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TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: In a significant show of support for the central government's economic policies, a delegation of traders, merchants, and leaders from the medical and agricultural associations in Karimnagar met with Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar to express their profound gratitude for the recent GST reforms. The business leaders conveyed a direct message to the minister, asking him to "please convey our thanks to Prime Minister Modi on our behalf." They explained that the GST rate cuts have directly benefited

their businesses, leading to a noticeable increase in both sales and the number of customers. The owner of a local TV showroom highlighted the considerable reduction in the prices of electronic goods, and in a symbolic gesture, presented a new television to a customer through the hands of the Union Minister. The medical and agricultural traders also extended their special thanks to the Central Government for reducing the tax burden, acknowledging the positive impact on their respective sectors. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar responded to the appreciation by stating that

the GST reduction, which came into effect on September 22, is a direct benefit to every poor and middle-class family across the country. He emphasized that the lower prices on essential and household goods will significantly reduce the cost of living for ordinary citizens. Describing the move as a special "gift" from Prime Minister Modi to the people and commercial traders just before the auspicious Dasara and Bathukamma festivals, the minister reinforced the Modi government's unwavering focus on the welfare of the poor. He contrasted this with the policies of the

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Harish Rao Accuses Congress of Betraying Telangana on Krishna Water Share

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Ministers Inaugurate Mahila Bhavan

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Seethakka, along with GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi and MLA Danam Nagender, inaugurated a new Mahila Bhavan in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Built at a cost of ₹93.50 lakhs, the facility is a step towards the government's commitment to the holistic development of women. The leaders also laid the foundation stone for a new Anganwadi



building costing ₹29.80 lakhs. Mayor Vijayalakshmi stated that the Mahila Bhavan fulfills a 15-year-old dream for local women, pro-

viding a dedicated space for training, meetings, and various programs. The ministers highlighted other government welfare

initiatives, including free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, and zero-interest loans for women's self-help groups.



a Hyderabad Becomes Global Healthcare Hub

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Telangana's IT and Industries Minister, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, formally inaugurated the first Global Capability Center (GCC) of

HCA Healthcare outside of the U.S. in Rayadurgam, Hyderabad. This significant investment of \$75 million (approximately ₹620 crores) and the creation of 3,000 new jobs by 2026 solidifies the government's goal

of transforming Hyderabad into a global healthcare hub. The new center will focus on IT, supply chain, finance, and human resources, supporting HCA's operations across its network of 190 hospitals and

2,400 care sites. The minister noted that with over 800 pharmaceutical companies and top hospitals, Hyderabad is already a leading hub for pharmaceuticals, life sciences, and affordable healthcare.

Customs Fraud Case and Political Connections

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Hyderabad-based businessman Basharith Khan Patan, owner of 'Car Lounge,' is at the center of a Rs 100 crore customs fraud investigation by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)-Ahmedabad.1 He was arrested in May 2025 for allegedly importing high-end luxury cars by deliberately under-invoicing and misdeclaring their value at Indian ports.2 The fraud is estimated to be around Rs 100 crore in evaded customs duties.

The investigation began after a tip-off led to the discovery that Basharith's showroom, S K Car Lounge, had imported eight luxury cars, including a Rolls-Royce, two Lexus, and five Toyota Land Cruisers, with significant undervalua-



tion. In his confession statement, Basharith admitted to undervaluing vehicles by large amounts, for example, a Rolls-Royce Cullinan by over Rs 1.24 crore and a Lexus LX-500D by over Rs 50 lakh. The vehicles were imported through various ports, including ICD Tughlakabad in Delhi and Customs House in Chennai. The probe has expanded to include the buyers of these cars. One such transaction involved a Lexus LX-500D sold to the Ayaan Educational

Society for Rs 3.25 crore, which was nearly double its declared landed value of Rs 1.75 crore. Basharith, who has been in the car business for over a decade, is known for his connections with high-profile individuals, including politicians.4 The report reveals that a former BRS minister and a sitting Congress minister in Telangana have purchased imported luxury cars from him.5 Sources indicate that many customers paid for the cars in cash to avoid taxes,

and Basharith allegedly used these transactions to convert black money to white.6 His business partner, Dr. Ahmed, is also under scrutiny for reportedly storing several of the illegally imported vehicles at his farmhouse.7 The investigation has a pan-India footprint, with links to importers in cities like Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, and Delhi.8 Basharith has been remanded to judicial custody as the DRI's investigation continues.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: The Telangana government is preparing to issue a tender notification within the next two days for the restoration of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram Project. This process is being expedited to invite expressions of interest (EoI) from international design consultants. The goal is to select a highly qualified and reputable firm to create the necessary designs for the repair and rehabilitation of the damaged barrages.

The move follows a recent directive from Irrigation Department Principal Secretary Rahul Bojja on September 19, who ordered that steps be taken to call for an EoI for the restoration. Subsequently, Irrigation



Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed officials to finalize the design consultant within two weeks. In response, the Irrigation Department is currently working to establish the criteria for selecting a firm with the required expertise for this critical project. The department is keen on engaging a firm with a strong international reputation to ensure the barrages are re-

stored to a high standard, preventing future failures. This initiative is a significant step towards addressing the structural issues that have plagued parts of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The project, a flagship scheme of the previous government, has faced criticism and controversy following reports of subsidence and damage to the barrages.

The selection of an international consultant is aimed at bringing in global expertise to assess the damage, redesign the structures, and supervise the restoration work. This approach is expected to ensure the long-term stability and functionality of the barrages, which are crucial for irrigation and drinking water supply across several districts in Telangana.





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that connects Lower Tank Bund to the Secretariat. In addition to the flyover's renaming, the committee also approved 14 other agenda items and 10 table items, demonstrating a focus on urban development and infrastructure improvements across the city. Key approvals from the meeting include: Road Widening and Bridge Construction: The acquisition of 52

properties for a 45-meter road widening project at R.K. Puram to facilitate the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) and a Road Under Bridge (RUB) as part of the HCT project. Drainage and Infrastructure: The approval of tenders for a new box drain in Alwal Circle, estimated at a cost of Rs. 2.95 crore. Bridge Reconstruc-

tion: A budget of Rs. 2.95 crore was approved for the reconstruction of the London Bridge in Yakutpura SRT Colony. Sports Facilities: A proposal for the modernization of a football ground in Mallepally, with an allocated budget of Rs. 4.85 crore, was given the green light. Drainage System: The committee approved the construc-

tion of a box drain from Nagole Lake to the SNDP drain, at a cost of Rs. 2.98 crore. The committee also granted new authority to Deputy Commissioners, allowing them to issue trade boards and advertisement licenses. This move is part of the GHMC's broader efforts to streamline administrative processes and enhance civic infrastructure throughout Hyderabad.

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Congress-led governments, which he claimed have burdened common people with increased taxes and rising prices. Specifically, he cited the recent hikes in electricity charges, fuel prices, liquor costs, registration fees, and bus fares as examples of measures that make life harder for the common man. The Union Minister asserted that the GST reforms provide a much-needed financial relief to the public, calling it a testament to the Modi government's commitment to the upliftment of the poor. He also credited Prime Minister Modi's transparent and honest governance for making the GST reduction decision possible, stating that it marks the beginning of good days for traders



and merchants as well. He further elaborated that the government's broader vision extends to accelerating nationwide infrastructure development, including roads, railways, airports, and digital facilities, all of which are contributing to a higher standard of living for the people. By system-

atically reducing the tax burden on consumers and simplifying daily expenditures, the Modi government is ensuring that even the most underprivileged families can celebrate festivals with joy and dignity, making household life easier and more affordable for everyone.

Telangana High Court Suspends Order on Group-I Results



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: The Telangana High Court has suspended a single judge's order that had previously set aside the results of the Group-I Mains examination. The single judge's ruling had directed the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) to either re-evaluate all answer scripts manually or re-conduct the entire

examination. A division bench of the High Court, hearing appeals from the TGPSC and successful candidates, has granted an interim suspension of that earlier judgment. This decision allows the TGPSC to proceed with the recruitment process for the 563 posts, including the issuance of appointment orders. However, the court specified that any appointments made are

subject to the final outcome of the writ appeals. A detailed hearing is scheduled for October 15, 2025. The court questioned the single judge's findings of procedural irregularities, noting the TGPSC's status as a constitutional body. This interim order provides temporary relief for the commission and the candidates, but the final verdict on the results remains pending.

Karimnagar Celebrates Bathukamma Grandly

Karimnagar hosted a grand district-level Bathukamma festival at Mahatma Jyotiba Phuley Grounds, with ministers Seethakka and Ponnab Prabhakar attending as chief guests. Minister Seethakka praised the festival as a centuries-old tradition and wished for it to continue for thousands of years. She affirmed the government's commitment to empowering women, highlighting Chief Min-

ister Revanth Reddy's pledge to help one crore women become millionaires. Minister Prabhakar echoed these sentiments, calling Bathukamma a symbol of Telangana's traditions. Both ministers joined the women in dancing and singing, with other dignitaries also participating in the festivities, which saw a large turnout of women, Anganwadi teachers, and members of various self-help groups.



Ganja Seized in Dhoolpet

The Special Task Force (STF) in Dhoolpet conducted a successful raid based on a tip-off about illegal drug sales, leading to the seizure of 1.532 kilograms of ganja (cannabis). The STF A team, led by Anji Reddy, conducted a raid on a residence and confiscated the contraband. A woman identified as Rekha Bhai was arrested in

connection with the case, while another woman, Janaki Bhai, is currently absconding. The seized ganja and the arrested woman were handed over to the Dhoolpet Excise Station for further investigation and legal proceedings. The raid highlights the police's ongoing efforts to curb drug-related crimes in the area.

TGSRTC Adopts AI Technology

TPN Bureau,

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Equity Partners LLP, aims to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve employee welfare. A key initiative is the AI-driven analysis of medical reports for over 40,000 employees to promote preventive healthcare. Additionally, the corporation plans to use AI for demand-based scheduling of bus ser-

vices, optimizing fleet deployment and resource utilization based on traffic patterns and passenger demand. According to Managing Director V.C. Sajjanar, this strategic leap will improve the speed, transparency, and accuracy of services, setting a new national benchmark in public transport.

New Maruti Victoris Unveiled in Vijayawada

Varun Motors, a top Maruti Suzuki dealer, unveiled the new Maruti Victoris car at a prestigious event in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. The launch was inaugurated by A.P. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. The CM praised

the new vehicle, expressing confidence that it would boost Maruti's growth in the state. He also mentioned that the implementation of GST 2.0 on September 22 has reduced car prices, making them more affordable for customers. The new Victoris is a techno-

logically advanced mid-SUV with features like ADAS Level 2, a premium 8-speaker audio system, multiple fuel options, and a 5-star BNCAP safety rating. The company announced a price reduction of up to ₹1.29 lakhs on select models.



Women's Groups to Distribute Urea

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Minister Ponnab Prabhakar announced a new government initiative to involve women's groups in the distribution of urea for the upcoming crop season. Speaking at a certificate ceremony for women trained as electric auto drivers in Karimnagar, the minister stated that this plan was developed in consultation

with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. He believes this new distribution model will prevent the artificial shortage and black market sales of urea. He also mentioned a proposal to establish a petrol pump on the highway at the women's campus to provide an additional source of income. Minister Seethakka added that the government aims to make women millionaires through various schemes.





Manakondur MLA Kavampalli Satyanarayana Thanks CM Revanth Reddy for Bridge Funds

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: On Wednesday, Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Enuma-la Revanth Reddy for his role in securing a substantial grant from the central government. To mark the occasion, the MLA anointed a portrait of the Chief Minister at the Praja Bhavan in LMD Colony.

The funds, totaling Rs. 77 crore, have been sanctioned for the construction of a long-awaited bridge over the Maneru stream, connecting the villages of Chokkaraopalli and Khazipur in the Ganneruvaram mandal. The MLA highlighted that this development will fulfill a decades-long desire of the local community.

During his address, Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for not only submitting the initial proposals for the bridge to the Central government but also for personally following up with the concerned Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari, to ensure the funds were released. The MLA also acknowledged the efforts of Karimnagar Member of Parliament and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, for his active role in securing the funds. He thanked both leaders for their hard work, stating that the project would not have been possible without their combined efforts.

