout the afternoon gave way to a slight relief with cool evening breezes. However, while some areas experienced a drop in temperature, others were hit by unseasonal rainfall, causing significant damage. Vikarabad district, in particular, witnessed a stormy downpour that wreaked havoc, especially in the Mominpet and Nawabpet mandals of Vikarabad constituency. The storm, accompanied by gusty winds, brought down crops such as mangoes and lemons. In the vicinity of Chittigidda village in Nawabpet mandal, a large tree was uprooted by the winds, blocking roads for a brief period. Meanwhile, in Sangareddy district's Zaheerabad, farmers were left in distress as a sudden storm struck. The rain, which began with thunder and lightning in the evening, lasted for about an hour, causing the main roads in Zaheerabad town to flood. Villages like Budera, Melasangham in Municipally mandal, and Jharasangam mandal were also severely affected by the storm, with crops and infrastructure bearing the brunt of the unexpected downpour.



Farmers Protest Over Crop Loss Due to Water Scarcity in Jagitial District

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Farmers in Jagitial district's Beerpur and Motenagar are expressing anger over crop failures due to water scarcity this summer. In a recent protest, the farmers stated that nearly 40 acres of their crops have dried up due to lack of irrigation water. They lamented that such a situation had never occurred in the past. The farmers voiced their frustration, accusing the Congress government of neglecting their needs. "Under KCR's leadership, we never faced such a crisis. Now, under the Revanth government, we are being ignored," they said. Many farmers, who had returned from the Gulf to take up farming, are now left with no choice but to consider returning to the Gulf again due to the worsening conditions.



The farmers are demanding immediate access to irrigation water for their crops and compensation for the losses incurred due to the dried-up fields. Their emotional pleas reflect the dire situation they are facing, calling for urgent government intervention.

Women Congress Leaders Storm BJP Office in Hyderabad

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Tension gripped the city as a group of Women Congress leaders attempted to storm the BJP office in the heart of the city. The leaders were demanding the implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill, urging the government to take immediate action on the issue.

As the Women Congress leaders reached the BJP office, they were intercepted by the police, leading to a scuffle between the two sides. The police tried to restrain the protesters, but the situation escalated with a physical altercation. The leaders were adamant in their demand, calling for the passage of the bill that promises a 33% reservation for women in legislative bodies.

The protest turned into a chaotic scene, with the police pushing back the leaders, while the Women Congress members shouted slogans against the BJP government. This act of protest has sparked a political debate, with the Congress party accusing the BJP of neglecting women's rights and failing to pass the crucial bill. Meanwhile, the police have taken the women leaders into custody to prevent further disturbances.



MLA Jaffer Hussain Raises Concerns Over Power Outage in Hyderabad

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During the recent heavy rainfall with thunderstorms, parts of Greater Hyderabad experienced multiple power outages, causing significant inconvenience to residents. In the Old City, specifically in areas like Patha Basti, power went out at midnight and has not yet been restored, as pointed out by MLA Jaffer Hussain in the Assembly.

and timely restoration of electricity. His remarks highlighted the lack of efficient emergency response mechanisms in the face of natural calamities, urging the government to take immediate action for resolving the matter.



Expressing his concerns, Hussain mentioned that the sudden power failure in the middle of the night had caused severe difficulties for many residents, especially those fasting or facing health issues. He questioned the government on whether there is a proper mechanism in place to quickly restore power once outages occur. He raised the point that even a small rainstorm caused such disruptions, leaving people without essential services for extended hours.

The MLA criticized the government for not addressing this recurring issue of power cuts and called for better preparedness

Gachibowli Flyover Accident Claims Life of 10th Class Student

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A tragic road accident occurred on the Gachibowli flyover, where a 16-year-old 10th-grade student, Prabhathi Chhatri, lost her life after falling under an RTC double-decker bus. The incident took place when Prabhathi was traveling from Gachibowli to Lingampally after writing her board exams.

Her brother, Suman Chhatri, was riding a bike alongside her at the time of the accident. In a tragic turn of events, Prabhathi fell beneath the bus and succumbed to her injuries at the scene. Suman, who also sustained injuries, was rushed to the hospital for treatment.

The police have registered a case and are investigating the incident. This heartbreaking accident has left the family devastated, and authorities are working to determine the cause of the mishap.

BRRS Criticizes Congress for Injustice to Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme

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In a heated response, the BRS party and farmer union leaders have strongly criticized the Congress government for what they call severe injustice to the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme in the united Khammam district. The issue has gained traction as the Congress government allocated a mere ₹699 crores in the recent annual budget for the scheme, which has sparked outrage among farmers and oppo-

sition leaders. BRS leaders have expressed their dissatisfaction, accusing the Congress government of undermining the importance of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation project, which is crucial for the region's agricultural development. They are questioning the government's commitment to fulfilling the needs of the farming community and have demanded better allocation for the scheme. The criticism also includes re-

marks on why Congress seems to be ignoring the project's significance, despite its potential to improve irrigation and water supply in the area. With such a low allocation, farmers and opposition parties have called for a fairer approach to addressing the needs of the region and ensuring the success of vital infrastructure projects like Sitarama. The debate over the budget allocation continues to stir political tension in the state.

Govt vs farmers

Escalating Tensions Between Govt and Farmers Threaten Punjab's Stability



Punjab is witnessing increasing tension following the eviction of protesting farmers from Shambhu and Khanauri, a development that has exacerbated the divide between the state government and the farming community. The government's justification for its actions centers on the disruption caused to industries and businesses due to the prolonged closure of vital highways. However, farmer leaders see the move as an oppressive effort to curtail their democratic right to protest.

This clash between the two sides signals a worrying escalation in an already tense situation.

It is unfortunate that both parties have failed to find common ground. In a moment of heightened tensions, they should have come together to exert pressure on the central government to meet the farmers' demands, particularly the provision of a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all crops. Instead, the two

sides are locked in a bitter confrontation, with the farming unions losing public support, which has, in turn, empowered the state government to take a firmer stance. Meanwhile, the central government observes passively from the sidelines.

The situation can no longer afford to spiral further. It is imperative for all stakeholders to engage in sincere dialogue with a commitment to resolving the crisis promptly. A flexible and cooperative approach will be essential for all sides to find a mutually beneficial resolution. The central government must learn from its mishandling of the 2020-21 farmer protests at Delhi's borders, which led to the eventual repeal of three controversial farm laws but failed to address the MSP issue.

