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FOUNDATION
STONE LAID
FOR TRIBAL
HOSTELS AT
SATAVAHANA
UNIVERSITY

Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Adluri Laxman Kumar have laid the foundation stone for new tribal boys' and girls' hostels at Satavahana University in Karimnagar district, to be built at a cost of ₹20 crore.

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FARMERS' LAND
RIGHTS ARE A TOP
PRIORITY: MINISTER
PONGULETI
SRINIVAS REDDY

Telangana Minister for Revenue and Housing, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, stated that the state government is prioritizing the land rights of farmers affected by the construction of the Khammam-Devarapalli Green Field Highway. He emphasized that the highway is a crucial project for the development of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

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Malkajgiri MP Etela
Rajender Attends
EKAM Launch

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Malkajgiri Member of Parliament Etela Rajender attended the inauguration of "EKAM" (one network infinite Aspiration) at the Westin Hotel in Madhapur. The organization's goal is to bring together business people from various sectors onto a single platform for mutual cooperation and business growth.

In his address, Etela Rajender emphasized the great power of unity. He noted that while global wealth and GDP have grown, so have tensions. He lamented that in the past, there was a greater focus on human life than on wealth. He spoke about the increase in wealth creation following in-



dustrialization, but also warned that "concentrated economy leads to poverty" and "concentrated power leads to destruction."

Here's a short summary of the provided text:

Etela Rajender, speaking at the EKAM launch, praised the platform for fostering business collaboration and personal growth. He linked India's rise in startups to initiatives like "Make in India" and credited Prime Minister Modi's

leadership for the country's economic progress. Rajender highlighted Modi's vision of a "Developed India by 2047," his focus on reducing the rich-poor gap, and his impactful policies like GST and Jan Dhan Yojana, which have significantly boosted digital transactions and financial inclusion. He urged EKAM members to build a value-driven organization that empowers the less fortunate rather than relying on handouts.



Telangana Government to Take Over
Hyderabad Metro Phase 1

Hyderabad's metro rail network, which ranked second in the country for network length in 2014, has now fallen to ninth place. To address this, the Telangana government has proposed the construction of eight new metro lines under Phase 2A & 2B, adding 163 km to the network. However, the Government of India has insisted on an operational integration agreement between the existing Phase 1, managed by L&T, and the proposed Phase 2, which would be state-controlled.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: To break the stalemate that has existed since November 2024, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met with L&T Group's CMD, S.N. Subrahmanyam, and other senior officials. The Chief Minister initially expressed the state's preference for L&T to continue as an equity partner in Phase 2. However, L&T's CMD explained that the company has exited the business of owning and operating transportation

concession assets and, therefore, would not be able to participate in the expansion.

The Chief Minister then emphasized the importance of a definitive agreement for operational integration, as required by the Government of India, to ensure seamless train operations and clear revenue/cost sharing. The L&T CMD, while recognizing the need for integration, stated that the company was not in a position to sign the agreement due to concerns over operational

smoothness and financial sharing.

To find a solution and expedite the approval process for Phase 2, the L&T CMD reiterated a previous proposal for the state government to take over their entire stake in the Phase 1 metro. This would make the Phase 1 project a fully state-controlled entity. Detailed discussions were held on the financial terms of the takeover. L&T's CMD proposed that the state government take on the project's debt of about

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Free Medical Camp
at Nehru Zoological
Park, Hyderabad

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: A two-day free medical health camp was organized at the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad for its staff. The event, a Corpo-

rate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, was a collaboration with Care Hospital, Nampally Branch. The camp was inaugurated by Smt. J. Vasanth, IFS, Curator of the

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Harish Rao Condemns State Government's
Action Against Anganwadi Teachers

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Former minister Harish Rao has sharply criticized the Revanth Reddy-led government for its harsh treatment of Anganwadi teachers. He strongly condemned the government's use of police to arrest and detain Anganwadi workers who organized a "Chalo Secretariat" protest to demand the resolution of their issues.

Harish Rao called it a "shame" that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who had previously boasted about making women



millionaires, would now resort to arresting them across the state and sending them to police stations. He questioned if there was no respect or recognition for female employees in the "Indiramma Rajyam" and accused the government

of practicing "Rakshasa Palana" (demonic rule) under the guise of "Praja Palana" (people's rule).

He warned that the anger of the "Aadabiddalu" (daughters) whose Bathukamma festival

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Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy
Highlights R&D and Exports for
Telangana's Seed Industry

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N Uttam Kumar Reddy addressed the Hyderabad Seed Conclave 2025, emphasizing the need for Telangana to bolster its research and development (R&D), expand exports, and upgrade infrastructure to maintain its position as the "Seed Bowl of India." The conclave, organized by the Seedmen Association at Hotel Dasappa, brought together seed companies, researchers, and farmers.

Minister Reddy lauded seed companies as

"nation-builders" and assured them of the state government's full support. He underscored the critical role of quality seeds, calling them the single most important input in agriculture that is fundamental to food security and farmer prosperity. He explained that seeds determine crop yield, improve the efficiency of fertilizers and irrigation, and are central to the entire agricultural cycle, making high-yielding varieties essential for sustaining farmers' incomes.