Former MP Hanumantha Rao Praises HYDRA's Efforts, Urges Protection for the Poor

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: At Gandhi Bhavan, former MP Hanumantha Rao praised the state government's "Hydra" initiative, stating that it has successfully saved properties in Hyderabad valued at over Rs 15,000 crore. This figure likely refers to a recent land reclamation drive by the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) in areas like Gajularamaram, where the agency has cleared large-scale encroachments on government land.

Hanumantha Rao acknowledged the significant value of the properties being reclaimed but expressed concern that political parties are targeting and demolishing the homes of the poor. He highlighted Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's pledge that any poor family whose house is demolished would be provided with a new double-bedroom house. Hanumantha Rao emphasized the need for this promise to be upheld, stressing that the benefits of such initiatives should not come at the expense of the city's most vulnerable residents.



Manakondur MLA Kavampalli Satyanarayana Honors Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: On Wednesday, Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana, along with his party members, visited the Karimnagar residence of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar to honor him. The purpose of the visit was to thank Minister Kumar for securing central government funds for the construction of a much-needed bridge

over the Maneru ravine, connecting the villages of Chokkaraopalli and Ghazipur. MLA Satyanarayana presented a shawl to Minister Kumar as a gesture of gratitude. Speaking on the occasion, Satyanarayana praised the Union Minister's efforts, noting that his intervention had made the long-awaited bridge a reality. He expressed the immense happiness of the local people, whose dream of having this bridge would now be fulfilled.

After the visit, MLA Satyanarayana and his delegation went to the Mahashakti temple in Chaitanyapuri, Karimnagar, to perform special pujas. The event was attended by several prominent figures, including Telangana State Women's Cooperative Development Organization Chairperson Bandru Shobharani and Ganneruvaram Mandal Congress President Musku Upender



Municipal Workers Protest in Moinabad for G.O. 60 Wages

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: On September 24, 2025, the Telangana Municipal Workers and Employees Union (CITU) Moinabad Municipal Committee organized a protest in front of the local municipal office. The dharna was held to demand that the municipality pay workers their wages in accordance with G.O. 60, a government order.

CITU Rangareddy District Vice Presidents J. Rudrakumar and Alli Devender were the chief guests at the event. They criticized the Moinabad Municipal authorities for their alleged negligence in implementing G.O. 60, which has been in effect for nine months since the formation of the Moinabad Municipality.

The leaders stated that municipal workers are entitled to benefits such as wages, uniforms, and identity cards as per municipal laws. They warned that if their demands are not met, the workers will begin an indefinite strike and boycott their duties.

The protest was attended by various union and CITU leaders, including CITU Moinabad Mandal Convenor CH Praveen Kumar, CITU Transport Union Aziz Nagar President Dappu Mahender, and several municipal union leaders.

Congress Leader Slams BRS, Urges Constructive Opposition

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi, speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, strongly criticized BRS leaders Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao. He accused them of hypocrisy, saying their words of ethics were like "demons twisting the Vedas," and alleged that the BRS government had set the state back 50 years. In contrast, Ravi praised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy as a "great leader" for introducing the caste census and BC Bill in the state assembly. He stated that while the Congress government is bringing about revolutionary changes, BRS leaders are "daydreaming" of returning to power despite being rejected by the people.



Free Eye Camp Held at Medchal Liquor Depot

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: On Wednesday, a free eye medical camp was organized at the Telangana Beverages Corporation Limited (TGBCL) Medchal Liquor Depot. The initiative was a collaborative effort between Pernad Record India and the Vision Spring Foundation.

The camp was inaugurated by M. Kashinath, the Chief Manager of the Medchal Liquor Depot. A total of over 70 individuals, including drivers, porters, and other employees of the depot, received eye examinations. Following the tests, free eyeglasses were distributed to those in need.

The event saw the participation of various officials, including Depot Assistant Manager G. Murali, Excise Supervisory Officer Shravan Kumar, Saridhi, and Dheeraj. The camp provided an important health service to the depot's workers, ensuring their well-being.

Congress Welcomes High Court Verdict on Group 1 Exam

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Sama Rammohan Reddy, Chairman of the Congress Media Committee, welcomed the verdict by the High Court Division Bench regarding the Group 1 examination. He stated that the court's decision was a rebuke to those who sought to defame the government.

Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Reddy accused leaders from the BJP and BRS parties of engaging in "dirty politics" concerning the Group 1 rank holders. He said their actions had caused immense distress to the parents of these candidates. Reddy criticized the BRS party, claiming they did not fill a single Group 1 position during their ten years in power after the state's formation. He alleged that both BJP and BRS leaders were "playing with the lives of students" by creating obstacles to prevent them from securing jobs.

He concluded by expressing that the High Court's verdict has strengthened the public's faith in the judicial system.

Harish Rao Accuses Congress of Betraying Telangana on Krishna Water Share

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Hyderabad, Sept 24: In a strong press conference on September 24, 2025, former Minister Harish Rao of the BRS party launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of a "historic betrayal" of Telangana's interests in the Krishna River water dispute. He likened the Congress party's behavior to a "condolence meeting for a murderer," criticizing what he called their hypocritical and inconsistent stance on the issue.

Harish Rao pointed out what he saw as a significant contradiction between the statements of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister for Irrigation Uttam Kumar Reddy. He noted that while Uttam Kumar Reddy claimed to have demanded a 763 TMC share of Krishna waters, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had previously mentioned 500 TMC on June 18, 2025, and later 904 TMC on September 13. Harish Rao questioned who was correct, arguing that their lack of a unified position and basic understanding of the issue would harm the state's rightful share.

He claimed that the Congress leaders' words were counted every hour, every minute, highlighting their alleged ignorance and irresponsibility. The former minister specifically addressed the historical 299:512 Krishna water sharing ratio between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He vehemently denied that the BRS government had ever agreed to this ratio, stating that it was the Congress party that had accepted this "death warrant for the rights of the Telangana region" in 2013, based on the Justice Sri Krishna Committee's report. He challenged Uttam Kumar Reddy to resign if Harish Rao could prove that the BRS had signed any permanent agreement for 299 TMC.

Harish Rao detailed the BRS party's efforts under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), including meeting central ministers, going to the Supreme Court, and successfully achieving Section 3 to secure Telangana's rightful share. He stated that the BRS had always insisted on 763 TMC and had worked relentlessly to establish a new tribunal based on the river basin, not on old agreements. He argued that the current Congress government's erratic statements could negatively affect the ongoing tribunal's final verdict.

Additionally, Harish Rao criticized the Congress for their silence on key issues, such as the Banakacharla project (due to fear of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu) and the increase in the height of the dam in neighboring Karnataka, where the Congress party is in power. He also dismissed Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy's claims about obtaining approvals for the Sammakka Sagar project as a "Dabba campaign" or a false boast.



Telangana High Court Halts Pawan Kalyan’s ‘OG’ Benefit Shows



The film “O G,” starring actor and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, suffered a significant setback just before its release, as the Telangana High Court suspended a government memo allowing special benefit shows and a hike in ticket prices. The decision, handed down by Justice N.V. Shrivani Kumar, came after a petition was filed challenging the Home Department’s memo. The petitioner, Mahesh Yadav, argued through his lawyer that the Special Chief Secretary had no authority to issue such an order, as the

power to approve special shows and ticket price hikes lies with the Police Commissioner in the city and the Joint Collector in the districts. The lawyer further contended that the memo violated rules against selling tickets at inflated prices. The High Court’s ruling, which temporarily halts the price hike, has sent shockwaves through the film industry, with producers expressing concern that the loss of benefit shows will negatively impact the movie’s opening day collections. The court has scheduled the next hearing for October



Cyberabad Police Crackdown: 10 Cases and 13 Arrests

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: In a successful week-long operation from September 17 to September 23, 2025, the Cyberabad Cyber-crime Police detected 10 cybercrime cases and arrested 13 offenders across multiple states. The crackdown

highlighted a widespread, pan-India network of cybercriminals. A significant portion of the arrests, nine out of 13, were linked to six cases of Trading Fraud, while other cases involved Digital Arrest Fraud, Cheating by Impersonation, Job Fraud, and Part-time Job Fraud. The police

confiscated 13 mobile phones and 14 SIM cards from the accused. A major achievement for the week was the processing of 370 court-ordered refund orders, which will return a total of ₹1,69,61,276 to the victims. The most notable case involved an online trading fraud where a

victim was cheated of ₹51.65 lakhs. The investigation revealed that several individuals knowingly supplied their bank accounts to the criminals for a commission, with one account alone being linked to 31 different cases nationwide, exposing a sophisticated money laundering operation.

Cyberabad Police & SCSC Discuss Traffic Solutions

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: A key traffic coordination meeting was held at the Cyberabad CP Office on September 24, 2025, to address and resolve traffic-related issues across the city. The meeting was chaired by Joint Commissioner of Police Dr. Gajarao Bhupal and attended by prominent officials, including TGIIC VC & MD K. Shashanka, SCSC CEO Naved Khan, and various traffic police personnel and private consultants.

The discussions focused on several criti-

cal areas, including the progress of road widening projects, the removal of traffic bottlenecks, and an in-depth analysis of vehicle movement during both peak and non-peak hours at major junctions. Special emphasis was placed on improving pedestrian safety through the installation of new footpaths and enhancing narrow road stretches. The officials also proposed identifying and developing new link roads to improve connectivity and suggested converting roads that meet at 90-degree angles to 45 degrees to facilitate smoother traffic flow.

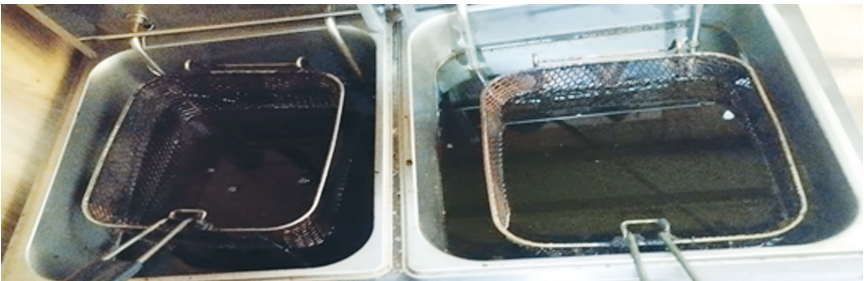


Excise Department Seizes Illicit Liquor

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: Excise officials in the Shamshabad outskirts conducted a successful operation on Wednesday, seizing a total of 234 bottles of illicit liquor. The operation, led by Assistant Excise Superintendent A. Srinivasa Reddy and DTF CI Praveen Kumar, targeted vehicles carrying Non-Duty Paid Liquor (NDPL) imported from Goa, Lucknow, and Haryana. During the checks, the team confiscated 220 NDPL bottles and registered cases against six

individuals who were found transporting a large quantity of alcohol in violation of regulations. In a separate raid in the Malkajgiri area, the STF C team, led by Sub-Inspector Manju, seized an additional 14 bottles of Scotch whisky from a person named Shak Aharozuddin. Prohibition and Excise Director Shanwas Qasim, Rangareddy Deputy Commissioner Dashrath, and Shamshabad Excise Enforcement Supervisor Krishnapriya commended the staff for their diligence and success in curbing the illegal liquor trade.



Food Safety Officials Conduct Widespread Raids on Eateries

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: In a massive crackdown, food safety officials across Telangana, including those from the GHMC, raided 55 food outlets, including prominent pizza chains, bakeries, and hotels. The inspections revealed multiple serious violations. At Pizza Hut outlets, officials found is-

suues with licenses, poor hygiene, and freezers that were not maintained at proper temperatures. At Domino’s, the team discovered expired licenses, a failure to use gloves and masks, a lack of pest control measures, and missing medical records for employees.

Other local establishments, including popular bakeries, were found to be improperly display-

ing licenses, using spoiled cooking oil, and storing vegetables without proper covers. Officials deemed a large quantity of food unsafe for consumption and disposed of it on the spot. They also collected samples for testing and issued immediate notices to the owners, demanding that the deficiencies be corrected without delay.



Nehru Zoological Park to Add New Animal Species

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: The Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad is preparing to welcome a host of new animal species as part of a strategic animal exchange program with other zoos. On September 24, 2025, Sri Elusing Meru, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief Wildlife Warden for Telangana, made a surprise visit to in-

spect the ongoing preparations.