At the same time, the state government must explain its change in stance after initially positioning itself as a mediator for farmers' rights. While Punjab's economy does need a trade boost, agriculture, which remains its backbone, cannot be sidelined. Both sides must work toward reconciliation to prevent the ongoing unrest from dragging the state further into turmoil.

Rising Communal Tensions in India: A Reflection of Political Failure

Communal Violence Isn't a Law and Order Problem The BJP Knows This But Pretends Otherwise

In early 2014, during a debate in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister Kapil Sibal emphasized the importance of addressing communal violence as a national issue rather than just a "law and order" problem. He referenced the 2002 Gujarat riots, arguing that state-sponsored violence was not simply a local matter but a broader political and social concern. Fast forward to today, and these concerns have only grown more relevant, with communal tensions escalating across India, especially under BJP rule.

The recent violence in Nagpur, stoked by Hindutva groups like VHP and Bajrang Dal demanding the demolition of Aurangzeb's tomb, has drawn sharp criticism for Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Instead of quelling the unrest, Fadnavis endorsed the demands, further inflaming communal sentiments. His controversial statement calling for the removal of Aurangzeb's grave reflects a long-standing BJP strategy of demonizing historical figures for political gain, despite the nuanced historical perspectives offered by scholars.

Fadnavis' actions mirror the divisive rhetoric increasingly seen from BJP leaders. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and several other BJP politi-

cians have made polarizing statements, fueling tensions rather than promoting unity. These politicians have not only ignored their duties to maintain social harmony but have actively contributed to deepening divisions. The BJP's tendency to stoke communal fires has led to a rise in anti-Muslim violence, with incidents spiking after India's victory in the ICC Champions Trophy and on Holi.

Moreover, police forces in BJP-ruled states have often displayed partisan behavior, with many instances of Muslims being targeted and arrested under

dubious circumstances. The rise in hate speech, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, has made it clear that BJP-ruled states account for the majority of communal incidents.

The events in Nagpur, the growing hate speech, and the biased law enforcement paint a grim picture. The question posed by Sibal in 2014 remains critical today: How long will the powers that be ignore the political context of communal violence and continue to treat it as a mere "law and order" issue?



Cash in Delhi HC judge's home

An independent judiciary must also be an accountable judiciary'

A recent incident involving a fire at the residence of Delhi High Court's Justice Yashwant Varma has once again brought the issue of judicial accountability into the spotlight. The fire, while initially thought to be a simple accident, led to the discovery of a large sum of unexplained cash. Given the nature of the discovery at the home of a sitting judge, one would expect an immediate and thorough investigation. However, instead of any substantial inquiry, the Supreme Court Collegium swiftly transferred Justice Varma back to the Allahabad High Court. This move, made without public explanation or transparency, rais-

es concerns about how serious the response was to such a significant issue.

This episode prompts a broader, long-standing debate about the balance between judicial independence and accountability in India. While the Indian judiciary is designed to be independent from political influence, the mechanisms that are supposed to ensure judicial accountability are either seldom used or too complex to be effective. These accountability structures are meant to prevent misconduct and ensure the integrity of the judicial process. However, when these mechanisms fail to func-

tion as intended, the result is a system where the powerful are protected by institutional inertia.

The ease with which Justice Varma was transferred rather than held accountable speaks to a larger issue within India's judicial system. The approach seems to reinforce the old adage, "When confronted with a problem too uncomfortable to confront, simply move it elsewhere," making the issue less visible rather than addressing it head-on.

This raises an important question: Where should the line between judicial independence

and accountability be drawn? While the judiciary must remain free from political interference, it must also be held to the highest standards of accountability. Until this balance is struck, incidents like this will continue to undermine public trust in the fairness and transparency of India's judicial system.



The Future of India's Sports Media Market: Unlocking Potential with Innovation

Cricket fans in India care in for a treat, with the Champions Trophy win and the Indian Premier League (IPL) just around the corner. Across the nation, cafes, kirana stores, barber shops, and restaurants will transform into mini stadiums as fans turn into pundits, while brands and advertisers scramble to engage customers. Behind this excitement are broadcasters and digital streaming platforms, who pay billions for media rights from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to deliver the action to viewers.

The Indian TV market has shown remarkable resilience, even as streaming services grow in popularity. In 2024, an estimated 546 million people watched the IPL on TV, with another 550-600 million tuning in via streaming services. The overlap between TV and digital viewers is about 70%, showing that TV remains a key player in India's sports media landscape. In contrast to countries like the US, where viewers have migrated to streaming services to save on costs, pay TV remains affordable in India, with many households paying just Rs 200-400 per month.

Despite this exceptional growth, India's media market fac-

es significant bottlenecks. Regulatory restrictions on pricing have hindered broadcasters from monetizing the full value of exclusive access and high-quality content. For example, TV channel prices remain the same regardless of whether a household is watching the IPL or its highlights, preventing broadcasters from charging more for premium content or exclusive experiences.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is likely to reconsider its regulatory stance on pricing bundling and other controls. Allowing differential pricing would enable broadcasters to introduce pay-per-view options for live events and offer customized feeds for commercial establishments. This would empower both broadcasters and consumers, providing greater flexibility and value.

As the Indian media market continues to evolve, it's clear that the future of sports broadcasting lies in innovation and flexibility. By removing outdated regulatory barriers, India's TV and sports ecosystem can unlock its full potential, creating a more dynamic and engaging experience for both fans and broadcasters.



BJP Leader Shoots Wife and Children in Uttar Pradesh, Two Killed

In a shocking incident in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur district, a local BJP leader, Yogesh Rohilla, allegedly shot his wife and three children in the Gangoh police station area. The brutal attack resulted in the death of his son and 11-year-old daughter, while his wife and another child remain in critical condition. The incident has left the local community in shock and raised concerns about domestic violence and unchecked aggression. According to police reports, Rohilla, who holds the position of BJP executive member, was arrested at the scene shortly after the crime. The police also recovered the pistol used in the attack. Senior police officials, including Saharanpur SSP Rohit Sajwan, immediately rushed to the location after receiving reports of the incident. Preliminary investigations suggest that Rohilla acted out of suspicion regarding his wife's character, which allegedly fueled his violent outburst. SSP Sajwan confirmed that the leader had been under significant mental stress in the days leading up to the incident. However, he

had not shared his concerns with neighbors or anyone else in his social circle. The police are now trying to determine whether his suspicions had any basis or if they were the result of paranoia and undue stress. The crime took place in Sangatheda village, leaving residents horrified and fearful. Police officials, along with forensic teams, have launched a thorough investigation to piece together the



sequence of events. Authorities are also questioning the accused to gather more details and understand his motive more clearly. Eyewitness accounts and preliminary findings suggest that after committing the crime, Rohilla himself called the police to report the incident. This led law enforcement officers to the scene, where they found the two children dead and the other victims critically injured. His wife and the surviving child were immediately rushed to Saharanpur District Hospital, where they are currently undergoing treatment. This tragic case has once again brought attention to the rising instances of domestic violence and crimes driven by suspicion and mental distress. The deaths of the two children have sparked widespread outrage, with many demanding stricter laws to prevent such incidents. Authorities have assured a thorough investigation, and the accused will face legal consequences based on the findings. Meanwhile, the community remains in shock, mourning the innocent lives lost in an act of extreme violence.