He also praised Agri-



culture Minister Tumala Nageswara Rao, noting his unique position as a hands-on farmer who truly understands the struggles of the agricultural community. Reddy credited Nageswara

Rao's leadership for Telangana's record-breaking production in both the Kharif and Rabi seasons since December 2023, which has made the state the country's number one paddy producer.

The Minister urged seed companies to intensify their R&D efforts, particularly in developing new paddy varieties with higher yields and better rice recovery.

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CSR-IRFC Funds Sanctioned
for Mini-Libraries

MP Mallu Ravi and MLA Vamshikrishna have laid the foundation stone for several mini-libraries in the Achampet constituency, funded by CSR-IRFC. These libraries, costing ₹2 lakh each, were sanctioned through the special initiative of Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi.

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Swachhata Hi
Seva Program
in Karimnagar



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 program, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar participated in a cleanliness drive (shramdaan) near the Lower Maneru Dam in Karimnagar under the slogan "Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath" (One Day, One Hour, Together). The minister personally used a broom to clean the dam's surroundings and, along with students, removed plastic waste. The event was attended by District Collector Pamela Satpathy, Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai, SUDA Chairman Komatireddy Narendar Reddy, Velichala Rajender Rao, and other key officials.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar urged everyone to keep their surroundings clean as part of the program. He emphasized that

public cooperation is essential for the success of government initiatives.

He described the cleanliness drive as not a one-day event but an ongoing process, citing the example of a student in Hyderabad who cleans lakes for two hours every Sunday. He stressed the importance of environmental protection to reduce pollution and ensure a healthy society for future generations. He also encouraged people to separate wet and dry waste and avoid throwing garbage on roads. Prabhakar mentioned that the government is undertaking massive tree-planting drives to prevent air pollution, a problem faced by the national capital. He called for public participation in beautifying sites like the Lower Maneru Dam and Elagandala Fort in Karimnagar.



Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Highlights R&D and Exports for Telangana’s Seed Industry

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He stressed that innovation across all crops is the key to improving farmer incomes. Uttam Kumar Reddy also highlighted the growing global presence of Telangana’s seed industry, mentioning that rice and seed varieties from the state are already being exported to countries like the Philippines, with efforts underway to expand exports to Indonesia, South Africa,

and other African nations. He drew a parallel between the potential of the seed industry and the success of the state’s software industry, saying that seed exports could also bring global recognition to

Telangana. Reviewing the history of the seed industry, he recalled that agricultural universities were once the sole source of improved varieties. With rising demand, private seed companies emerged and began investing in research and hybrid development. The Seedmen Association, registered in Hyderabad in 1995, now has 505 members who collectively contribute a significant amount annually to agricultural universities for breeder seed supply. This collaboration facilitates the production of commercial hybrids for various crops. The Association also serves as a nodal agency, ensuring regulatory compliance and coordinating with various agricultural bodies.

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Nehru Zoological Park, along with Deputy Curator Sri Barnoba and Dr. M.A. Haqueem, Deputy Director (Vet). The camp, held at the Bioscope hall, provided various screening tests and consultations to approximately 250 zoo staff members. The tests included weight measurement, blood pressure, random blood sugar levels, ECG, 2D Echo, dental, and ophthalmology screenings. Medical consultations were also provided by specialists, including a general physician, cardiologist, and an orthopedic. The screenings identified that five staff members had positive results for heart-related diseases, underscoring the importance of such health initiatives.

Smt. J. Vasantha, in her address, expressed her gratitude to the management of Care Hospital, Nampally Branch. She specifically acknowledged the efforts of Sri Santosh Shukla, HoD, Marketing, and Sri Syed Sahli, Marketing Manager, for their initiative in successfully organizing the free medical health camp. She praised the hospital’s commendable CSR activity, which contributed significantly to the well-being of the zoo staff.

The collaboration between the Nehru Zoological Park and Care Hospital highlights a positive example of corporate social responsibility, where a private health institution provided valuable services to public sector employees. The camp not only offered essential health checks but also served as a morale booster for the dedicated staff of the zoo, who work tirelessly to maintain the park and care for its animals. The successful execution of this event lays the groundwork for future collaborations aimed at community health and well-being.



Telangana Government to Take Over Hyderabad Metro Phase 1

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₹13,000 crore and pay an additional ₹5,900 crore for L&T’s equity value. The CMD also mentioned a supplementary agreement from July 2022, under which the state government still owes L&T ₹2,100 crore from an agreed-upon ₹3,000 crore interest-free loan. After extensive negotiations, an agreement was reached in principle. The state government will take over the Phase 1 metro project by assuming its current debt of approximately ₹13,000 crore. Additionally, the government will make a one-time settlement of around ₹2,000 crore to L&T for its equity investment. The exact terms of the takeover will be finalized through mutual discussions, ensuring compliance with legal provisions and protecting public interest.