He was accompanied by Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, Director of Zoo Parks, and Smt. J. Vasantha, Curator of the Nehru Zoological Park, who explained the various works being carried out to accommodate the new arrivals. The new species, which include zebras, wallabies, mandrills, and gibbons, will be housed in quarantine upon arrival before being released

into their enclosures for public viewing. The official display is planned to coincide with the upcoming Wildlife Week or Zoo Day celebrations. Elusing Meru highly praised the zoo’s curator and her team for their commendable efforts in bringing in the new animals and for their remarkable work in ensuring the animals’ well-being and the scientific enrichment of their enclosures.

Actor Prudhvi Raj Offers Prayers at Shiv Temple

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: On Wednesday, renowned film actor and former SVBC chairman Prudhvi Raj and his wife paid a visit to the historic Sri Shivasutra Marakatha Shiva Temple, which dates back to the 11th century. The temple is located on the outskirts of Chandippa village in the Shankarpalli mandal. The couple participated in special pujas and ab-

hishekams (sacred baths) for the deity, which were conducted by the temple priests, led by Promod. Following the rituals, the temple’s chairman, Gopal Reddy, honored the actor and his wife with a traditional shawl and a framed picture of the deity. The visit, which was also attended by committee members including Hanumantu and Gopal, was a display of the actor’s devotion and drew local attention to the ancient temple.



GHMC Standing Committee Meeting Convenes

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 24: The GHMC Standing Committee meeting commenced on September 24, 2025, at the GHMC headquarters’ command and control room, with Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi presiding over the session. The primary agenda of the meeting was to discuss various important issues concerning the city’s civic administration. Prior to the commencement of the official discussion, Mayor Vijayalakshmi inaugurated two new digital applications

designed to enhance the corporation’s efficiency. She launched both the IT Asset Management System and the Asset Management System applications, which are expected to streamline the management of the GHMC’s resources and assets. The meeting saw active participation from committee members and was also attended by Commissioner R.V. Karnan and other senior officials, underscoring the importance of the meeting for the city’s ongoing development and management.



Telangana Jagruti Gains Momentum, Welcomes New Members

On September 24, 2025, Telangana Jagruti President Kavitha presided over a significant joining ceremony where numerous leaders and activists from the Congress and BRS parties in the Maheshwaram constituency of Rangareddy district joined her organization. The event, held at the Jagruti office in Banjara Hills, saw a massive influx of new members, including prominent figures like Kappati Panduranga Reddy, the former chairman of the Rangareddy District Library Society; senior Congress leader Andugula Satyanarayana; former BRS President of Badangpet Municipal Corporation, Bollaram Venkatram Reddy; and BRS leader Vedhabhavani. Over 200 people, including youth wing coordinators and former MPPTCs, were welcomed by Kavitha with a pink scarf. Speaking at the event, Kavitha emphasized that the goal of Telangana Jagruti is to establish a “social Telangana” government and end what she described as the current “anti-people rule.” She urged the new members to work diligently as “soldiers” to strengthen the organization and advance its mission. The newly joined leaders, including Kappati Panduranga Reddy and Bollaram Venkatram Reddy, recalled their active participation in the movement for a separate Telangana state. They expressed their commitment to continue the fight for a “social Telangana” under Kavitha’s guidance. The event was attended by various Telangana Jagruti leaders, including Naveen Chari, Archana Senapati, Kola Srinivas, and others. The significant number of leaders leaving major parties to join Telangana Jagruti signals a growing momentum for the organization and its vision for the state’s political future.

GHMC Deputy Mayor Celebrates Bathukamma in Secunderabad

On September 24, 2025, the Deputy Mayor of GHMC, Smt. Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy, attended and participated in the Secunderabad Bathukamma festival. She was joined by corporators and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from the area. The event, which showcased Bathukammas beautifully decorated with colorful flowers, was a vibrant display of Telangana’s culture. The celebration included traditional songs and dances, creating a lively atmosphere. Deputy Mayor Reddy presented incentive prizes to the top three winners of the Bathukamma competition. In her speech, she emphasized that the festival represents Telangana’s cultural heritage and unity among women. She also noted that these government-supported festivals provide a platform for women to showcase their talents and pass down traditional values. The event was attended by various local representatives, GHMC officials, and enthusiastic members of the community, including women and children.



Keshav Memorial Institute of Technology Celebrates Bathukamma

Students and staff of Keshav Memorial Institute of Technology (KMIT) in Narayanaguda, Hyderabad, celebrated the Bathukamma festival with great enthusiasm. The event, named “Collective Bathukamma-Dandiya Utsava,” took place at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel premises on the college campus. Dressed in traditional sarees, the students performed traditional Bathukamma dances and songs, captivating the audience with their synchronized movements and heartfelt performances. The celebrations saw active participation from students, teachers, and other staff members, all of whom joined together to honor the Telangana tradition. A faculty member of KMIT explained that the college organizes the Bathukamma festival annually to educate students about the rich culture and traditions of Telangana. The students shared their joy in participating, highlighting that the event provided a refreshing break from their routine and an opportunity to bond with their teachers and peers through a cultural celebration.

Minister Ponguleti Inaugurates Indiramma Houses, Expresses Joy

On September 24, 2025, State Minister for Revenue, Housing, Information, and Civil Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, participated in the housewarming ceremony for Indiramma Houses in Arempula village, part of his Paleru constituency. The minister, dressed in traditional attire, expressed his deep emotional connection to the project, stating that watching families move into their new homes brought tears of joy to his eyes. He considered it a great honor to be part



of a government initiative that provides shelter to the poor. During his speech, Minister Reddy recalled the opposition’s skepticism and mockery when Chief Minister Revanth Reddy first announced the Indiramma housing scheme. He noted that the opposition had ac-

cused the government of making false promises due to a lack of funds. However, the current administration has now sanctioned 4.50 lakh houses across the state, with 3,500 houses per constituency, and the housewarming ceremonies have officially begun. Minister Reddy highlighted that the Indiramma housing scheme, which was first launched under former Chief Minister Rajasekhara Reddy and built 25 lakh houses, is now being revived under the leadership of

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. He emphasized that the project is being executed with utmost integrity and without any corruption. He contrasted this with the previous government, which he accused of destroying the housing department and shelving a similar housing project for the poor due to greed for commissions. He also alleged that the previous government’s corruption in the Kaleshwaram project was so severe that it led to the project’s

collapse, which he saw as divine justice. Looking ahead, Minister Reddy announced that godowns with a capacity of over 5 lakh metric tons would be built in the Paleru constituency to benefit the public. He also promised to provide bonuses to farmers during the next Yasingi season. He concluded by discussing other government initiatives, such as new ration cards, and asked for the public’s continued support. The event concluded with the distribution of ration cards to women.

Ministers Ponnam and Seethakka Honor Women’s Empowerment in Karimnagar

On September 24, 2025, a joint celebration of Poshan Maah and Bathukamma was held at the Durgabai Deshmukh Women and Child Development Center (Women’s Campus) in Timmapur Mandal, Karimnagar District. The event was attended by Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar, Minister Seethakka, and Manakondur MLA Kavampalli Satyanarayana. The ministers presented certificates to women who successfully completed training programs in beautician, tailoring, jute bag making, and auto driving. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar highlighted the government’s commitment to the economic empowerment of women, referencing the goal of making one crore women millionaires. He urged every woman to join a self-help group (SHG), stating that these groups are becoming so successful that they can provide employment to others. He announced that in the upcoming season, the government would entrust SHGs with the responsibility of supplying fertilizers, building on their successful management of 7,000 grain purchase centers.

To support the women who completed auto driving training, he committed to covering the driving license fees for 15 graduates. Minister Ponnam also praised the success of the free bus travel scheme for women, stating that they have made approximately 225 crore trips, saving a total of 7,500 crore rupees. He announced plans to introduce 5,000 electric autos for women in Hyderabad and revealed that the government has already purchased 600 buses through women’s groups for RTC, with 47 of these operating in Karimnagar district. This initiative, he explained, provides a stable source of income for these groups. Minister Seethakka reiterated the government’s focus on various welfare programs, including 200 units of free electricity, the construction of 3,500 houses per constituency, and the provision of white ration cards. The ministers also mentioned instructions for officials to consider establishing a petrol station through an SHG at the women’s campus. The event concluded with a call for continued efforts toward achieving success in these endeavors.



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Rallies Congress Workers for Jubilee Hills By-Election

On September 24, 2025, Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao addressed Congress party workers in Jubilee Hills, urging them to focus on winning the upcoming by-election. The meeting, held at the Mugdha Banquet Hall in Kalyan Nagar, brought together committee members from booths 203 to 216 and was presided over by Telangana Oil Fed Corporation Chairman Janga Raghav Reddy and

Vengalrao Nagar Division President Manoj. Minister Tummala provided strategic direction to the workers, instructing them to engage closely with the public, understand their issues, and work to resolve them promptly. He emphasized the importance of involving young people in the booth committees and called on senior leaders to take special responsibility for ensuring a party victory. He was critical of the previous BRS govern-

ment’s performance in Jubilee Hills, claiming that their ten-year rule had produced no significant development visible to the public. He contrasted this with the visible progress made by the Congress party in the past. Minister Tummala also mocked the BRS’s social media strategy, which he said was limited to posting photos of their own workers wearing scarves and pretending they had joined the party. He conveyed that Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy has a strong interest in the Jubilee Hills election and urged local leaders to follow the party’s suggestions closely. In his remarks, Chairman Janga Raghav Reddy requested Minister Tummala’s support in resolving the issues identified at the booth level. The meeting was attended by other key figures, including Chairman Mannem Mohan Reddy, Corporator CN Reddy, and numerous Congress party leaders and activists.

TikTok in the US: Trump Extends Deadline Amid National Security Concerns

The White House, on September 16, granted TikTok another reprieve to operate in the United States, giving ByteDance, the app's Chinese owner, until December 16 to divest and transfer control to an American entity. The popular video-sharing platform, boasting over 170 million American users, has drawn significant corporate interest from potential buyers.

The controversy surrounding TikTok stems from fears that American user data could be accessed by the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) or manipulated to influence public opinion in the US. During former President Donald Trump's first term, the Senate unanimously passed a bill banning TikTok on government-issued devices due to national security risks. The Biden administration followed up with the 'Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act' in 2024, requiring divest-

ment of foreign ownership. However, enforcement of the legislation has been delayed, and deadlines extended multiple times under Trump 2.0.

Negotiations between US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Madrid have yielded a "framework" for TikTok's sale, though official details remain scarce. Reports suggest the new US company may hold an 80% American stake, leaving Chinese investors below the legal 20% limit.

Additionally, a board member nominated by the Trump administration could oversee operations, aligning with a strategy that treats economic security as integral to national security, similar to the government's approach in deals like Nippon Steel's \$14 billion US acquisition.

While such controls are more straightforward in brick-and-mortar industries, managing a social media platform with millions of users presents unique challenges.

Bessent emphasized that the agreement balances American national security interests with Beijing's economic expectations. Chinese officials describe the deal as a licensing arrangement for algorithms and intellectual property, framing it as a step to promote stable Sino-American economic relations.

ByteDance's leverage over TikTok's algorithm under the licensing agreement remains unclear, and the US House Select Committee on China



Journalism Under Siege: A Global Crisis of Truth and Safety

The global assault on journalism is reaching alarming levels, threatening the public's right to information and undermining the foundations of democracy. Violence, intimidation, and political interference against journalists are spreading across regions, affecting both unstable states and long-established democracies. The rise of authoritarian practices and populist rhetoric openly targeting the press has emboldened law enforcement, making physical attacks on journalists increasingly commonplace.

Traditionally, journalists have identified themselves at protests and public events, relying on this visibility for legitimacy and protection. Today, however, these identifiers often make them targets. In the past year alone, journalists have been violently attacked in countries as diverse as Turkey, Argentina, and the United States. All were clearly recognized as press members, highlighting the direct targeting of journalists due to their work.

In many parts of the world, journalism is disappearing under relentless intimidation and threats. Journalists in West Africa's Sahel region and Central American countries like Nicaragua and El Salvador have been forced to flee. In Eastern and Central Europe, fact-checkers face regular death threats and organized campaigns designed to silence them. The threats often come from the highest levels of power; for example, Argentina's presidency posted on social media last year, "We Do Not Hate Journalists Enough," with the Argentine Journalism Forum recording 179 assaults on media workers in 2024 alone.