Jairam Ramesh Questions PM Modi's Absence as SC Judges Visit Manipur



Congress MP Jairam Ramesh welcomed the visit of a Supreme Court delegation to Manipur but questioned when Prime Minister Narendra Modi would visit the conflict-ridden state. Speaking to ANI, Ramesh stated, "We welcome the six Supreme Court judges who have visited Manipur. In the past 22 months, hundreds have died, and around 60,000 people remain displaced in relief camps. Even today, fear and uncertainty persist among communities. While President's Rule was imposed on February 13, the real question is why it took 18 months to act after the Supreme Court declared on August 1, 2023, that the constitutional system in Manipur had collapsed. It is good that Supreme Court judges have visited, but when will the Prime Minister go?" A delegation of six Supreme Court judges, including Justices BR Gavai, Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, MM Sundresh, KV Viswanathan, and N Kotishwar, visited a relief camp in Churachandpur, Manipur, on Saturday to assess the ongoing crisis. Ramesh also criticized Union Home Minister Amit Shah, accusing him of ignoring Manipur during discussions on the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in Parliament. "Yesterday, the Home Minister spoke for four hours in the Rajya Sabha about his ministry's work, yet he barely mentioned Manipur. In February 2022, the NDA won the state elections with a massive majority, but within 15 months, Manipur was in flames. Why hasn't the Prime Minister visited?" Ramesh questioned. The Congress leader further criticized the delay in imposing President's Rule and noted that Amit Shah visited Mizoram but not Manipur. "There is no explanation for why it took so long to impose President's Rule. The Home Minister went to Mizoram but avoided Manipur. Even statements made by the Mizoram Chief Minister after visiting America raise serious concerns," he added. Ramesh urged PM Modi to visit Manipur before or after his upcoming trip to Bangkok for the BIMSTEC Summit from April 2-4. "We hope that on his way to Bangkok or while returning, the Prime Minister takes time to visit Manipur. His visit is crucial for providing a healing touch," he said. Manipur has been in turmoil since May 3, 2024, when violence erupted following protests by the All Tribals Students Union (ATSU) against the demand for Scheduled Tribe status for the Meitei community.

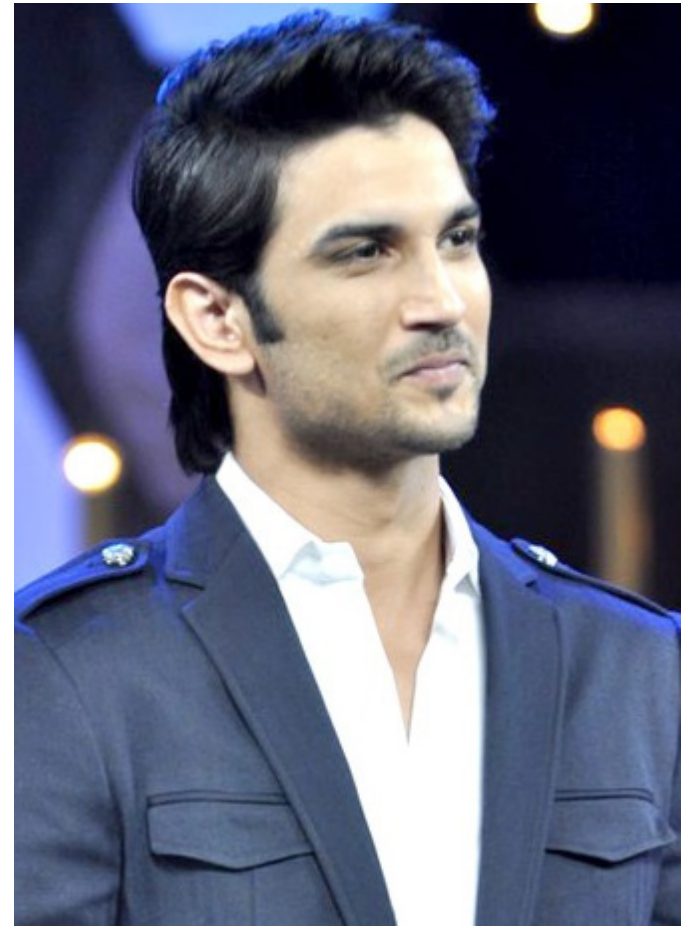
Meerut Murder Victim's Mother Demands Justice, Custody of Granddaughter

The mother of Saurabh Rajput, a Meerut man allegedly murdered by his wife Muskan Rustogi and her lover Sahil Shukla, has made an emotional plea for justice. She has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to intervene and ensure the strictest punishment for those responsible. Expressing her grief and anger, she has also demanded custody of her granddaughter, fearing for the child's safety. Saurabh's mother voiced her deep anguish over the tragic incident and questioned the well-being of her granddaughter, who remains with Muskan. "She is our granddaughter; we have the right to see her. If the mother could harm her own husband, what if she did something to the child too? We haven't seen her since the incident, and we want to keep her with us," she stated. Her concern stems from the brutal nature of the crime, which has left the family shattered and desperate for justice. The case has sent shockwaves across the region, with many calling for swift legal action against the accused. Reports suggest that Muskan and Sahil conspired to kill Saurabh, allegedly due to an extramarital affair. The murder,

which was reportedly premeditated, has raised serious concerns about the safety and well-being of their child. The victim's family insists that given Muskan's alleged involvement in such a heinous act, she should not be entrusted with the responsibility of raising the child. They believe that political intervention is necessary to ensure that the case is not mishandled or delayed. The demand for the granddaughter's custody has added another layer of complexity to the case. Legal experts suggest that family courts will have to evaluate the child's best interests before making a decision. The victim's family has expressed their willingness to provide a safe and loving environment for the child, arguing that she should not be raised by someone accused of such a serious crime. As the case unfolds, public outrage continues to grow, with many demanding strict legal action and justice for Saurabh. The next steps in the investigation will be crucial in determining the fate of the accused and the future of the couple's child. For now, Saurabh's grieving family remains steadfast in their pursuit of justice, hoping that their pleas will be heard by the highest authorities in the country.