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celebrations were being ruined would affect the Chief Minister. Harish Rao recalled that the previous BRS government, under KCR, recognized the services of Anganwadi workers and upgraded their posts to “Anganwadi Teachers,” thereby increasing their dignity. He provided a comparative analysis of their salaries, stating that in 2014, Anganwadi teachers were earning only ₹4,200, while their helpers were paid ₹2,200. In contrast, under the BRS government, the salaries were increased to ₹13,650 for Anganwadi teachers, ₹7,800 for mini Anganwadi teachers, and ₹7,800 for Anganwadi helpers, making their salaries the highest in the country.

Harish Rao reminded the government of its promises in the “Abhaya-hastham” election manifesto to increase the Anganwadi teachers’ salary to ₹18,000 and provide job security by bringing them under the EPFO. He expressed his frustration that despite 22 months having passed, the government has not fulfilled its promises.

He pointed out the irony that the same free bus services provided under the “Mahalakshmi” scheme were being used by the Anganwadi workers to travel from various districts to the Secretariat to confront the government. Harish Rao demanded the immediate release of the arrested Anganwadi workers and urged the state government to fulfill the promises made to them in the election manifesto on behalf of the BRS party.



Bathukamma Celebrations Grandly Held by GHMC, LB Nagar Zone

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The GHMC LB Nagar Zone, including the circles of Saroornagar, Hayathnagar, and LB Nagar, organized grand Bathukamma celebrations. GHMC employees, DWACRA women, and ASHA workers enthusiastically participated in the event, performing traditional dances and songs.

Women corporators from RK Puram, Hastinapuram, and Nagole divisions also took part in the festivities. The Deputy Commissioners of Saroornagar and Hayathnagar also joined the women employees and corporators in playing Bathukamma, adding to the festive atmosphere.

BJP Corporator Radha Dheeraj Reddy, who was present at the event, stated that the grand celebrations uphold the culture and traditions of Telangana. She highlighted the role of Bathukamma as an inspiration during the Telangana movement. She recalled how Telangana women were humiliated during the Nizam’s era and how Bathukamma has now gained global recognition after the formation of the state.

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Dasoju Sravan Criticizes Congress Government

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan, along with other BRS leaders, visited the Jangir Peer Dargah to offer prayers. He praised former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) for his contribution to the development of the dargah and other religious sites like Ajmer. Sravan stated that the BRS leaders prayed for the well-being and success of KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao, and for a big victory in the Jubilee Hills election. He highlight-

ed that KCR's governance promoted communal harmony, treating Hindus and Muslims as two eyes of the state, with no religious conflicts. Sravan then launched a scathing attack on the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government. He alleged that anarchy and violence have increased in the past 21 months and that law and order have deteriorated. He condemned the government for filing cases against Muslim youth who held a small protest in Borabanda. He also accused the government of neglecting minority

schools and showing budget allocation discrimination. He criticized the Congress for failing to implement its minority declaration and for insulting the dignity of Muslims. Sravan also accused the Congress of betraying its own minority leaders. He pointed out that despite Shabbir Ali being a pillar of the Congress party, he was denied the Kamareddy Assembly ticket and was not given a position in the Legislative Council after the party came to power; instead being appointed as a mere "advisor." He also mentioned that the party

used Amir Ali Khan's newspaper extensively during the elections but later nominated him for an MLC position that was embroiled in litigation and subsequently canceled. He concluded by saying that by nominating cricketer Azharuddin for a similar litigious position, the Congress is insulting its minority leaders. Sravan warned the public not to trust Revanth Reddy's words and urged them to vote for BRS, which he claimed is the only party that protects the rights and traditions of Muslims.



MLC Balmoor Venkat Comments on Group-1 Exam

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: MLC Balmoor Venkat welcomed the interim orders from the High Court regarding the Group-1 examination. Speaking at the CLP office, he accused BRS leaders of playing with the lives of unemployed youth. He reminded the public of past instances where exam papers were leaked, causing distress to students. He criticized the BRS for trying to gain political mileage by instigating the unemployed, even questioning the credentials of leaders like Koushik Reddy for making baseless allegations. He challenged them to fight legally if they have concrete evidence. Venkat highlighted that the BRS government, despite being in

power for ten years, failed to conduct a single Group-1 exam properly. He recalled his own past struggles as a student leader, fighting for the rights of the unemployed. He urged all political leaders to be mindful of their words when discussing such sensitive issues. He reassured the unemployed that they should not worry, as the government is considering new notifications. He explained that some delays are due to issues related to SC categorization and BC reservations, but notifications are being issued for departments without such complications. He advised the youth not to fall into the "trap of BRS leaders" and to instead prepare for upcoming notifications, promising that he would stand by them if they faced any injustice.



The Passing of Kompalli Venkat Goud

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Kompalli Venkat Goud, a renowned writer and strong advocate for Telangana, has passed away after a serious illness. His death is considered a great loss for the state. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed his deep shock

and sadness over the news. In a statement, he praised Kompalli Venkat Goud's significant contributions, highlighting his extraordinary role in popularizing the Telangana ideology among the people. Mahesh Kumar Goud noted that Venkat Goud dedicated his literary career to the upliftment of the poor and marginalized communi-

ties through his writings. He also specifically mentioned Venkat Goud's memorable work on the history of Sardar Sarvai Papanna, which he said demonstrated the self-respect of the Goud community. Mahesh Kumar Goud concluded his statement by praying for the peace of Venkat Goud's soul.