The situation in conflict zones is even more dire. In Gaza, nearly 200 journalists have been killed over the past two years, with over 20 incidents believed to involve deliberate targeting. Some reporters working for AFP in Gaza refuse to wear protective flak jackets, fearing they make them more visible targets. The pervasive fear even keeps ordinary citizens from being near journalists. Yet, despite this global crisis, few governments with a history of press freedom are willing to actively defend the profession, leaving journalists feeling isolated and vulnerable.

Adding to these challenges is the rapid rise of generative artificial intelligence, which, while capable of incredible advancements, also threatens to pollute the information ecosystem with false or fabricated content. This is an inflection point for journalism. While the profession is imperfect, its pursuit of truth and accurate information is vital for the health of societies. In an era of widespread misinformation, standing up for facts and protecting journalists has never been more critical. There is no alternative to defending the principles of truth, transparency, and press freedom.

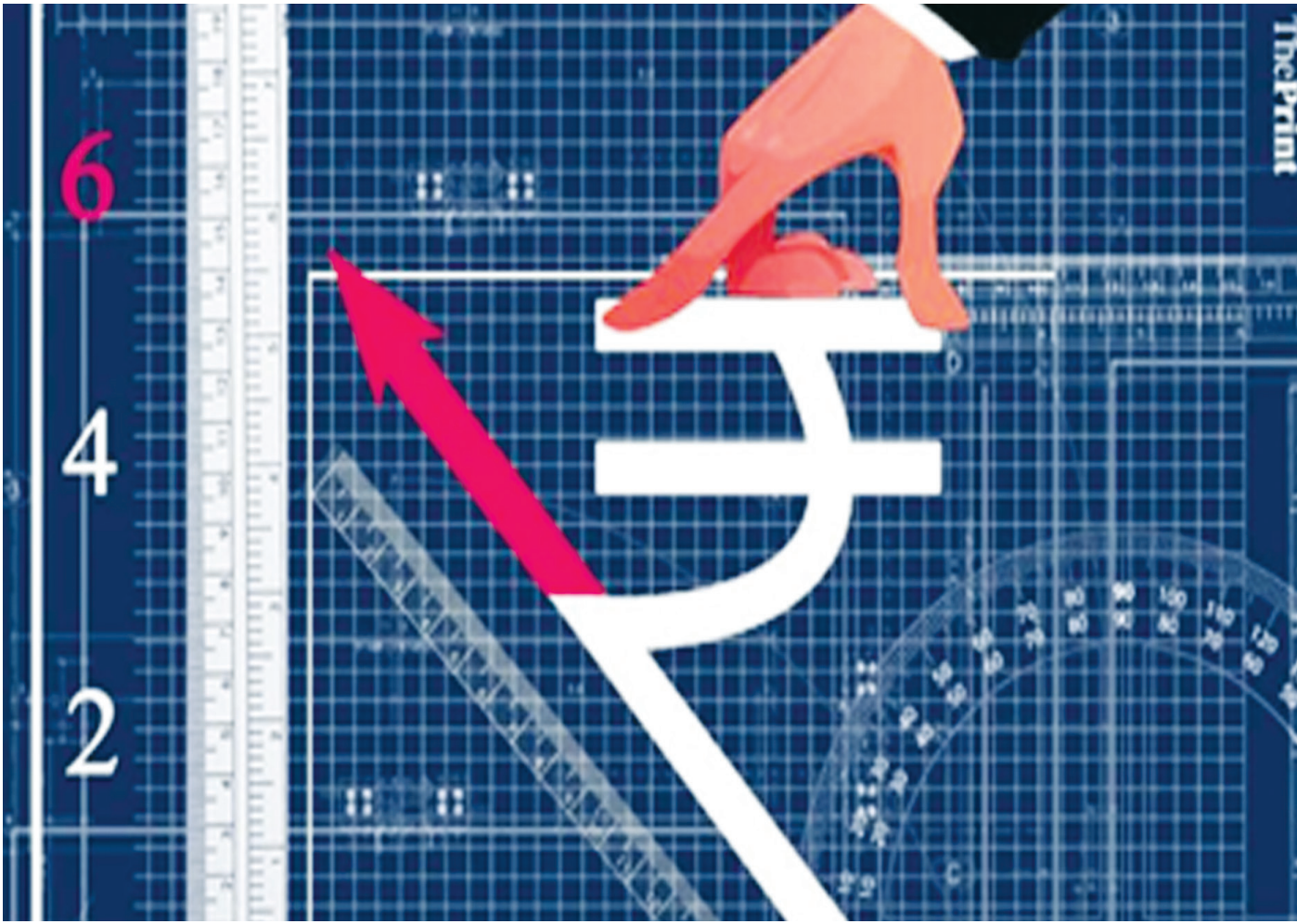
India Attracts Record Foreign Investment Despite Rupee Weakness

Global central banks are no longer moving in unison, creating a fragmented monetary landscape. The United States Federal Reserve recently cut its policy rate by 25 basis points, bringing it to a range of 4-4.25 per cent. In contrast, the European Central Bank (ECB) remains cautious, holding rates steady as it balances inflation concerns with sluggish growth. Japan continues its ultra-loose monetary policy with near-zero rates and extensive bond purchases, while China is aggressively easing policy rates to support its slowing economy. This divergence marks a clear departure from the post-pandemic trend when most central banks tightened policies collectively to combat inflation. Liquidity is now being injected in some regions while withdrawn in others, creating yield differentials that scatter capital flows rather than channeling them uniformly.

Amid this global monetary complexity, the Indian rupee is under pressure, recently slipping past Rs 88 to the dollar, marking a historic low. Conventional wisdom would suggest that a weakening currency deters foreign investors, yet paradoxically, inflows into India continue unabated. Foreign portfolio investments (FPIs) surged, crossing \$14.6 billion in equities and nearly \$9-10 billion in debt in FY25. Momentum is expected to accelerate with India's inclusion in JPMorgan's Emerging Market Bond Index, which began in June 2024 and will reach full weight by March 2025, potentially attracting \$20-25 billion in debt inflows.

Why do investors remain bullish despite the rupee depreciation? Three key factors stand out. First, India's relative growth advantage is unmatched, with projected GDP growth of 6.5 per cent in FY2025, compared with 0.7 per cent in the eurozone and 0.9 per cent in the United States. Second, macroeconomic credibility matters: August 2025 inflation moderated to 4.9 per cent, within the Reserve Bank of India's target range, reflecting steady and credible policy management. Third, index-driven and structural flows provide stability, as pension funds and sovereign wealth funds allocate resources to India due to benchmark mandates rather than speculative motives.

Combined, these factors explain the paradox: despite the rupee's weakness, India remains a magnet for capital. It offers relative safety compared with emerging peers like Turkey, South Africa, or Brazil and delivers higher returns than developed markets such as the US or Europe. In a world of fragmented global liquidity, India stands out as a preferred investment destination, underpinned by growth, stability, and structural inflows.



Trump vs India: Tariffs, Swadeshi, and the Modi-RSS Alignment

India ushered in the Goods and Services Tax (GST), a landmark reform in state revenue collection, compared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to historic moments like Independence and the adoption of the Constitution. Eight years later, on September 22, 2025, Modi announced the next phase of GST reforms, introducing a rationalised structure with just three rate slabs. Branded as a "savings festival," the move encourages Indian consumers to buy swadeshi products, aiming to offset the potential impact of US-imposed tariffs.

While the tax adjustment may temporarily



boost consumption and appease the middle class, its broader significance lies in domestic political and ideological alignment. The Trump administration's tariffs have created an opportunity for the Modi government to embrace a stronger swadeshi narrative, aligning more closely with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideology and potentially bridging the longstanding rift between the RSS and its political arm, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Historically, India's economic policies have followed a liberal trajectory from the Narasimha Rao-Manmohan Singh era through the Vajpayee government. The RSS, however, advocated for a more inward-looking, self-reliant approach, which clashed with liberalisation, especially in sectors like insurance. When Modi assumed office in 2014, hopes for swadeshi economic policies were rekindled, but his pro-business track record and openness to foreign investment often

drew criticism from the Sangh Parivar. Initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat and Vocal for Local were seen by some RSS factions as symbolic rather than substantive. Trump's Make America Great Again campaign mirrors the

swadeshi vision for India—prioritising domestic industries while imposing protective tariffs. India, however, faces challenges in developing a high-purchasing-power domestic market, as it remains capital-intensive rather than innovation- or labour-driven. The dual circulation strategy, similar to China's approach during its tariff tensions with the US, emphasises strengthening internal markets alongside external exports, promoting domestic innovation and resilience.

In response, the RSS has begun assessing India's economic

position and domestic capabilities, working with affiliated organisations to map out a roadmap for India to emerge as a global economic model. At a recent Jodhpur meeting, the Sangh leadership emphasised pursuing its goals unwaveringly, signalling a firm ideological direction. While the Modi administration's alignment with the Parivar remains evolving, Trump's tariffs have inadvertently provided an impetus for India to embrace swadeshi policies more assertively, blending domestic economic growth with ideological consolidation.



Congress CWC Slams Modi Govt Over Foreign Policy, Vote “Chori” in Bihar

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Following its meeting in Patna on September 24, 2025, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) passed a resolution sharply criticizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s foreign policy, terming his

“huglomacy” a failure that has left India “diplomatically isolated and unable to secure its national interests.” The party expressed deep concern over what it called the “collapse of India’s foreign policy,” highlighting India’s perceived inaction on global issues including the ongoing civilian crisis

in Gaza. The resolution also attacked the BJP-RSS, accusing them of relentless assaults on the Constitution and the principles of democracy — liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice — being “demolished brick by brick.” The CWC emphasized that the Bihar Assembly elections

would be decisive in countering what it described as a “corrupt, incompetent, and authoritarian government.” A significant focus of the resolution was on allegations of “vote chori.” The CWC claimed that roll revision in Bihar was a “dirty trick” by the BJP

to manipulate electoral rolls and disenfranchise marginalized communities. The party said these irregularities have undermined public trust in the democratic process, describing them as attempts to cling to power at the expense of the electorate. The resolution reaffirmed Congress’ com-

mitment to defending the Constitution, vowing to restore democratic principles, ensure justice, and protect the rights of all citizens. It also criticized the government’s handling of the economy, accusing it of creating “economic devastation” while manipulating data to project an image of growth.

On international affairs, the CWC highlighted India’s inaction despite U.S. President Donald Trump’s claims of using trade leverage to address India-Pakistan tensions after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. The party expressed dismay over India’s silent stance, saying the country’s

moral credibility in global affairs has suffered. The Patna meet marked a key strategy session ahead of the Bihar polls, with top Congress leaders, Chief Ministers, and CLP members in attendance, signaling the party’s intent to mount a vigorous challenge in the state.



71 Maoists, Including 21 Women, Surrender in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh

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In a significant development in Chhattisgarh’s Dantewada district, 71 Maoists, including 21 women and three minors, surrendered to senior police and CRPF officials on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Among the surrendered cadres, 30 carried a collective bounty of ₹64 lakh. The surrender comes amid growing disillusionment with the “hollow” Maoist ideology, said Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai. The surrendered cadres cited the state’s rehabilitation drives, ‘Lon Varratu’ and ‘Poona Margem’, as a motivating factor, along with the government’s new surrender and rehabilita-

tion policy. Key cadres carrying high bounties include Baman Madkam (₹8 lakh), Manki alias Samila Mandavi (₹8 lakh), Shamila alias Somli Kawasi (₹5 lakh), Gangi alias Rohni Barse (₹5 lakh), and Deve alias Kavita Madvi (₹5 lakh). Others carried bounties ranging from ₹3 lakh to ₹50,000. Many of the top-bounty cadres were allegedly involved in attacks on security personnel, while others participated in logistical and propaganda activities such as road digging, tree cutting, and distributing Maoist banners and pamphlets. All 71 surrendered Maoists were provided immediate assistance of ₹50,000 each and will undergo further rehabilitation under the state’s policy. Since the launch of the ‘Lon Varratu’ campaign

in June 2020, 1,113 Naxalites, including 297 with bounties, have renounced violence in Dantewada. The recent killings of senior Maoist leaders Raju Dada alias Katta Ramachandra Reddy and Kosa Dada alias Kadari Satyanarayana Reddy, both carrying bounties of ₹1.80 crore, in Narayanpur district, have further weakened the CPI (Maoist) structure in the region. Police officials described the mass surrender as a “major blow” to the outlawed outfit, reflecting both the impact of security operations and the appeal of state-led rehabilitation initiatives. The development marks a critical step in Chhattisgarh’s ongoing efforts to reduce Maoist influence and restore peace in the Bastar region.