CBI Files Closure Report in Sushant Singh Rajput Death Case



- Accusations made by Sushant's father, Krishna Kishore Singh,
- Against his then-girlfriend, actor Rhea Chakraborty.
- Counter-complaints filed by Rhea Chakraborty against Sushant's family.

More than four years after assuming charge of the investigation, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a closure report in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case, sources confirmed on Saturday. Sushant Singh Rajput, a 34-year-old Bollywood actor, was found hanging at his residence in Mumbai's Bandra on June 14, 2020. His sudden demise left his fans in shock and fueled widespread speculation, leading to a high-profile probe involving multiple investigative agencies, including the CBI, Enforcement Directorate (ED), and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). The case initially gained national attention when Sushant's father lodged an FIR in Bihar, accusing Rhea Chakraborty and her family of financial fraud, abetment to suicide, and mental harassment. In response, Rhea Chakraborty filed a counter-complaint against the actor's family, alleging that they had pressured him into taking certain medications that might have affected his mental health. Given the complexity and high-profile nature of the case, the CBI took over the investigation in August 2020, following demands from the public and political circles. Over the past four years, the agency conducted a thorough inquiry, analyzing evidence, questioning multiple individuals, and collaborating with forensic experts. Sources stated that despite extensive investigations, the CBI found no evidence suggesting foul play or any external force leading to Sushant's death by suicide. Consequently, Rhea Chakraborty and her family have been given a clean chit, clearing them of all charges. A forensic team from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), which examined Sushant's autopsy and related reports, also ruled out homicide, reaffirming that it was a case of suicide. With the closure report now filed, the four-year-long legal battle comes to an end, putting to rest numerous conspiracy theories surrounding the actor's tragic demise. However, Sushant Singh Rajput's death remains a deeply emotional topic for his fans, who continue to seek answers beyond official reports.

CJI Orders Inquiry Into Justice Yashwant Varma's 'Cash at Home' Case

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna has set up a three-member committee to investigate allegations against Justice Yashwant Varma, a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court. The decision comes after reports emerged that a large sum of cash was allegedly found at his official residence following a fire incident. The inquiry committee consists of Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court;

Justice GS Sandhwalia, Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court; and Justice Anu Sivaraman, a judge of the Karnataka High Court. The panel has been tasked with conducting an in-house inquiry into the matter, following the Supreme Court's established procedure for handling allegations against sitting judges. The controversy began when a fire broke out at Justice Varma's official residence. During the subsequent

response efforts, reports surfaced



that a substantial amount of cash—estimated to be around ₹15 crore—was discovered at the premises. However, this figure has not been officially verified. The incident raised serious questions, prompting the Chief Justice to take immediate action and initiate a formal probe. Under the Supreme Court's in-house inquiry mechanism, allegations against judges are handled internally to maintain judicial independence

while ensuring accountability. The three-member panel will conduct a thorough examination of the allegations against Justice Varma, review any relevant evidence, and determine whether further action is warranted. As the inquiry progresses, all eyes will be on the findings of the committee and the steps taken by the Supreme Court to ensure that justice is served without bias or external influence.

UNICEF Urges Taliban to Lift Ban on Girls' Education in Afghanistan

Global leaders have criticized the Taliban's gender-based educational restrictions

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United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) called on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to immediately end their longstanding ban on girls' education, which has kept millions of girls from attending school since the Taliban regained power in 2021.

UNICEF's plea comes as the

new school year begins in Afghanistan, with girls beyond the sixth grade still banned from attending school.

The ban has left an additional 400,000 girls without access to education, bringing the total number of affected girls to 2.2 million. This makes Afghanistan the only country in the world to impose such a ban on female secondary and

higher education. The Taliban justifies the ban by citing their interpretation of Sharia law, but UNICEF has emphasized the long-term consequences for the country's future. "For more than three years, the rights of girls in Afghanistan have been violated," said UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell. "All girls must be allowed to return to



school now. If these capable, bright young girls continue to be denied an education, the repercussions will last for generations."

The agency warned that if the ban continues until 2030, more than four million girls will have been deprived of their right to education beyond primary school. The consequences, UNICEF added,

would be devastating, particularly for Afghanistan's health-care system. The decline in the number of female doctors and midwives will result in critical shortages of medical professionals, potentially leading to 1,600 additional maternal deaths and over 3,500 infant deaths.

UNICEF's statement highlights the urgency of reversing

the ban, not only to protect the rights of girls but also to ensure the health and future of Afghan women and children. The Taliban's stance on this issue has drawn global condemnation, including from Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai, who called out the gender apartheid in Afghanistan during a recent international conference.

Lebanon Warns Of "New War" After Israel's Retaliation

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Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam has issued a stark warning about the looming threat of a new conflict, following Israel's vow to retaliate against recent rocket attacks launched from Lebanese territory. The escalation along the southern border has raised fears of a return to violence that could plunge Lebanon into another devastating war.

In a statement, Prime Minister Salam cautioned that renewed military operations on the southern border could drag Lebanon into a new war, exacerbating the country's already precarious situation. He expressed concerns over the risks associated with the attacks, highlighting that they could bring significant hardship to the Lebanese people.

Israel's response to the rocket fire was swift, with Israeli Army Chief Eyal Zamir vowing a severe retaliation. Zamir emphasized Lebanon's responsibility to uphold the ceasefire agreement, underlining that the country must prevent further escalations. The Lebanese prime minister, however, as-



serted that Lebanon would not be drawn into another conflict without taking action to defend its sovereignty, stressing that the nation must have control over matters of war and peace.

The latest flare-up threatens to unravel the fragile ceasefire that had ended a year-long conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. The recent surge in rocket attacks, which marked a dramatic departure from months of calm, has fueled fears of further instability. Former Israeli Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman sharply criticized Prime Minister Netanyahu for failing to restore security, point-

ing to the simultaneous rocket launches from Gaza, Yemen, and Lebanon as evidence of the dangers Israel faces.

In response to the rocket fire, Israel has launched a series of artillery strikes and air raids, escalating tensions in the region. The situation has quickly deteriorated, with the Middle East once again teetering on the edge of broader conflict. The fear now is that Lebanon could be drawn into the violence as both countries exchange threats and military actions, potentially leading to further destabilization in the region.