BRS Chief KCR Condoles Kompalli Venkat Goud's Death BRS chief KCR offered his condolences on the passing of Kompalli Venkat Goud, a prominent Telangana writer and literary figure. KCR praised Goud as a "writer of the movement" who played a key role in spreading the political

ideology necessary for the formation of Telangana through his works, including conversations with Professor Jayashankar and his book, "Voduvani Muchat." KCR highlighted Goud's work in documenting the history of Sardar Sarvai Papanna and his efforts to raise political awareness

among the Backward Classes (BCs). He described Goud's death as a significant loss to the Telangana literary world, noting that he was a strong supporter of the state and wrote extensively for the advancement of Bahujan communities. KCR conveyed his deepest sympathies to Goud's family and friends.

Anganwadi Centers to Get Dasara Holidays

The Telangana government has announced Dasara holidays for Anganwadi centers from September 27 to October 4, a total of eight days. This decision was made following a request from Anganwadi teachers and helpers to be able to celebrate the Dasara and Bathukamma festivals like government school teachers. Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, directed officials to approve the request, marking the first time in the history of An-

ganwadis that they have received a Dasara holiday. The Telangana State Indira Priyadarshini Anganwadi Teachers and Workers Union, led by President B. Annapurna, had met with the minister to make this special request. The minister also instructed that nutritional food be provided to beneficiaries through the "Take Home Ration" system. Anganwadi teachers and helpers expressed their gratitude to the government and the minister for granting them the holidays.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar Distributes Uniforms to Anganwadi Workers

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar distributed uniforms to Anganwadi teachers and helpers at the Husnabad Market Yard. The event was attended by officials including Siddipet District Collector Haimavati and Additional

Collector Garima Agarwal. The minister extended Dasara and Bathukamma festival greetings to the women. Prabhakar acknowledged the crucial role of Anganwadi teachers in ensuring the health of mothers and children. He shared a personal anecdote about an ICDS center being located in his house in

Karimnagar, giving him a deep understanding of their work. He emphasized that if teachers fulfill their responsibilities properly, they can ensure a healthy life for rural women and their children. He also mentioned that the government has been distributing steel banks to encourage the use of steel over plastic to reduce pollution.





Farmers' Land Rights Are a Top Priority: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Telangana Minister for Revenue and Housing, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, stated that the state government is prioritizing the land

rights of farmers affected by the construction of the Khammam-Devarapalli Green Field Highway. He emphasized that the highway is a crucial project for the development of both Telangana and

Andhra Pradesh. During an inspection of the highway works at Muthagudem in Penuballi Mandal, Minister Srinivas Reddy directed the NHAI officials to pay an additional 12% compensation to the

farmers, as per their demand, on top of the already-given amount. He also instructed the officials to provide compensation for fragmented land parcels left over after the highway's construction. To ensure farmers' daily work is

not hampered, he ordered the construction of service roads and proper drainage systems where needed. The inspection was attended by local MLAs and officials, including District Collector Anudeep Durishetty.



Telangana High Court's New Building Inaugurated

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: The Telangana government has initiated the construction of a new High Court building on 100 acres in Budwel, Ranga Reddy district. The groundbreaking ceremony was performed by Chief Justice Apresh Kumar Singh. The project, which has a

budget of ₹1,550 crore, aims to be completed within three years. The need for a new building was highlighted by the current High Court, as the existing one no longer meets the growing requirements. The new building will accommodate 60 court halls for judges, along with ample parking space for 4,000 two-wheelers

and 2,000 cars. It will also feature living quarters for the judges. The DEC Infrastructure and Projects Company has been awarded the contract for the construction. The design of the six-story building is inspired by the architecture of Osmania University. Additionally, the plan includes facilities for the public, such as

canteens and restrooms. The new complex will be surrounded by lush green lawns and trees, contributing to a pleasant environment. This project's cost is more than double that of the new Telangana Assembly building, demonstrating the government's commitment to modernizing the state's judicial infrastructure.

Bathukamma Kunta Restored and Ready for Inauguration

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: The Bathukamma Kunta, once a victim of land encroachment, has been successfully restored and is set to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on September 26. The lake's rejuvenation has earned it a national reputation and has been a source of great joy for local

residents, who credit the achievement to the dedicated efforts of HYDRA (Hyderabad Urban Development and Real Estate Authority).

The article details that the lake, which was previously a mess of thorns and garbage, has been transformed into a beautiful water body. Residents are celebrating the "miracle" and see the restored lake as a testament to the state government's determination and HYDRA's efficiency. They are now preparing to give the Chief Minister a grand welcome with Bathukammass when he arrives for the inauguration.

The article highlights the historical context, mentioning that the lake, originally known as Erra Kunta, had been encroached upon by land grabbers. It also says that HYDRA had to fight legal battles with encroachers. The article also mentions that the project, which cost around ₹7.15 crore, proved that the lake was still "alive" when groundwater gushed out during excavation.