Union Cabinet Approves Productivity Linked Bonus for Railway Employees

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday, approved the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) of 78 days, amounting to ₹1,865.68 crore, to 10,91,146 railway employees across the country. The annual PLB is traditionally disbursed before the Durga Puja and Dasara holidays, serving as an incentive for employees to enhance the operational performance of Indian Railways. Last year, the PLB amounted to ₹2,028.57 crore, benefiting 11,72,240 railway employees. This year, the bonus equivalent to 78 days’ wages will be distributed to around 10.91 lakh non-gazetted staff, including key categories such as Track Maintainers, Loco Pilots, Train Managers (Guards), Station Masters, Supervisors, Technicians, Technician Helpers, Pointsmen, Ministerial Staff, and other Group ‘C’ employees. The maximum payable amount per eligible employee is ₹17,951. According to the official press release, the PLB acts as a perfor-

mance-linked incentive, motivating employees to contribute actively towards the improvement of the Railways’ efficiency and service quality. The Railway Ministry highlighted the sector’s excellent performance in the financial year 2024-25, with a record 1,614.90 million tonnes of cargo loaded and nearly 7.3 billion passengers transported. The bonus distribution reflects the government’s continued commitment to rewarding railway staff for their dedication and hard work, especially in ensuring the smooth functioning of one of the world’s largest rail networks. By linking productivity to financial incentives, the PLB system aims to maintain high standards in operational efficiency, safety, and passenger service. The disbursement is expected to uplift employee morale ahead of the festive season while acknowledging their contribution to the Railways’ remarkable achievements over the past year. This year’s PLB payout reaffirms the government’s policy of recognizing and rewarding consistent employee performance in the public sector.

Delhi Baba ‘Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati’ Accused of Molestation

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Shocking revelations have emerged against ‘Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati’, the director of the Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management in Delhi’s Vasant Kunj, who allegedly sent sleazy messages and exploited dozens of women under his care over the past 16 years. WhatsApp messages recovered from the mobile phones of 50 women reveal disturbing details, including lewd texts, coercion, and forced physical contact. In some messages, the ‘Swami’ lured women with promises of wealth and overseas trips, while in others, he threatened poor academic marks to force compliance. Police investigations suggest that the accused, born Parthasarathy in Odisha, preyed on women from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), possibly believing they would be less likely to speak up. He reportedly received assistance from three female wardens who allegedly coerced victims via messages and calls. Two prior molestation



cases filed against him in 2009 and 2016 appear to have been ignored, allowing him to continue his predatory behavior. The second case was even reported by a woman from the same Vasant Kunj ashram, yet no action was taken by authorities or the ashram. Currently, the accused was in London when the latest scandal broke after 17 women filed complaints at Delhi’s Defence Colony Police Station in early August. He was last seen in Agra. Besides molestation charges, he faces allegations of using a fake diplomatic number plate on

his Volvo sedan, fraud, and other criminal conduct. Multiple fake plates were recovered from the ashram. The ashram, part of the Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetha in Sringeri, has expelled the ‘god-man’ and described his actions as “inappropriate.” Police are actively investigating the matter, recording statements from the victims and associates, while the hunt continues to locate the accused. The scandal has sparked outrage over the prolonged exploitation of women and failures in accountability within religious institutions.

Karnataka HC Rejects Elon Musk’s X Corp Petition on Information Blocking Orders

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The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday dismissed a petition filed by Elon Musk’s X Corp challenging the authority of government officials to issue information blocking orders in India. The court emphasized that social media companies cannot be allowed to operate unregulated within the country. The petition, filed by X Corp, sought to ques-

tion the legal basis for government-issued orders that direct platforms to remove or restrict access to content deemed unlawful or harmful. The company argued that such orders were excessive and could impinge on free expression online. However, the Karnataka High Court rejected the claims, asserting that regulation is necessary to ensure responsible functioning of social media platforms. The court highlighted the government’s role in

maintaining public order, preventing the spread of misinformation, and safeguarding citizens’ rights. “Social media companies cannot be allowed to work unregulated in India,” the court stated. It stressed that platforms like X must comply with legal obligations, including blocking or taking down content as directed by competent authorities under Indian law. Legal experts noted that the judgment reaffirms the government’s

authority under the Information Technology Act and other relevant regulations to issue directives to social media intermediaries. The ruling underscores the importance of balancing free speech with accountability in the digital space. This verdict comes amid growing scrutiny of global social media platforms operating in India, particularly concerning the spread of misinformation, hate speech, and other unlawful content. It signals that even high-pro-

file tech companies, including those led by global figures like Elon Musk, must adhere to Indian regulations. Industry analysts say the decision could set a precedent for future cases involving content regulation, compliance obligations, and the responsibilities of social media intermediaries in India. The ruling reinforces that legal oversight is central to maintaining a safe and accountable online ecosystem while protecting national interests and public welfare.





“Because His Audience Is Gone”: Trump On ABC Reuniting With Jimmy Kimmel

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US President Donald Trump has expressed disbelief and frustration over ABC's decision to reinstate late-night host Jimmy Kimmel, just days after his show was suspended. The controversy erupted following Kimmel's remarks on the killing of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk and his criticisms of President Trump's response and FBI Director Kash Patel's handling of the investigation. Kimmel's comments on the September 16 episode of Jimmy Kimmel

Live mocked Trump's manner of grieving and questioned the political narratives surrounding the assassination. The backlash was immediate, with Nexstar Media Group, a major ABC affiliate owner, announcing it would not air the show "for the foreseeable future." Disney later confirmed the show's return on Tuesday. President Trump took to Truth Social to voice his disapproval, writing, "I can't believe ABC Fake News gave Jimmy Kimmel his job back. The White House was told by ABC that his show was cancelled!" He questioned ABC's motives, claiming Kimmel's

audience had diminished and accused the host of spreading "99% positive Democrat GARBAGE," calling it a potential "Illegal Campaign Contribution." Trump added that the government would "test ABC out on this," recalling that ABC previously paid \$16 million in a legal settlement. Despite the reinstatement, some affiliates are refusing to broadcast the show. Nexstar and Sinclair Broadcast Group, controlling about a quarter of ABC's affiliates, said they would continue to preempt Kimmel unless assurances of "respectful, constructive dialogue" are met.

Kimmel's initial monologue referenced Charlie Kirk's death and mocked Trump's remarks about ongoing White House construction, drawing sharp criticism from Nexstar. Andrew Alford, Nexstar's broadcasting president, called Kimmel's comments "offensive and insensitive," emphasizing that they did not reflect the values of local communities. Trump praised the original cancellation, calling ABC courageous at the time, but now views the reinstatement as a misstep, reiterating his intention to scrutinize the network's decision.

India ‘mostly with us,’ says Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has expressed cautious optimism about India's role in the Russia-Ukraine war, saying that New Delhi is "mostly with us" despite continuing energy ties with Moscow. Speaking in an interview with Fox News, Zelenskyy suggested that U.S. President Donald Trump could play a crucial role in reshaping India's energy cooperation with Russia and building closer ties between Washington, Europe, and New Delhi. When asked whether India and China's purchases of Russian oil were indirectly funding

Moscow's war machine, Zelenskyy admitted that energy remained a difficult issue. "I think India mostly with us. Yes, we have these questions with energy, but I think that President Trump can manage it with Europeans, make more close and strong relations with India," he said. He stressed the need to ensure that India does not drift away, adding that he believed New Delhi could eventually adjust its stance on the Russian energy sector. Zelenskyy contrasted India's position with that of China and Iran, stating that Beijing's deep reliance on Moscow and Tehran's alignment with anti-U.S. positions made them unlikely partners in peace. "I'm sure with

China, it's more difficult... Without China, Putin's Russia is nothing. Yet too often, China stays silent and distant, instead of active for peace," he remarked, adding that if China truly wanted the war to end, it could force Moscow to stop the invasion. India, meanwhile, has maintained that its energy imports are driven purely by national interest and market realities. After Western sanctions cut Moscow off from much of its traditional market, New Delhi turned to discounted Russian crude to secure affordable supplies. India continues to stress that its decisions are not political but rooted in ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion citizens.



Google Admits To Censorship Under Joe Biden

Plans To Restore Banned YouTube Accounts

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Google has announced a significant policy shift that could see previously banned YouTube accounts reinstated, particularly those removed for political speech linked to Covid-19 and election discussions. The move comes after the company admitted, in a letter to the House Judiciary Committee, that it had taken down content under pressure from the Biden administration during the pandemic. The letter, written by a Google lawyer, outlined the company's updated approach, stating that permanently banned users may now have a pathway back to the platform. This includes both regular users and well-known figures such as Dan Bongino, former White House adviser Sebastian Gorka, and podcast host Steve Bannon, who were all previously de-platformed for content that violated YouTube policies at the time. The timing and framework for reinstatement have not yet been announced by Google's parent company, Alphabet. However, the disclosure forms part of a broader

Ragasa Kills 14 in Taiwan, Over a Million Evacuated in China

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Super Typhoon Ragasa has claimed at least 14 lives in Taiwan and left 18 injured, while over 1.04 million residents in China's Guangdong province have been evacuated as the powerful storm approaches landfall. Ragasa, the 18th typhoon of the season, is being described as the strongest storm to hit the Chinese coast this year, with state-run CGTN warning it could be the most destructive so far. In Taiwan, the storm

has caused widespread devastation, with nearly 100 people still trapped in various areas awaiting rescue. The typhoon's outer circulation continues to lash the island, triggering torrential rains and flooding. On Tuesday, a dam at a barrier lake in Hualien County overflowed, worsening the disaster. As Ragasa moved closer to Guangdong's Pearl River Delta, wind speeds of 212 km/h were recorded in Zhuhai city. China's State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters has raised the emergency response to

Level III for Guangdong and neighbouring Hainan. Local authorities are reinforcing infrastructure and bracing for flooding, storm surges, and landslides. The storm has already disrupted transportation across the region. Shenzhen airport has been shut, while the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge remains closed. Guangzhou has cancelled all flights until Wednesday evening, and Zhuhai reported 21 cancellations on Tuesday. Public transport systems, including buses, taxis, and subways, have been

suspended in key cities, while highways remain restricted. Authorities have also implemented preventive measures, including tying down outdoor objects, tapping windows, and trimming over 18,000 trees to reduce risks. With its sheer intensity, Ragasa is testing disaster preparedness across East Asia, leaving Taiwan reeling and China's manufacturing hub bracing for impact. Rescue efforts are underway as both nations prepare for further damage in the coming hours.