Japan, China, and South Korea Seek Common Ground in Trilateral Meeting Amid Rising Tensions

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Foreign Ministers from Japan, China, and South Korea gathered on Saturday, March 22, 2025, to discuss shared concerns including low birth rates, natural disasters, and cultural exchanges, at a time when tensions are rising in the region. The meeting also set the stage for a trilateral summit later this year, where further cooperation will be explored.

This trilateral meeting marks a significant achievement for Japan, which has long-standing historical and territorial disputes with both China and South Korea. Last year, a similar meeting was held in South Korea. During Saturday's discussions, Japanese Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya emphasized the importance of collaboration among the three nations in addressing common challenges amidst global tensions and divisions. He stated that their collective efforts would serve as a model for global cooperation.

In addition to focusing on regional issues, the foreign ministers discussed concerns regarding North Korea's missile and nuclear programs, Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, and



other critical global matters. On Friday, the ministers had met with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, who reiterated that cooperation between the three nations would not only serve their national interests but also contribute to regional and global peace.

Later on Saturday, Japan and China held their first high-level economic dialogue since April 2019. Foreign Ministers Iwaya and Wang Yi also engaged in separate bilateral talks with South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul.

The meeting comes amid rising concerns over China's

growing influence in the region, and U.S. allies Japan and South Korea have been rapidly improving their ties in response. In December, Tokyo and Beijing agreed to enhance their relationship despite ongoing territorial claims over a group of uninhabited islands and China's broader territorial conflicts in the South China Sea.

As regional dynamics continue to shift, this trilateral cooperation between Japan, China, and South Korea could be pivotal in addressing mutual concerns and maintaining stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

Trump pulls security clearances for Biden, Harris and Hillary Clinton

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U.S. President Donald Trump took an unprecedented step by revoking the security clearances of several prominent political figures, including former President Joe Biden, former Vice President Kamala Harris, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and others. This move is seen as part of Trump's ongoing efforts to target his political adversaries.

In a memorandum issued late Friday, Trump declared that it was no longer in the national interest for these individuals to have access to classified information. The list also included former Secretary of State Antony Blinken and other high-profile Democrats. Trump, who defeated Clinton in the 2016 election and Harris in the 2024 race, has been at odds with these figures for years, and this latest action is viewed as another sign of the deepening political divide in

Washington.

While the revocation of security clearances may not have immediate consequences, it serves as a potent symbol of the increasingly bitter partisan environment. Trump's decision came just hours after he arrived at his golf property in Bedminster, New Jersey, for the weekend. This move follows a pattern of actions that many see as attempts to undermine his political rivals and settle scores.

Among the other individuals whose clearances were revoked were Republican former Representative Liz Cheney, a vocal critic of Trump, and several figures tied to the Biden administration, including Jake Sullivan, Biden's former national security adviser, and Fiona Hill, a former Russia expert who served on Trump's National Security Council during his first term. Mark Zaid, a national security lawyer known for representing whistleblowers,



and former Republican lawmaker Adam Kinzinger, also had their clearances revoked.

Notably, Trump had previously had his own security clearance revoked by President Biden in 2021, as is customary for former presidents, in order to ensure access to intelligence and advice on national security matters.

This latest development highlights the ongoing political conflict between Trump and his opponents, as both parties continue to navigate the polarized landscape in Washington.

Pakistan: Baloch rights leader Mahrang Baloch arrested while protesting in Quetta

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On an early Saturday morning, Mahrang Baloch, a prominent Baloch human rights leader, was arrested by Pakistan's Quetta Police while participating in a sit-in protest against the ongoing atrocities committed against the Baloch community. The arrest took place during a demonstration organized by the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) in Quetta.

The BYC, an advocacy group focused on Baloch rights, shared details of Baloch's arrest on social media platform X, revealing that, along with Mahrang Baloch, several of her associates were taken into custody. In a disturbing turn, the bodies of slain youth, which had been part of the protest, were also seized by authorities. "Quetta Police and Administration have arrested BYC central leader Dr. Mahrang Baloch along with her other associates

and have also taken the bodies of the martyred youth into their custody," the BYC stated.

The protest, which took place in the Sariat area of Quetta, was held in response to the abduction-like arrests of several Baloch leaders, including Bebigar Baloch, Dr. Hamal Dr. Ilyas, and Saeed Baloch. These individuals were allegedly detained without proper legal process. The demonstration, initially peaceful, escalated as authorities cracked down on women and children involved in the sit-in. The Baloch Yakjehti Committee condemned the actions of the Quetta Police and local administration, emphasizing the peaceful nature of the protest. They further highlighted the disproportionate targeting of the Baloch community, par-



ticularly women and children, amid a growing number of arrests of political activists and human rights defenders in the region.

This arrest marks a continued crackdown on Baloch activists and raises serious concerns about the ongoing human rights violations faced by the Baloch people. The situation has garnered international attention, with calls for the protection of Baloch human rights and an end to the state's oppressive actions.



Assassin's Creed Shadows Crosses 1 million Players on Launch Day

Ubisoft's highly anticipated open-world action-RPG Assassin's Creed Shadows has surpassed one million players across all platforms on launch day, the company confirmed on Friday. The game, which debuted on PC, PS5, and Xbox Series S/X on March 20, has received strong initial traction, though Ubisoft has not yet disclosed official sales figures.

The milestone was announced in a post on X (formerly Twitter), where Ubisoft expressed gratitude to the players. "It's not even 4PM here in Canada, and Assassin's Creed Shadows has already passed 1 million players! Thank YOU from the bottom of our hearts for joining this adventure in Feudal Japan. We are beyond excited to start this journey with you," the post read.

A Crucial Launch for Ubisoft The game's launch comes at a critical time for Ubisoft, which has faced financial challenges over the past year. After two major releases—Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora and Star Wars Outlaws—failed to meet sales expectations, Assassin's Creed Shadows was delayed from its original November 2024 release to March 2025 to allow for further refinement. The success of this latest entry is seen as essential for the company, especially after its stock price dropped over 40% last year.

Assassin's Creed Shadows is also available via Ubisoft+, further boosting its reach. While launch-day player numbers are impressive, its long-term success will depend on sustained sales and engagement.

Steam Performance

The game is currently topping Steam's Top Sellers chart, indicating strong revenue performance. On SteamDB, Assassin's Creed Shadows recorded a peak of 46,531 concurrent players within 24 hours of launch. While this number reflects promising engagement, it falls significantly short of Capcom's Monster Hunter Wilds, which hit one million concurrent players on its launch day.