The restored Bathukamma Kunta now features a children's play area, walking track, and gazebos. The lake, now full of water, also has a boating facility. The state government has decided to hold the Bathukamma festival at this location, further adding to its significance. Local residents expressed their happiness, noting that the restoration has increased the value of their homes and beautified the area. They praised HYDRA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath and his team for their dedication and hard work.



Minister Konda Surekha Meets with HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: Telangana Minister Konda Surekha met with HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath at the Forest Minister's chamber in the Secretariat. During the meeting, Minister Surekha praised Commissioner Ranganath for the successful rejuvenation of the "Bathukamma Kunta" lake, a project that has garnered national attention.

Minister Surekha noted that the HYDRA Commissioner's efforts in restoring the lake were commendable. She also sought HYDRA's assistance in protecting the lands belonging to the Endowments Department, which falls under her portfolio. She expressed her distress that these lands are being encroached upon and said that a DGPS survey is already being conducted to protect them. Ranga-

nath responded by stating that he would try to take action with the Chief Minister's permission.

The Commissioner also provided a comprehensive report on the work done by HYDRA since its inception. Minister Surekha praised his work, acknowledging that while such positive changes often face difficulties, they are essential for the greater collective good. She expressed her belief that HYDRA's work will become widely known in the future. The two officials also discussed the issue of encroachments in the nalas (drains) of Warangal, with Ranganath agreeing to cooperate on resolving the matter.

Ranganath concluded the meeting by inviting Minister Surekha to the Bathukamma festivities, which are being held to celebrate the restoration of the lake.

Bathukamma Kunta Restored After Decades of Encroachment

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: The Bathukamma Kunta (lake), once a victim of land encroachment and filled with garbage and construction waste, has been successfully restored and is set to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on September 26. The lake's revitalization has garnered national recognition and become a source of joy and pride for local residents, who credit the achievement to the dedicated efforts of HYDRA.

HYDRA, which stands for Hyderabad Urban Development and Real Estate Authority, was formed on July 19, 2024,

with the goal of creating a healthy city with good environmental conditions and biodiversity. The Bathukamma Kunta project served as a pilot initiative and proved that developing lakes can significantly help in flood prevention. Residents noted that the area, which was previously prone to flooding, remained safe this monsoon season due to the lake's restoration. The project was completed in just five months at a cost of approximately ₹7.15 crore.

The restoration process was not without its challenges. According to Revenue records from 1962-63, the lake was originally spread across

14.06 acres, with a total area of 16.13 acres including the buffer zone. However, subsequent surveys found that only 5.15 acres remained due to extensive encroachments. The project faced legal hurdles from land grabbers who claimed ownership of the land. However, the courts repeatedly affirmed that the land belonged to the lake. During the excavation, which began in the scorching summer heat, groundwater emerged just a few feet below the surface, proving that the lake was indeed alive and prompting joyful reactions from the locals.

The restored Bathukamma Kunta is now a beautiful spot for resi-

dents. It features a children's play area, gazebos for people to relax, a walking track, and fencing around the perimeter. The lake is filled with water from recent rains and even has a boating facility. The state government has also decided to hold the Bathukamma festival at this location, adding to its significance. Local residents have expressed their gratitude to the government for establishing HYDRA and to Commissioner A.V. Ranganath and his team for their dedication, which has not only restored the lake but also increased the value of their homes and enhanced the beauty of the area.

Murder in Miyapur Rehabilitation Center

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 25: A murder has been reported within the limits of the Miyapur Police Station. The incident occurred at a rehabilitation center located in Nagarjuna Enclave, Miyapur. The victim, identified as Sandeep (35), was undergoing treatment at the center for a drug addiction.

According to police, Sandeep was mentally disturbing two other individuals in the center, Suleiman and Adil. Taking advantage of an opportunity, the two allegedly conspired and murdered Sandeep. Miyapur police arrived at the scene, identified the deceased, and have registered a case. An investigation is currently underway.



Astro-Psephology: Political Strategies

In Telangana’s Jubilee Hills election, many poll experts and party leaders have been busy speculating about the results. The sudden appearance of a “pseudo-psephologist,” someone who mixes astrology with election predictions, has created excitement in the media and panic among politicians. These astro-based forecasts may catch attention, but they are no more accurate than regular psephology, which has often failed in the past. A Telugu channel, 10TV, even featured one such psephologist who claimed to have worked for Congress, but the party quickly denied any connection with him.

After seeing these developments, I have decided to write my psephological and election management experiences here. From my experience in elections, I have seen how surveys and predictions usually fail to reflect the real mood of the people. Before the 2023 Assembly elections, I worked with a few political consultancies that conducted surveys. In by-elections such as Dubbaka, Nagarjuna Sagar, and Huzurabad, my role was mainly limited to documentation. But in the Munugode by-poll, I travelled extensively across the constituency, studying booth-level trends and local voter behaviour. At first, everyone believed Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy of the BJP would win easily, but as days passed, the situation



changed, and Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy of the BRS finally won. Some argued that the Left’s support helped BRS, but I believe the bigger reason was BJP’s weak management of the by-poll. This experience taught me that although many issues come up during campaigns, very few of them actually decide the final outcome.