Recognition of Palestine Is ‘Only a Matter of Time’ at UN: PM Ishiba

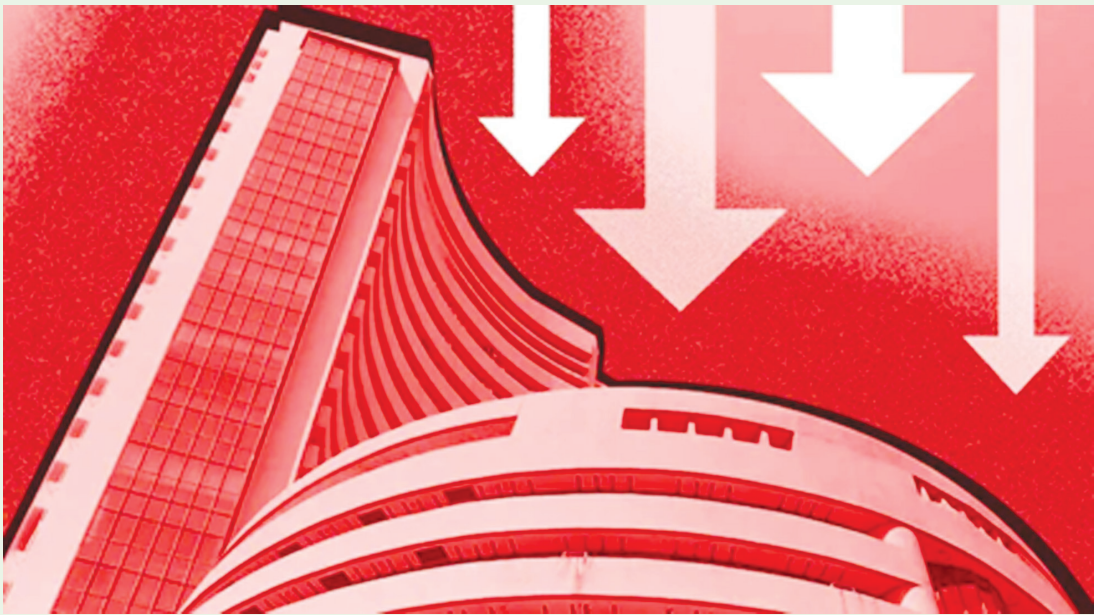
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Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba delivered a strong statement at the United Nations on Tuesday (September 24, 2025), declaring that Tokyo's recognition of the State of Palestine was inevitable and only a matter of time. Expressing sharp criticism of recent remarks by Israeli officials, Ishiba said he was "indignant" at statements that categorically rejected the very idea of Palestinian statehood. Currently, nearly 80% of UN member states recognize Palestine, with Britain, Canada, and France among the latest to add their names following almost two years of conflict in Gaza. "For

our country, the question is not whether to recognize a Palestinian state, but when. The continued unilateral actions by the Government of Israel can never be accepted," Ishiba emphasized. He further warned, "If further actions are taken that obstruct the realisation of a two-state solution, Japan will be compelled to take new measures in response." The escalation of recognition efforts comes in the wake of Israel's offensive in Gaza, which began after Hamas's unprecedented October 7, 2023 attack inside Israel that killed 1,219 people, mostly civilians. Since then, nearly 65,382 Palestinians, the majority civilians, have died in Israeli military operations, according to Gaza's

health ministry, figures the UN has deemed credible. While the United States under President Donald Trump has argued that recognizing Palestine would reward Hamas, other Western allies have shifted toward supporting Palestinian statehood. Japan, a key G7 member and a close U.S. ally hosting around 54,000 American troops, has so far refrained but now signals a historic policy shift. Ishiba stressed that what matters most is ensuring a sustainable Palestinian state living peacefully alongside Israel. He also urged Palestinian leaders to establish governance systems that uphold accountability as they prepare for statehood.





Sensex, Nifty end lower as profit booking continues; Tata Motors falls over 2%

Benchmark Indian stock indices fell sharply on Wednesday as investors booked profits following the recent rally, with sentiment further weighed down by the Indian rupee's sharp depreciation against the US dollar. The S&P BSE Sensex dropped 386.47 points to close at 81,715.63, while the NSE Nifty50 fell 112.60 points to 25,056.90. Broader market indices also ended lower, with sectoral performance largely negative, except for pharma stocks, which posted modest gains.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments, said profit booking has emerged post-GST reforms as investors recalibrate valuations and Q2 earnings expectations. He added that IT stocks underperformed amid H-1B fee hikes, while US trade rhetoric and weak global cues are prompting cautious investor sentiment. Hariprasad K, SEBI-registered Research Analyst and Founder of Livelong Wealth, noted that the Nifty has declined over 3% in the past year despite intermittent rallies. He said this lack of meaningful

returns is dampening enthusiasm among new-age investors, who are reluctant to deploy additional funds amid persistent volatility. Adani Group stocks also came under pressure, reversing some recent gains. The surge in the group's shares following SEBI's clean chit last week appears to have triggered profit booking, with long-stuck investors using the rally to pare positions. Globally, Asian equities rebounded on Wednesday, supported by optimism in the artificial intelligence and semiconductor sectors.

China's tech-led rally offered some relief to regional markets, although domestic investor sentiment remained cautious. Analysts expect that short-term volatility may continue as investors monitor global developments, currency fluctuations, and corporate earnings updates. Overall, the Indian market's pullback underscores the cautious mood among investors, balancing optimism from recent reforms with concerns over global economic cues and currency volatility.

Gold Hits Record Rs 1,16,200; Silver Soars to All-Time High

Gold prices surged by Rs 2,200 to touch a fresh peak of Rs 1,16,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, driven by strong global cues and anticipation of key commentary from US Federal Reserve officials on policy direction. According to the All India Sarafa Association, gold of 99.9% purity had closed at Rs 1,14,000 per 10 grams on Friday, while 99.5% purity gold rallied Rs 2,150 to hit a record Rs 1,15,650 per 10 grams, inclusive of all taxes.

Analysts noted that both gold and silver are trading at record levels domestically, following bullish trends in international markets. Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst – Commodities at HDFC Securities, said a dovish signal from the US Fed suggests two additional rate cuts may occur by year-end, which could limit gains in the US dollar and Treasury yields while boosting precious metal prices. Strong inflows into exchange-traded funds and continued central bank demand have further supported bullion prices.

In 2025, gold has surged Rs 37,250 per 10 grams, a 47.18% rise from Rs 78,950 at the end of 2024. Silver prices also skyrocketed by Rs 4,380 to an all-time high of Rs 1,36,380 per kilogram, up 52.04% from Rs 89,700 per kilogram on December 31, 2024. Globally, spot gold rose over 1% to a record USD 3,728.43 per ounce, as investors awaited remarks from FOMC officials and Fed Chair Jerome Powell's upcoming speech. Spot silver traded higher at USD 43.61 per ounce, reaching an intra-day peak of USD 43.80. Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research at Kotak Securities,

highlighted that global markets are closely watching Fed guidance for policy direction, while Praveen Singh from Mirae Asset ShareKhan emphasized upcoming US PMIs data as crucial for market sentiment. Jigar Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities, noted that strong fundamentals, tight supply, and robust industrial demand from the solar, electric vehicle, and electronics sectors are supporting silver's upward momentum, signaling continued strength for precious metals.



SEBI Proposes Allowing FPIs to Trade in Gold, Silver, Base Metals



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is considering a proposal to allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to trade in non-cash settled, non-agricultural commodity derivatives, potentially including gold, silver, zinc, and other base metals. Currently, FPIs are permitted to trade only in natural gas, crude oil, index futures, and index options. SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey recently confirmed that

the proposal is under review as part of efforts to broaden India's domestic commodity market and attract a wider pool of investors. By opening the market to foreign participants, the regulator aims to increase liquidity, diversify investment flows, and enhance price discovery for non-agricultural commodities. Market experts believe that allowing FPIs to trade in gold and silver derivatives could significantly boost participation in these segments, which have traditionally been dominated by domestic investors. Enhanced foreign involvement may lead to tighter spreads, more efficient pricing, and potentially higher trading volumes. Additionally, zinc and other base metals could see increased interest from global funds seeking exposure to India's growing industrial demand.

The move aligns with broader policy goals of integrating India's financial markets with global investment flows. By offering FPIs more avenues for investment, SEBI hopes to attract capital inflows while simultaneously strengthening the domestic derivatives ecosystem. Analysts note that while the proposal is likely to create new opportunities for foreign investors, it will also require careful monitoring to manage risks associated with volatility and speculative activity. The regulator may implement safeguards, including position limits and risk management measures, to maintain market stability.

If approved, SEBI's proposal could mark a significant step in opening up India's commodity derivatives market to global investors, enhancing its depth, competitiveness, and alignment with international best practices. The final decision is awaited, and market participants are watching closely for potential implications on trading dynamics and investor strategies.

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GST 2.0: Centre Monitors Price Changes, Urges Consumer Feedback

The Centre has directed its field officers to closely monitor price changes across 54 product categories following the rollout of GST 2.0, government sources said on Tuesday. The sweeping tax rate cuts, which became effective from September 22, are aimed at simplifying the Goods and Services Tax and providing relief to consumers, but the government is cautious about ensuring that the benefits are actually passed on. On September 9, the Revenue Department issued a letter to principal chief commissioners and chief commissioners of central GST zones, instructing them to submit detailed reports on price movements by the end of the month. The monitoring exercise is intended to avoid any sudden or knee-jerk in-



terventions, while still keeping a close eye on market reactions. "Field officers are expected to track prices diligently and report any irregularities or insufficient benefit transfer to consumers," said a government official familiar with the matter. This is part of the broader effort under GST 2.0 to enhance transparency, ensure compliance, and maintain consumer confidence in the taxation system. Consumers who feel

that the GST rate cuts are not being reflected in retail prices are being encouraged to lodge complaints through the National Consumer Helpline. The government has stressed that public feedback will complement the official monitoring and help authorities identify areas where additional action may be needed. Officials have emphasized that the Centre does not plan to make hasty regulatory moves but will review the reports and consumer com-

plaints carefully before deciding on any interventions. The combined approach of field surveillance and consumer reporting is expected to provide a comprehensive picture of how the GST 2.0 benefits are being distributed in the market. The ongoing monitoring will be crucial in ensuring that the intended price reductions are passed on effectively, maintaining trust in the new GST framework while balancing market dynamics.

Goyal Highlights U.S. Role in India's Energy Security

India plans to increase its energy trade with the United States in the coming years, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday (September 23, 2025), stressing that U.S. involvement will play a significant role in India's energy security. Speaking at the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in New York, Goyal outlined key areas of cooperation, including energy, nuclear power, and critical minerals. "India is a big player in the energy trade," Goyal said. "We are big importers of energy from across the world, including from the U.S. We expect to increase our trade with the U.S. on energy products in the years to come." He added that being close friends and natural partners, both countries would collaborate to ensure price stability, diversify



energy sources for India, and explore broader opportunities across sectors. Goyal also highlighted nuclear power as a priority area for bilateral cooperation. "It is an area we have been talking about for a long time. There were certain elements that needed to be set right, and we are working to support private efforts in nuclear power in India," he said. The Commerce Minister also criticised the European Union's planned Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), warning it could isolate the EU and harm its economy. "Green protectionism can backfire, causing inflation and making infrastructure and cost of living unviable," Goyal said, urging that trade and climate goals not be conflated. Addressing critical

minerals, Goyal emphasized resilient supply chains and diversification of sources to prevent trade from being weaponized. His remarks come amid U.S. tariffs on Indian imports over Russian oil purchases and ongoing discussions on a Bilateral Trade Agreement between India and the U.S., underscoring the strategic and economic dimensions of the partnership.

The ‘Hidden Glow’ in Human Body That Marks Life and Death

Scientists in the United States and Canada have uncovered a remarkable phenomenon in which the human body emits a faint light throughout life, gradually fading as death approaches. This light, imperceptible to the naked eye, is known as ultra-weak photon emission (UPE) or biophoton emission.

According to research published in The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, biophotons are emitted by living cells as a by-product of metabolic processes, particularly those involving reactive oxygen species (ROS). The glow is extremely subtle and cannot be seen without specialized instruments, but it is present in all living organisms, including humans, plants, and mice.

The study, conducted by researchers from the University of Calgary and the National Research Council of Canada, suggests that biophoton emission can act as a marker of life, diminishing steadily as cellular processes slow and eventually cease at death. This finding provides a fascinating glimpse into the hidden biophysical signals of life, showing that living beings subtly radiate energy even without visible motion or sound.

Science publications

like Science Alert have highlighted the significance of this research, noting that the biophoton glow represents the fundamental vitality of organisms. While the emission is ultra-weak, it provides valuable insights into cellular health, metabolic activity, and oxidative stress in real time.

Researchers hope that further understanding of biophoton emission could have applications in medicine and biology, potentially allowing scientists to monitor cell health non-invasively or study the biological processes of aging and disease progression.

This discovery underscores the extraordinary complexity of life, revealing that even in silence and stillness, our bodies are quietly radiating light, a hidden signal of life's intricate energy systems.



India's First Women Supercar Club Celebrates 5 Years with a Grand Drive

India's first women-only supercar club, Queen's Drive Club, marked its 5th anniversary in spectacular style, leaving the city streets buzzing with excitement. The celebration featured a dazzling convoy of over 50 luxury supercars, all driven by women, creating a spectacle that stopped passersby in their tracks.

The lineup included some of the world's most prestigious performance vehicles, such as Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Porsches, and McLarens, each showcasing both power and elegance. The roaring engines, sleek designs, and confident driving of these women made it an unforgettable visual experience for spectators across the city.

The event was led by the club's founder, Ritika Jatin Ahuja, who has been instrumental in promoting women's participation in high-performance motorsports and luxury car culture in India. Under her leadership, the club has grown into a community of passionate women drivers, inspiring others to break stereotypes in the automotive world.