Ubisoft is expected to provide a clearer picture of the game's financial performance in the coming weeks. Given the franchise's history of strong sales and fan loyalty, Assassin's Creed Shadows could be a much-needed win for the company.

Journalist, Cab Driver Clash Over 95 Paise; Internet Backs Driver



A heated altercation between a woman journalist and a cab driver over a mere 95 paise has taken the internet by storm, with social media users overwhelmingly siding with the driver. The argument, which was recorded and shared online, has sparked a debate over entitlement, fair pay, and gender dynamics.

The incident, which took place on the outskirts of Noida, was brought to light by activist Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj, who shared a video recorded by the driver. In response, journalist Shivangi Shukla posted a lengthy thread with her version of events, along with several

videos.

In the viral video, the driver is heard asking Ms. Shukla, "Will you not pay the bill because you're a journalist?" To which she responds in English, "You're talking rudely." The driver, however, remains calm and addresses her as 'didi'.

Ms. Shukla later alleged that the dispute began when the driver refused to drop her at the exact location mentioned in the Uber app. When she proceeded to pay ₹129 via UPI, the driver insisted on the full fare of ₹129.95, which led to an argument.

"He got very aggressive about the 95 paise... He started screaming, and only when I

started recording did he calm down. Suddenly, he started driving, and I thought he was trying to kidnap me," she claimed in her Twitter thread.

Internet calls out 'entitlement'

In his recorded video, the driver stated that he had simply asked for the full fare and was met with hostility. "I apologized twice. Be happy that you cheated me out of ₹130," he is heard saying.

Social media users, after reviewing both perspectives, sided with the driver, accusing the journalist of exaggerating the situation.

"If he insists on 95 paise, why not pay it online? Your ego was hurt, so you started recording," commented a user. Another wrote, "The driver was only asking for his full payment, yet she played the woman card."

Criticism mounted against Ms. Shukla, with users accusing her of trying to manipulate the situation. "Shocked by this journalist's audacity—justifying a non-issue and painting a false picture," tweeted another user.



Samsung Galaxy S25 Edge Spotted Ahead of Launch

Samsung is gearing up to expand its flagship lineup with the Galaxy S25 Edge and the Galaxy Tab S10 FE, both of which have now surfaced on Geekbench, hinting at their imminent launch. The smartphone is expected to join the Galaxy S25 series, while the tablet will likely be the next addition to Samsung's Fan Edition (FE) lineup. The Samsung Galaxy S25 Edge, carrying the model number SM-S937N, was spotted on Geekbench with performance scores that closely match the standard Galaxy S25 model. The device, powered by the Snapdragon 8 Elite for Galaxy chipset, achieved 2,969 points in the single-core test and 9,486 points in the multi-core test. The benchmarking details also confirm 12GB of RAM, ensuring high-end performance.

Meanwhile, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE appeared on Geekbench under the model number SM-X526B. The tablet, powered by Samsung's Exynos 1580 chipset, recorded a Geekbench 5 score of 1,015 (single-core) and 3,540 (multi-core). While these scores may not seem groundbreaking, the processor is the same one found in the recently launched Galaxy A56, suggesting solid mid-range performance.

Both the Galaxy S25 Edge and Galaxy Tab S10 FE are expected to launch in select markets, including India, in the coming weeks. Samsung is yet to make an official announcement, but recent reports suggest that the Galaxy S25 Edge could debut as early as next month. More details on pricing and specifications are anticipated soon.

Antarctic Ice Melt Weakens Key Ocean Current

Scientists have warned that rapid Antarctic ice melt is weakening the powerful Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC), which plays a crucial role in global ocean circulation. A recent study projects that the ACC could slow down by 20% by 2050, leading to significant impacts on sea levels, temperatures, and marine ecosystems worldwide. According to research published in Environmental Research Letters, a team led by Bishakhadatta Gayen from the University of Melbourne used advanced climate simulations to analyze how the influx of

cold meltwater from Antarctica is altering ocean dynamics. The study found that this fresh meltwater disrupts ocean density and weakens convection between surface and deep waters, slowing the ACC.

The consequences of this slowdown are alarming. A weaker ACC could allow warm ocean waters to reach deeper into Antarctic waters, accelerating ice melt and contributing to rising global sea levels. Scientists also warn that the current's weakening may enable invasive marine species to reach Antarctica, threatening its

fragile ecosystem.

Speaking to Live Science, Gayen compared the process to a "merry-go-round," explaining that as the current slows, marine organisms could migrate toward Antarctica at an increased rate. Scientists emphasize the need for long-term monitoring to fully understand the ACC's changing behavior and its global implications.

With ocean circulation patterns already shifting due to climate change, the weakening of Earth's strongest current adds to concerns about long-term disruptions in global climate systems.



RCB Triumphs Over KKR in IPL 2025 Opener

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) secured a commanding seven-wicket victory over defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the opening match of IPL 2025 at Eden Gardens on Saturday. After winning the toss, KKR elected to bat and posted a total of 174/8 in their allotted 20 overs. Captain Ajinkya Rahane led the charge with a brisk 56 off 31 balls, while Sunil Narine contributed a quickfire 44. However, RCB's bowlers, notably Krunal Pandya (3/29) and Josh Hazlewood (2/22), applied pressure in the latter stages to restrict the hosts. In response, RCB's openers set a blistering pace. Phil Salt reached his half-century in just 25 balls, eventually scoring 56 off 31 deliveries. Virat Kohli anchored the innings with an unbeaten 73, achieving his 56th IPL fifty and surpassing the 1,000-run mark against KKR. Captain Rajat Patidar added a quick 34, and Liam Livingstone sealed the win with a six and a four, as RCB chased down the target in just 16.2 overs.



Thomas Tuchel Era Begins With England Win

Thomas Tuchel's England reign began with a 2-0 victory over Albania in the 2026 World Cup qualifiers on Friday, while Robert Lewandowski's late strike secured Poland a narrow win against Lithuania. Goals from debutant Mylles Lewis-Skelly and captain Harry Kane ensured a winning start for England at Wembley. However, Tuchel, who took over from Gareth Southgate in January, admitted the performance left room for improvement. Arsenal teenager Lewis-Skelly, at just 18 years and 176 days old, became England's youngest debut goalscorer, sliding the ball through goalkeeper Thomas Strakosha's

legs after a brilliant Jude Bellingham assist in the 20th minute. Despite the win, Tuchel remained critical of the team's display. "We can do better, we have to do better. The second half was too slow, with not enough runs off the ball," said the 51-year-old German. Harry Kane sealed the victory with a stunning control-and-finish from a Declan Rice cross in the 77th minute. Lewandowski's 81st-minute strike secured Poland a 1-0 win over Lithuania in Group G. Finland edged Malta 1-0, with Oliver Antman scoring before Malta went down to 10 men.