The surveys at that time also failed to predict the result. In fact, surveys today have turned into a business, even bigger than the private education industry. Leaders hire agencies simply because other leaders are doing it, not necessarily to understand ground reality. In earlier times, political parties used to conduct training sessions for cadres and would carefully review their defeats. But such practices have disappeared. Without training and honest introspection, cadres remain confused and leaders lose touch with the ground. The 2023 Vikarabad Assembly election proved the same point. Surveys gave Congress a clear edge while some showed

a strong BRS fight. But relying on those predictions misled leaders and workers alike. A similar situation unfolded in the 2024 Chevella parliamentary election. After the 2023 assembly polls, BRS cadres were demoralized and even the sitting MP Dr G Ranjith Reddy initially did not want to contest. Later, under pressure from local cadres, he joined Congress and entered the race. Many surveys strongly predicted a Congress win, but in the end communal narratives during the election campaign damaged its chances. Even on the eve of counting, surveys were still claiming Congress would win by a narrow margin, but the result told a very different story. The main problem is that most surveys lack scientific accuracy. It is unclear whether they speak to actual likely voters, and even if they do, there is no guarantee that people give honest answers. Modern phone and SMS-based surveys mostly reach youngsters, but they often do not show up at polling booths. The real voters are the core sections of society who

actually cast their ballots, and these groups are usually underrepresented in surveys. I have worked in six elections so far—three directly on the ground and three indirectly. These included four by-elections, one Assembly election, and one parliamentary election. From all this experience, I can say with certainty that surveys do not win elections. At best, they create a narrative or a political perception, but even that depends on how leaders use them. That is why I call such predictions “astro-psephology.” Like astrology, they may sound interesting, but they rarely match reality. And as for who will win in Jubilee Hills, it is certainly not rocket science to figure out.



Follow the Rains, Not the Calendar, to Combat Urban Floods

Each year, urban India braces for the monsoon season — contractors are deployed, drains are desilted, and emergency protocols are rehearsed. Yet, when the rains finally arrive — often untimely and more intense than expected — the result is predictable: flooded streets, waterlogged homes, and stranded commuters. The root cause, experts say, lies in the fact that many Indian cities are still designed for a climate that no longer exists. In Northern India, heavy flooding has been reported even in September, with all 23 districts of Punjab affected. Delhi and Gurugram have faced severe inundation from intense rains, while Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh are increasingly experienc-

ing cloudbursts. Eastern India has not been spared either, with Kolkata facing torrential rainfall that has left roads submerged and traffic at a standstill. Urban infrastructure, originally planned decades ago, was based on historical rainfall patterns. Today, these patterns have shifted dramatically due to climate change, resulting in more erratic and extreme precipitation events. Traditional drainage systems are often inadequate, and poorly maintained or blocked stormwater channels exacerbate flooding. Encroachment of wetlands and natural water bodies further reduces the city’s capacity to absorb rainwater, turning even moderate rainfall into urban deluge.

Experts argue that planning based on fixed calendars — assuming the monsoon will arrive at a set time and with predictable intensity — is no longer viable. Instead, cities need to “follow the rains,” designing and maintaining infrastructure that can handle rainfall whenever it occurs, not just during conventional monsoon months. Adaptive urban planning includes real-time monitoring of rainfall, dynamic water management systems, and the restoration of natural water retention areas such as ponds, wetlands, and floodplains. Community awareness and preparedness are also critical. Early-warning systems, citizen alerts, and coordinated evacuation plans can reduce the

human and economic toll of flooding. Moreover, integrating climate-resilient designs into new infrastructure projects — from permeable pavements and improved drainage networks — can help cities better cope with changing rainfall patterns. India’s monsoons are becoming increasingly unpredictable and intense. To protect lives, property, and livelihoods, urban planning must move beyond outdated assumptions and embrace a dynamic, climate-responsive approach that follows the rains, not the calendar. Only then can cities hope to mitigate the devastating impacts of urban flooding and build resilience for the future.

Let Cricket Be a Bridge, Not a Battlefield

“All the world is a common humanity.” This truth is often lost in times when enemies are manufactured, not discovered. Political leaders, weaponized faith, and state violence thrive on divisions, fighting over land, rivers, and resources—none of which truly belong to nations or rulers but to the Earth itself. Humanity is not master of creation; we are part of it. Yet nationalism and hatred have clouded this moral clarity. Pulwama was a tragedy that claimed lives and devastated families. But responsibility lies with the perpetrators, not an entire nation. Blaming Pakistan as a monolith is intellectually lazy and morally bankrupt. Millions simply want to live in peace. Criminalizing a whole nation serves only those who profit from perpetual enmity.