This 5th edition of Queen's Drive Club was not just about cars—it was a celebration of empowerment, confidence, and performance. Members shared their love for driving, luxury vehicles, and camaraderie, while also emphasizing safety, skill, and precision behind the wheel. The event highlighted the growing presence of women in

a traditionally male-dominated sphere, proving that luxury, speed, and sophistication are no longer confined by gender.

Onlookers and car enthusiasts alike were thrilled by the roaring engines and stylish procession, making it a landmark event in India's automotive calendar. The anniversary drive also set the tone for future events, aiming to expand the community and showcase women's growing influence in the supercar culture.

Queen's Drive Club's 5-year journey is a testament to passion, perseverance, and empowerment, driving home the message that women can excel in every arena, even at the wheel of some of the world's most powerful machines.

Dum Dum Park Bharatchakra's 'Tanmatra Aura' Pandal Mesmerises Devotees

Durga Puja 2025 in Kolkata has once again set a new benchmark for creativity, spirituality, and innovation, with the Dum Dum Park Bharatchakra Club celebrating its Silver Jubilee. This year, the club has unveiled its spectacular theme, "Tanmatra: Aura", captivating visitors with a pandal that merges artistic grandeur with a profound spiritual experience.

The journey begins with a mesmerizing spiral ring of LED lights, symbolizing the vibrant energy waves of an aura. As devotees step inside, the pandal transforms into a monochromatic haven, offering calmness and depth. At the center, Goddess Durga appears in an unusual dhyannagura, devoid of weapons, radiating pure peace alongside her four children. Bathed in soft illumination,

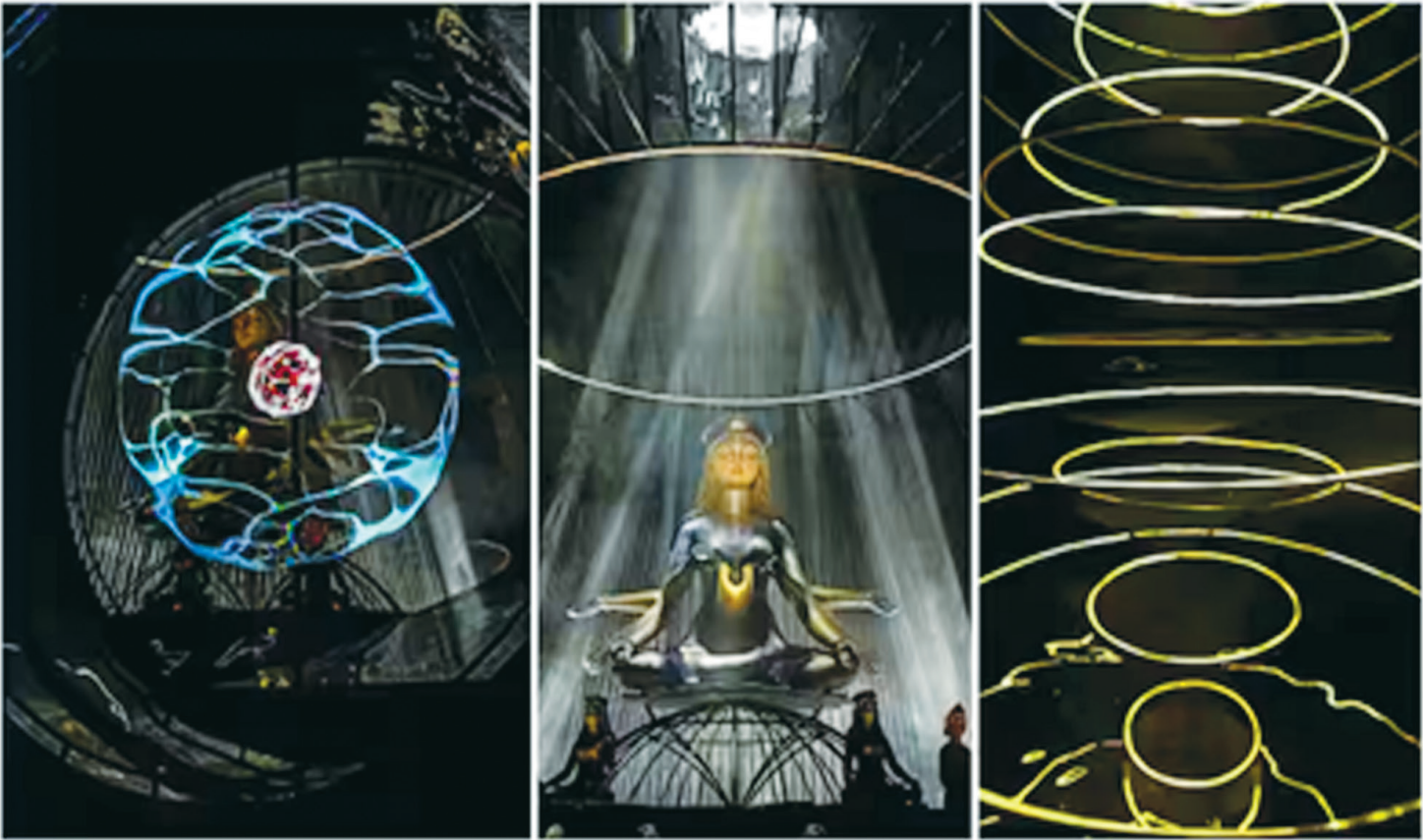
the divine family embodies the idea that true strength often lies in stillness. The setting is enhanced with shifting aura-inspired colors and holographic projections of Lord Shiva, creating a fusion of futuristic artistry and spirituality.

Artist Sushanta Shibani Pal, who conceptualized the theme, has gone beyond mere decoration. The pandal represents the invisible

yet powerful aura that surrounds every being, influencing emotions, thoughts, and spirituality. Through innovative use of colors, textures, and holographic effects, the structure becomes a cosmic bridge between the human soul and the divine universe.

This Silver Jubilee celebration not only honors 25 years of Dum Dum Park Bharatchakra's contributions to Kolkata's Durga Puja

culture but also elevates the festival experience. "Tanmatra: Aura" transforms the pandal from a traditional space into a modern, immersive, and contemplative journey, leaving visitors spellbound. The Durga Puja 2025 pandal stands as a testament to the harmonious blend of mythology, modern imagination, and spiritual reflection, inspiring devotees and art enthusiasts alike.



Google's AI Turnaround: From Early Blunders to Consumer Powerhouse

Over the past year, Google has staged a remarkable comeback in the AI arena, transforming from a company mocked for early missteps to a major player in consumer-facing artificial intelligence. When ChatGPT first shook the world, Google hastily launched its AI chatbot, Bard, in March 2023. Bard's launch was marred by errors, including a botched response about the James Webb telescope, drawing ridicule and prompting analysts to question Google's AI dominance.

Despite investing heavily in AI for over a decade, including acquiring DeepMind in 2014, Google had primarily focused on enhancing its own platforms rather than delivering direct



consumer services. Analysts noted that the company's leadership had grown complacent, underestimating the disruption from ChatGPT.

The turnaround began in 2024 with a major internal reorganization, consolidating AI teams under DeepMind, led by Nobel laureate Demis Hassabis. CEO Sundar Pichai emphasized the need to deploy Google's

proprietary AI chips, TPUs, to power next-generation applications. Early experiments like AI Overviews, though initially ridiculed, marked the first step toward broader consumer engagement.

By 2025, Google had launched NotebookLM, a tool synthesizing documents into readable summaries or podcasts, followed by Veo 3, a precise

video generation tool. AI Mode transformed Google Search into a conversational interface, while the new Pixel smartphone enabled advanced AI features like 100x zoom and real-time translation. YouTube also integrated AI video generation, and Google's Gemini-powered image editing app, Nano Banana, outperformed ChatGPT in iPhone downloads.

With partnerships reportedly brewing with Apple for Siri integration, Google is positioning AI as both a consumer service and a potential revenue stream. Analysts note that while monetization remains uncertain, Google is playing the long game—building engagement today for substantial returns tomorrow.

Apple Faces Backlash Over 'Scratchgate' in iPhone 17 Pro Series

Just weeks after the launch of the iPhone 17 series, Apple is facing mounting criticism from consumers and tech experts over the durability of its flagship models. Users have reported that the iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max are highly prone to scratches, even under minimal daily use, sparking outrage online. The issue has quickly been dubbed "Scratchgate" and has become a trending topic across social media platforms.

Tech reviewers were among the first to highlight the problem. They conducted standard scratch tests and found that the new devices scratched more easily than their predecessors, despite Apple's claims of using "next-generation



ceramic shield" glass. Consumers, meanwhile, have posted photos and videos showing noticeable scratches after routine handling, including keeping the phones in pockets alongside keys.

Many users are expressing disappointment, noting that the premium pricing of the

iPhone 17 Pro models warrants a higher standard of durability. Some have questioned Apple's testing process, suggesting that the company prioritized aesthetics and design over everyday practicality. Online forums and tech communities are now flooded with discussions on protec-

tive cases and screen guards as temporary solutions.

Apple has yet to release an official statement addressing the Scratchgate controversy. Industry analysts predict that the backlash could impact sales if the company does not offer clarifications, warranties, or solutions for affected users. Meanwhile, consumer advocacy groups are closely monitoring the situation, urging Apple to respond promptly to maintain customer trust.

With "Scratchgate" gaining momentum, the tech world is watching to see whether Apple can quickly manage the issue and reassure its loyal user base about the reliability of its high-end devices.



India Presents Ahmedabad Bid for 2030 Commonwealth Games

A high-level delegation from India formally presented its proposal to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad to the Evaluation Committee of Commonwealth Sport in London on September 23, 2025, the Gujarat government confirmed. The Indian team was led by Gujarat's Sports Minister Harsh Sanghavi and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president P.T. Usha.

The 2030 edition holds historic significance as it marks 100 years of the Commonwealth Sport Movement, and India's bid positions Ahmedabad

as the host city for this centenary celebration. Ahmedabad's proposal emphasizes a compact games footprint, leveraging international-standard venues, robust transport infrastructure, and high-quality accommodation.

The submission aligns with the Games Reset principles, focusing on affordability, inclusivity, flexibility, and sustainability. The plan integrates para-sports, promotes gender equity, safeguards human rights, and embeds a long-term legacy framework to ensure benefits extend beyond the Games to athletes, communities,

and the wider Commonwealth.

Minister Sanghavi highlighted the significance of hosting the centenary edition, saying, "Hosting the Centenary Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad will be a proud milestone, not just for Gujarat but for India. These Games will inspire our youth, accelerate our journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047, and strengthen the Commonwealth Movement for the next 100 years."

P.T. Usha reinforced India's values-driven approach, stating, "India's bid is not just about capability, but about values. Ahmedabad is ready to

pick up the baton from Glasgow 2026 and act as a springboard to the 2034 Games, ensuring the centenary edition honours the past while shaping the future of Commonwealth Sport."

With strong coordination between the Centre, Gujarat government, and the Commonwealth Games Association of India, the proposal underscores India's ambition to deliver Games that are compact, sustainable, inclusive, and globally impactful, aiming to leave a lasting legacy while celebrating the rich history of the Commonwealth sporting movement.

Liverpool Edge Southampton 2-1 as Isak Scores First Goal, Ekitike Sees Red

Liverpool advanced to the fourth round of the League Cup with a 2-1 win over Southampton at Anfield on September 23, 2025, in a game that had both drama and controversy. The spotlight was on Alexander Isak, Liverpool's record £125 million signing from Newcastle United, who netted his first goal for the club. The Swede struck in the 43rd minute, just moments after Southampton's Adam Armstrong rattled the crossbar. The goal came from a clever cut-back assist by Federico Chiesa,

who also later set up Liverpool's second. Southampton, however, refused to go down without a fight. A defensive lapse from Wataru Endo allowed Shea Charles to level the score in the 76th minute, sparking hopes of an upset. But substitute Hugo Ekitike, who had replaced Isak at halftime, restored Liverpool's lead with a well-taken goal just five minutes from time. His joy was short-lived though, as he was sent off moments later for removing his shirt in celebration — a second

yellow card that left Liverpool captain Andy Robertson frustrated. "It's silly from his part, but he's young and he'll learn," Robertson told Sky Sports.

Elsewhere, Chelsea survived a scare at Lincoln City, overturning a halftime deficit to win 2-1 with goals from teenager Tyrrique George and Facundo Buonanotte. Cardiff City stunned Premier League side Burnley 2-1, while Wolves beat Everton 2-0 in a clash of top-flight strugglers. Brighton & Hove Albion

hammered Barnsley 6-0, thanks to a four-goal show from Diego Gomez, including a rapid first-half hat-trick.