"Selfie or Autograph?"

Rohit Sharma's Question Stumps MS Dhoni, Kapil Dev



A viral video featuring three of India's most legendary cricket captains—Kapil Dev, MS Dhoni, and Rohit Sharma—has taken social media

by storm ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. The clip, from a TV advertisement, shows Dhoni and Kapil sitting on a panel to scout

talent but facing disappointment—until Rohit walks in and impresses them both. In a behind-the-scenes moment, Rohit cheekily asks the two cricketing greats, "You need a selfie or an autograph?" before quickly apologizing for his light-hearted banter. The video has since gone viral, entertaining fans across platforms. CSK vs MI: The IPL's 'El Clasico' With both Dhoni and Rohit gearing up for their 18th IPL season, the two stalwarts will go head-to-head on Sunday as Chennai Super Kings (CSK) take on Mumbai Indians (MI) at Chepauk in what promises to be a blockbuster clash.

Former India cricketer Harbhajan Singh compared CSK vs MI to an "India vs Pakistan" rivalry in IPL, emphasizing the intense fan loyalty and the pressure that comes with this high-voltage fixture. Dhoni, retained by CSK for ₹4 crore, will play another IPL season, chasing his sixth title under new skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad. With retirement rumors constantly looming, whether this will be his last season remains uncertain. Rohit, meanwhile, is set for a new challenge at MI, playing under Hardik Pandya's captaincy while chasing a record-extending seventh IPL trophy.

Medvedev Stunned in Miami Open Exit Djokovic and Swiatek Advance

Defending champion Daniil Medvedev suffered a shocking second-round exit at the Miami Open, falling 6-2, 6-3 to Spain's Jaume Munar on Friday. Medvedev, frustrated throughout the match, struggled with 32 unforced errors and failed to convert two break points in the final game. While the Russian acknowledged a back issue, he credited Munar for the victory. Meanwhile, world number one Novak Djokovic bounced back from his early Indian Wells exit with a dominant 6-0, 7-6 (7/1) win over Rinky Hijikata. The victory marked Djokovic's 410th career Masters 1000 match win, tying Rafael Na-

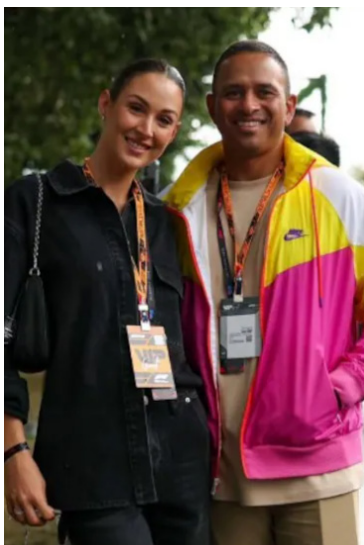
Karen Khachanov ended Nick Kyrgios' short-lived comeback with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-0 win. Kyrgios, returning from wrist surgery, had secured his first tour-level win since October 2022 in the previous round but was no match for the 2023 Miami semi-finalist. In the women's draw, world number two Iga Swiatek advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Caroline Garcia. Despite a second-set scare, Swiatek fought back from 3-1 down and saved a set point before closing out the match. British star Emma Raducanu battled past eighth-seeded Emma Navarro in a marathon match, winning 7-6 (8/6), 2-6, 7-6 (7/4) after nearly three hours on court. Later in the tournament, Carlos Alcaraz faces David Goffin, while 17-year-old Mirra Andreva looks to continue her impressive form against



dal's record.

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Faking Injury To Watch F1? Usman Khawaja Slams 'Shocking' Allegations



Australia's Test opener Usman Khawaja has strongly denied allegations that he faked a hamstring injury to attend the 2025 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne. The controversy erupted after Queensland Head of Cricket Joe Dawes questioned Khawaja's absence from a Sheffield Shield match, claiming medical staff had found no signs of an injury. Khawaja, visibly frustrated, dismissed Dawes' claims as "categorically untrue." Speaking to reporters, he said, "Joe Dawes made some inflammatory

statements, which were really disappointing. The medical staff knew about my injury, and it's shocking to hear otherwise." Dawes had earlier criticized Khawaja's decision, suggesting that he had deliberately skipped the match. "It's disappointing he didn't play when he had the opportunity. We have players here who want to play," Dawes remarked. Khawaja expressed frustration that the issue was made public. "I wanted to keep this in-house, but that's no longer possible," he said.

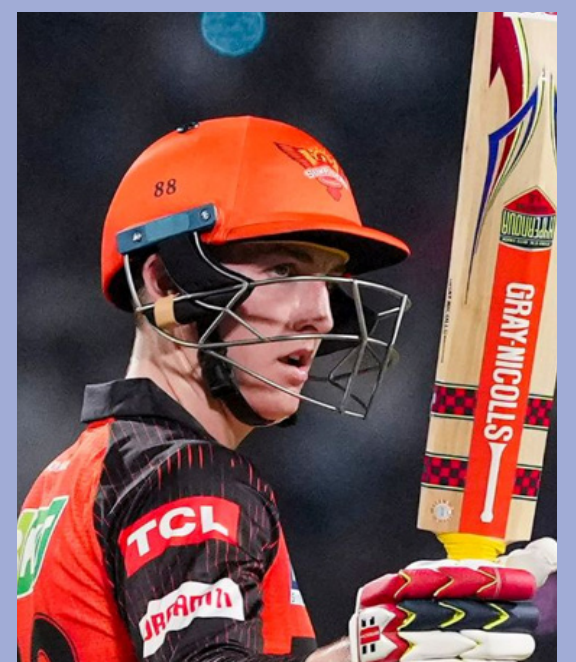
Vaughan Backs BCCI's IPL Ban on Harry Brook

Former England captain Michael Vaughan has supported the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) over its decision to ban Harry Brook from the Indian Premier League (IPL) for two seasons. The England batter faced the ban after pulling out of IPL 2025 at the last minute, despite being bought by Delhi Capitals for ₹6.25 crore in last year's auction. Brook had earlier withdrawn from IPL 2024 following the death

of his grandmother. However, this time, he cited a need to focus on his England career, a move that triggered the automatic two-year ban under BCCI rules. The rule states that a foreign player who opts out after being picked at the auction—unless injured—faces a two-season suspension. Vaughan backed BCCI's stance, stating that Brook's decision disrupted the franchise. "I think they are right. The rules were clear.