Those who have worked overseas learn that humanity is indivisible. In global peace networks, human rights campaigns, LGBTQ movements, and anti-nuclear activism, national identities dissolve, replaced by recognition of each other as kin. The idea of enemies fades when one works alongside people from other countries. Which brings us to cricket. After the recent match in Dubai, Indian players walked off without shaking hands with the Pakistani team. This was not patriotism—it was a failure of civility. Sport should unite, not mirror diplomatic hostilities. Cricket is a field of artistry, grit, and shared joy, not a stage for nationalist posturing. Social media amplified the problem, with endless comparisons between players like Jasprit Bumrah and Wasim Akram. Reducing athletes to symbols of nationalism dishon-

ors both the sport and the spirit of humanity. Friendship, hospitality, and cultural exchanges between India and Pakistan show that bonds endure across borders. Both nations carry flaws; moral superiority is a poor game. Imagine cricket—and other sports, music, and art—as spaces for peace. Small gestures, like a handshake, have profound meaning. They affirm that competition ends when the game ends and teach young fans that rivalry is not enmity. Sport humanizes what politics dehumanizes. Enemies are a false construct, created by those who profit from division. The future of India and Pakistan depends on recognizing shared histories, cultures, grief, and joy. Above all, it depends on acknowledging our common humanity. Let us shake hands. It is, after all, the civilized thing to do.



Bihar’s Gender Divide: Jobs, Prohibition, and Male Discontent

In Bihar, the narrative of women’s overwhelming support for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is more nuanced than media reports suggest. While women’s backing is highlighted in TV debates and op-eds, a large segment of men strongly opposes the state government’s policies on prohibition and the 35% reservation for women in government jobs. Recently, male aspirants for sub-inspector and constable positions have frequently been lathi-charged by police while protesting for the filling of thousands of vacancies or an end to contractual employment. On September 15, sub-

inspector and constable aspirants marching to the CM’s residence were brutally beaten. Many continue to stage protests outside the Bihar BJP office, highlighting widespread discontent among men. The perception of women’s unwavering support for Nitish is exaggerated. The Janata Dal (United) won only 43 of the 115 constituencies it contested in 2020, reflecting that women’s votes are not monolithic. Additionally, male Bihar migrants, numbering over five million, often stay away from the state for work or education, reducing their participation in

elections. Empowerment initiatives for women have deep roots; organizations like Adithi, led by Viji Srinivasan, and Nari Gunjan, founded by Sister Sudha Varghese, have worked among rural and tribal women in Bihar for decades, long before Nitish’s tenure. Recent government schemes, such as the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, offering ₹10,000 initially and up to ₹200,000 for business improvement, aim to woo women voters. Meanwhile, men’s livelihoods are affected by extensive construction projects, including

flyovers and metro development in Patna, causing displacement and the closure of many businesses. Infrastructure development often benefits the powerful while ignoring weaker sections, adding to male frustration. The 35% reservation for women in state jobs has also fueled resentment among men. Many positions, particularly teaching jobs, were filled by women from other states, sidelining qualified male candidates. Unlike earlier local-body quotas, where men could influence outcomes behind the scenes, government jobs leave no room for such

intervention, intensifying discontent. Similarly, the prohibition policy is divisive: men view it as a failure that has spawned a new mafia and criminalized youth, while women’s support for a “dry Bihar” persists, reflecting a clear gender divide. The combination of job quotas, prohibition policies, and disruptive infrastructure projects has created a simmering tension in Bihar. Understanding this gendered political landscape is essential to grasp the real undercurrents shaping the state’s social and electoral dynamics.

India’s Enduring Obsession with Godmen: When Faith Overrides Law

It is both disconcerting and revealing that in 2025, nearly a decade after self-styled godman Asumal Sirumalani Harpalani, better known as Asaram Bapu, was convicted for raping a minor, some staff at the Surat New Civil Hospital in Gujarat were seen offering prayers to him. The video of the incident went viral, leading authorities to remove a security guard and a Class 1 officer from their positions. Similarly, in Delhi, police are searching for Chaitanyananda Saraswati, accused of sexually harassing female students at a management institute. Only complaints from victims and a letter from the IAF

brought the matter to light, and he remains on the run. These incidents raise a troubling question: what does it say about our society when criminals, disguised as spiritual leaders, continue to command blind loyalty—not just from ordinary citizens, but also from government institutions? Asaram has been in jail since August 2013 following allegations of raping a 16-year-old girl in Uttar Pradesh. Later, he and his son Narayan Sai faced accusations of raping two sisters at their Surat ashram. Despite credible evidence and survivor testimony, devotion to



Asaram has persisted in parts of the country, especially Gujarat. Even in jail, his influence led to attacks on witnesses and threats to investigating officers. Similarly, Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief serving a 20-year sentence for raping disciples, continues to secure parole leaves, most recently a 40-day leave in August. Godmen like Asaram and Ram Rahim wield immense social, moral, and financial power;

bolstered by political support. This influence allows followers to disregard truth and justice, a dangerous phenomenon when public servants—expected to uphold ethics and science—venerate convicted criminals. The actions of Surat Civil Hospital staff highlight a disconnect from moral and civic duties. While the Resident Medical Officer condemned the act, no formal inquiry has been initiated, raising questions about