Meanwhile, Wrexham celebrated a historic 2-0 win over Reading, advancing to the fourth round for the first time since 1977. Fulham, Swansea City, Grimsby Town, Brentford, and Crystal Palace also progressed. Holders Newcastle United face Bradford City next, with Arsenal, Tottenham, and Manchester City all in action on Wednesday.



Jannik Sinner Reflects and Adapts After US Open Loss to Alcaraz

Italian tennis star Jannik Sinner admitted he has been making significant adjustments to his game following his defeat to Carlos Alcaraz in the US Open 2025 final. The 24-year-old, who lost in four sets and surrendered his New York crown as well as the world number one ranking, said he has spent the weeks since then "reflecting a lot" on how to evolve as a player.

Speaking in Beijing ahead of his return at the China Open, Sinner revealed he and his team have been focusing on small but crucial tweaks. "We've been reflecting a lot. We are changing a lot of small things where I'm thinking of now,"

said the current world number two, without revealing the exact changes. He admitted the process comes with challenges: "The amount of mistakes at the moment is for sure a little bit higher, but I hope this recovers in a very positive way."

Sinner will put his new strategies to the test against Marin Cilic in his opening match on Thursday. The adjustments are aimed at making his game more unpredictable, especially against rivals like Alcaraz, who beat him in Beijing last year as well.

Meanwhile, Alcaraz is competing in Japan, meaning the two will not face each other this week. Still, their grow-

ing rivalry — nicknamed "Sincaraz" — is widely seen as the most compelling storyline in men's tennis today.

Adding to the debate, Roger Federer, speaking at the Laver Cup, suggested that tournaments have become less exciting due to the uniformity of slower court surfaces, which he believes favor players like Sinner and Alcaraz. Responding, Sinner acknowledged the lack of variety but said, "I'm just a player who tries to adapt myself in the best possible way."

With new changes in motion, fans will be watching closely to see if Sinner's reflections can fuel a stronger comeback.

Shaheen Afridi Responds to Haris Rauf's Controversial Gestures Against India



The high-voltage Asia Cup 2025 Super 4 clash between India and Pakistan on Sunday sparked heated debates off the field, as Pakistan cricketers Haris Rauf and Saibzada Farhan faced widespread criticism for their provocative on-field gestures. Fans and pundits across social media slammed the duo for what many termed as "immature actions."

Ahead of Pakistan's final Super 4 game against Bangladesh, star pacer Shaheen Afridi addressed the controversy during a press conference.

Shaheen made it clear that Pakistan's focus must remain on cricket, not celebrations. "Our job is to play cricket. Honestly, everyone has the right to express themselves the way they want to. But we are here to win the Asia Cup," he stated. Downplaying the backlash, he added, "Everyone has their own thoughts and respect. But as a team, we are committed to doing our best."

Pakistan have endured

a tough run against India in this tournament, losing twice to their arch-rivals in the Super 4 stage. With a potential India-Pakistan final looming on September 28, Shaheen expressed confidence in his team's ability to turn the tide. "They have not reached the final yet. We will see when they do. We are ready for any team that comes, and we will defeat them, God willing," he said.

Acknowledging Pakistan's struggles against top-tier opposition, Shaheen admitted the need for improvement but emphasized the team's hunger. "Yes, we haven't won against big teams, but that is how you grow. When you play against strong opponents, you learn and you win. We are competing with them now," he noted.

As the Asia Cup enters its decisive phase, Pakistan's performances — both on and off the field — remain under intense scrutiny, with their clash against Bangladesh serving as a must-win to keep title hopes alive.

Nottingham Forest Makes Europa League Return After 30 Years

After nearly three decades, Nottingham Forest is back on the European stage, beginning its Europa League campaign with a trip to Spain to face Real Betis on Wednesday. Forest last played in Europe during the 1995-96 UEFA Cup, reaching the quarterfinals before a long absence from continental football. Now, under new coach Ange Postecoglou, the Premier League side looks to rekindle its European spirit, though challenges remain.

Postecoglou, who took over after Nuno Espirito Santo was sacked, is still searching for his first win with Forest after recording two losses and a draw in his opening three games. Ironically, the Australian manager

was dismissed by Tottenham Hotspur in June despite leading Spurs to their first trophy in 17 years — the Europa League title — even as the club endured its worst-ever Premier League campaign, finishing 17th.

Forest's entry into the competition is also unique. They were handed the Europa League slot after Crystal Palace, the FA Cup winners, were demoted by UEFA to the Conference League due to ownership conflicts involving multiple club stakes. The ruling cleared the way for Forest's historic return.

Elsewhere in Wednesday's fixtures, Roma travels to France to face Nice, while Bundesliga side Freiburg hosts Swiss champions Basel.

Dutch giants Feyenoord meet Braga in Portugal, Celtic square off against Red Star Belgrade, and PAOK Thessaloniki welcome Maccabi Tel-Aviv. Nine more matches will follow on Thursday.

The Europa League 2025-26 season uses the new 36-team league format, mirroring the Champions League. Each team plays eight different opponents, with results feeding into a single league table to determine knockout stage qualification.

For Forest, the clash against Betis is more than just a group opener — it marks the revival of a European journey paused for 30 years, as the club seeks to write a new chapter in its storied history.



Mirai Crosses ₹140 Crore in 12 Days, Eyes ₹150 Crore Mark

Teja Sajja's latest action-adventure fantasy drama, *Mirai*, continues to dominate the box office, delivering steady collections and winning the hearts of audiences. Directed by Kartik Gattamaneni, the film features a star-studded ensemble including Manchu Manoj, Shriya Saran, and Ritika Nayak in special appearances, alongside Jagapathi Babu, Jayaram, Getup Srinu, Tanja Keller, Kishore Tirumala, and Venkatesh Maha in supporting roles.

According to the makers, *Mirai* has grossed an impressive ₹140.08 crore within just 12 days of its release, inching closer to the ₹150 crore milestone. The film's strong performance in North America has also been notable, with collections approaching \$3 million, reflecting the growing ap-



peal of Telugu cinema on the international stage. Produced by People Media Factory, *Mirai* combines high-octane action, fantasy elements, and an engaging narrative that has resonated with audiences across age groups. The film's spectacular visual effects, larger-than-life sequences, and powerful performances by the lead cast have been major contributors to its box of-

adventurous tone. The combination of compelling storytelling, high production values, and an ensemble cast has made *Mirai* a complete cinematic package, drawing fans repeatedly to theaters.

As the film continues its theatrical run, industry insiders expect it to cross the ₹150 crore mark soon, cementing Teja Sajja's position as a rising star in Telugu cinema. With robust domestic and international performance, *Mirai* not only highlights the commercial potential of high-budget fantasy dramas but also demonstrates the growing global footprint of Tollywood films.

The film's journey over the next few weeks will be closely watched, as audiences and trade analysts anticipate whether it will surpass major box office records and set new benchmarks for the industry.



OG Breaks Records: 274K Tickets Sold in 24 Hours

The excitement surrounding Pawan Kalyan's highly anticipated film, *They Call Him OG*, is reaching fever pitch as paid premieres prepare to roll out across the Telugu states and beyond. Fans have created an unprecedented frenzy, with ticket bookings surging at a phenomenal rate even before multiplex sales officially opened.

In just the last 24 hours, over 274,000 tickets were sold on BookMyShow, pushing the overall tally past 630,000. Analysts predict that the film is on track to surpass the 1 million ticket mark before the extended weekend concludes, signaling one of the biggest openings in recent Telugu cinema history.

Despite soaring ticket

prices, fans remain undeterred, driven by their desire to see Pawan Kalyan in a fierce gangster avatar. The actor's magnetic presence and loyal fan base have created this whirlwind of anticipation, making *They Call Him OG* a cultural phenomenon even before its official release.

Directed by Sujeeth, the film also features a stellar ensemble including Emraan Hashmi, Priyanka Arul Mohan, Sriya Reddy, Shaam, and Arjun Das, ensuring a captivating cinematic experience. The project is backed by producers DVV Danayya and Kalyan Dasari, promising high production values and an engaging storytelling.

The music of *They Call Him OG*, composed

by Thaman, has already garnered praise, adding to the anticipation and excitement around the film. Early reviews from select screenings indicate that the combination of intense performances, slick direction, and powerful music is resonating strongly with audiences.

As the premiere hour approaches, theaters across the region are preparing for record-breaking crowds. With ticket sales smashing records and fan enthusiasm at an all-time high, *They Call Him OG* is poised to make a massive impact at the box office and solidify Pawan Kalyan's status as one of Telugu cinema's most formidable stars.

Jailer 2: Rajinikanth's Action Comedy Sequel To Release In June 2026

Rajinikanth's 2023 blockbuster *Jailer*, despite receiving mixed reviews initially, became a massive hit, and fans now have a reason to celebrate once again. The superstar has officially confirmed that *Jailer 2* will hit cinemas on June 12, 2026, revealing the news to the media upon his return to Chennai after completing a shoot in Kerala.

According to reports, *Jailer 2* is being filmed across multiple locations, with the recent schedule taking place near Palakkad, Kerala. Rajinikanth was warmly welcomed by a massive crowd of fans, waving to them as the team filmed the grand climax sequence. The film promises to be a visual spectacle, bringing fans back to the iconic world of 'Tiger' Muthuvel Pandian, Rajinikanth's legendary character from the first film.

Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, the sequel sees the return of Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, and Mirnaa, while new faces SJ Suryah, Suraj Venjaramoodu, and Anna Rajan join the cast. Adding to the excitement, *Jailer 2* will feature cameo appearances by Shiva Rajkumar and

Mohanlal, along with extended special appearances by Nandamuri Balakrishna and Mithun Chakraborty, promising a star-studded cinematic experience.

Earlier in March, the makers officially announced the sequel, setting off waves of anticipation among fans. Rajinikanth, meanwhile, continues to impress with other projects, having last been seen in Lokesh Kanagaraj's *Coolie*. He is also set for a historic reunion with Kamal Haasan after 46 years, a collaboration confirmed during the NEXA SIIMA Awards 2025 in Dubai. The stars humorously remarked on their long-standing camaraderie, comparing their previous separation to splitting a biscuit and now enjoying the full treat together.

In summary, Rajinikanth has thrilled fans by confirming the release date for *Jailer 2* while wrapping up the Kerala schedule. The film promises high-octane action, a star-studded ensemble, and the return of the much-loved 'Tiger' Muthuvel Pandian. Fans can now mark June 12, 2026, as the day to witness Rajinikanth's cinematic magic once again.



Imanvi Charms in Breezy Avatar at Hyderabad's Historic Tombs

A gentle breeze swept through the historic tombs of Hyderabad, bringing an ancient yet lively aura, and it was against this timeless backdrop that debutante actress Imanvi was recently spotted. The rising star, set to romance superstar Prabhas in his upcoming movie *Fauji*, was captured in candid moments that highlighted her natural charm and poise. Imanvi chose a floral dress for the outing, perfectly complementing the stone architecture and the serene environment. The dress, light and playful, accentuated the breezy atmosphere of the historic site, creating a visual contrast between the vibrant patterns of her outfit and the muted, weathered walls.

Her casual styling and minimal accessories added to the effortless appeal, making her look both approachable and fashion-forward. Fans and photographers alike were captivated by her fresh and relaxed demeanor. Unlike the highly curated red carpet looks, Imanvi's choice of attire for the tomb exploration brought out a relatable, everyday elegance, showing that even amidst heritage structures, contemporary fashion can feel organic and in sync with the surroundings. The outing also offered a glimpse into her off-screen personality — youthful, lively, and at ease in public spaces. The historic tombs, often admired for their intricate

carvings and serene courtyards, seemed to come alive with her presence, as if echoing the blend of history and modern vibrancy she exuded. With *Fauji* marking her debut alongside one of Tollywood's biggest stars, this casual photoshoot has further piqued interest in Imanvi's journey as an actress. Her effortless style and charming persona at Hyderabad's tombs suggest that she is not just ready to take on the silver screen but also bring a refreshing energy that audiences are likely to embrace eagerly. Imanvi's breezy look and confident yet relaxed presence have already set a high bar for her fashion and screen appearances in the upcoming months.