You put yourself into the auction, get picked, and then pull out without an injury. He just didn't want to go. That affects the team," Vaughan said on the Club Prairie Fire podcast. While speculating that Brook could be England's future white-ball captain, Vaughan acknowledged that his decision to prioritize national duties would be welcomed by England fans. However, he emphasized that the IPL

had to enforce strict rules to prevent franchises from being left in a difficult position. Earlier this month, Brook apologized to Delhi Capitals and their supporters, saying, "I have made the very difficult decision to pull out of the upcoming IPL. It is a really important time for England cricket, and I want to fully commit to preparing for the upcoming series."





Odela 2 to Release on April 17



The much-awaited supernatural thriller *Odela 2*, starring Tamannaah Bhatia in the lead, is set for a worldwide theatrical release on April 17, 2025. Directed by Ashok Teja, the film marks the second installment in the *Odela* franchise, following *Odela Railway Station*. Announcing the release date, Sampath Nandi Teamworks shared on social media, “When darkness reigns and hope fades, ‘Shiva Shakti’ awakens. #Odela2 Grand release worldwide on

April 17th. Get ready for a divine thriller on the big screens.” The teaser, which was recently unveiled, showcases a gripping conflict between divine and dark forces. With a haunting tagline—“When the devil returns to haunt, the divine too returns”—the film promises a spine-chilling cinematic experience. One striking dialogue in the teaser, spoken by the dark force, states, “Water, fire, air, earth, and sky... all five elements are slaves to my might.” The visuals hint at an in-

tense battle where divine power rises to combat evil. Produced by D Madhu, *Odela 2* features music by Ajaneesh Loknath and cinematography by Soundar Rajan, with Rajeev Nair handling art direction. Tamannaah plays the role of a Saadhvi for the first time in her career, adding to the intrigue. The cast also includes Hebbah Patel, Dayanand Reddy, Murali Sharma, Sharath Lohitashwa, Srikanth Iyengar, and several others.

Skipping the spotlight! Blake Lively & Ryan Reynolds to miss Met Gala 2025

Hollywood power couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds will reportedly skip the 2025 Met Gala, marking their third consecutive absence from fashion’s biggest night. While speculation swirls around Lively’s ongoing legal dispute with Justin Baldoni, sources close to the couple confirm that their decision to miss Anna Wintour’s event was made well before the controversy surfaced.

Blake Lively, who attended the Met Gala ten times, last graced the event in 2022 as a co-chair alongside Reynolds, Regina King, and Lin-Manuel Miranda. That year, she stunned in a custom Atelier Versace gown that dramatically transformed on the steps of the Met Museum, leaving an indelible mark on the event’s history. In 2024, the couple skipped the Met Gala, prioritizing family

time with their children. They were recently seen together at SNL’s 50th anniversary celebration, signaling their focus on personal commitments. This year’s Met Gala, themed “Superfine: Tailoring Black Style,” will celebrate menswear and its evolving influence on fashion. The dress code is expected to allow for creative interpretations, giving attendees ample room to showcase unique styles.



TEST OTT Release.. R. Madhavan and Nayanthara’s Drama to Stream on Netflix



TEST, the gripping drama featuring R. Madhavan, Nayanthara, and Siddharth, is set to premiere on Netflix on April 4. Directed by S. Sashikanth, the film explores human emotions and decision-making beyond the realm of cricket. The movie, produced by YNOT Studios, marks Sashikanth’s directorial debut after years as a

producer. TEST follows the journey of a national-level cricketer, a scientist, and a teacher, whose lives intertwine as they face critical choices that shape their futures. The narrative focuses on personal and ethical dilemmas rather than just the sport.

TEST will be available for streaming exclusively on Netflix, reaching audi-

ences across India and worldwide. Tamil cinema fans and drama enthusiasts can watch the film with a subscription. The film’s ensemble cast includes R. Madhavan, Nayanthara, Siddharth, and Meera Jasmine in key roles. Netflix’s collaboration with YNOT Studios aims to bring this compelling drama to a global audience.

THE LAST OF US Season 2 to Stream on JioHotstar from April 14



The highly anticipated second season of *The Last of Us* is set to premiere in 2025, with streaming on JioHotstar starting April 14. Adapted from Naughty Dog’s acclaimed video game series, the show has captivated audiences with its gripping storytelling and powerful performances. Production is underway

in Canada, with Season 2 delving deeper into themes of revenge, survival, and moral dilemmas. The storyline picks up five years after the events of the first season, following Ellie and Joel as they navigate an evolving world filled with new factions, intense conflicts, and infected threats. Showrunners Craig Maz-

in and Neil Druckmann promise a darker, emotionally charged narrative with expanded character arcs. Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey return as Joel and Ellie, alongside Gabriel Luna as Tommy and Rutina Wesley as Maria. New additions include Kaitlyn Dever as Abby, Isabela Merced as Dina, and Young Mazino as Jesse. The first season received widespread acclaim, boasting an IMDb rating of 8.8/10 and securing 24 Primetime Emmy nominations, winning eight. The series debut attracted over 4.7 million viewers, making it one of HBO’s most successful launches in recent years.

Was It All Just an Act? Chahal-Dhanashree Slammed After Divorce

Indian cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal and dancer Dhanashree Verma have officially parted ways after a Mumbai family court granted them a divorce on March 20. The couple, who married in 2020, had reportedly been living separately since June 2022, as revealed in court proceedings. However, the biggest shock for fans is the revelation that, despite their separation, the former couple appeared together on *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 11* in 2023, showcasing romance that

many now believe was scripted for publicity. Fans Call Out ‘Faked’ Chemistry Dhanashree entered the dance reality show as a wild card contestant, making it to the finals. In one of the episodes, Chahal made a special appearance, and the couple was seen engaging in romantic gestures, fun games, and warm hugs. At the time, their on-screen chemistry was praised, but now, after their divorce news broke, social media users are accusing them of



misleading the public. With their joint petition confirming they had been separated for 18 months, many feel their Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 11 appearance was a deliberate move to maintain a positive image before their legal split. ₹4.75 Crore Alimony Settlement

As per reports, Chahal has paid an alimony of ₹4.75 crore to Dhanashree Verma as part of their divorce settlement. While neither has addressed the public backlash, debates are raging online—with some defending their privacy, while others feel betrayed by their perceived act on national television.