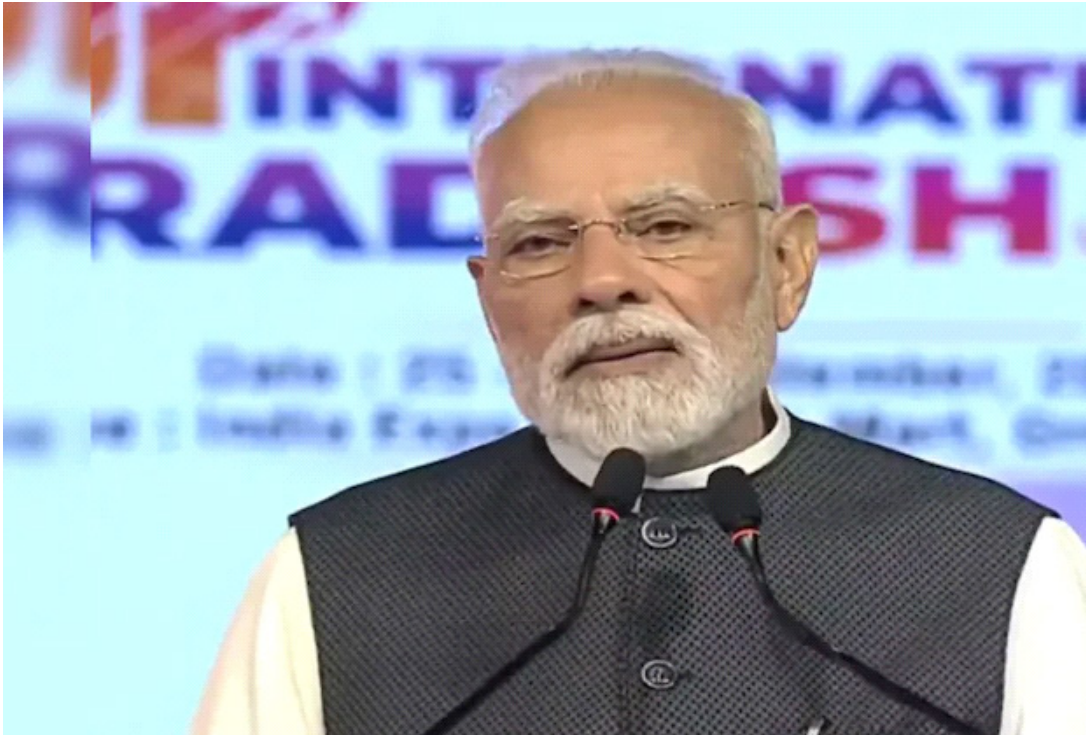
institutional accountability. This is not just an issue of faith—it is a societal malaise. Worshipping a criminal in religious robes normalises the idea that spiritual or political power can place one above the law. The continued public appeal of figures like Asaram reflects followers’ refusal to challenge destructive beliefs. What happened at Surat Civil Hospital may seem local, but it signals a broader failure in institutional ethics and governance. Silence and inaction will only normalise such dangerous practices, undermining justice and societal morality.

India Must Become Self-Reliant, Russia Our Time-Tested Partner: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday emphasized the importance of making India self-reliant, highlighting that the country's economic growth remains resilient despite global uncertainties. Delivering the keynote address at the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2025, PM Modi underlined the government's focus on the 'Make in India' initiative, stating that India aims to manufacture everything "from chips to ships" domestically.

The Prime Minister noted that this year's trade show holds special significance as Russia is the country partner, further strengthening what he described as a "time-tested partnership." He also announced that the Indian Army will soon receive the first batch of fully indigenous AK-203 assault rifles. Manufactured under the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) joint venture in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh, these rifles, named "Sher" in India, are more advanced and lethal than the AK-47 and AK-56 variants and mark a milestone in India's defense self-reliance. PM Modi told the gathering that Indians now strongly be-



lieve in the value of swadeshi products, which are increasingly becoming superior, user-friendly, and long-lasting. He urged that there should be no compromise on quality and stressed that every product that can be made in India must be manufactured here to build national strength. On arriving at the venue, the Prime Minister toured the exhi-

bition area and explored next-generation innovations across various sectors. The trade show, envisioned under the leadership of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is being held from September 25 to 29 at the India Expo Centre and Mart. Now in its third edition, the mega event showcases Uttar Pradesh's industrial, agricul-

tural, cultural, and innovation strengths on a global platform. It aims to promote trade collaborations, attract investments, and highlight the state's progress. With over 2,400 exhibitors and around 1,25,000 B2B visitors expected, the event brings together business leaders, industry experts, startups, exporters, and government officials.

BJP announces election in-charges for Bihar, Bengal and Tamil Nadu

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday officially launched its campaign machinery for the upcoming assembly elections in Bihar, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu, announcing the leaders who will oversee the party's strategy in these crucial states. The appointments mark the beginning of an aggressive push as the BJP seeks to consolidate its presence across diverse political landscapes. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has been appointed as the election in-charge for Bihar, a state where the BJP remains the senior-most partner in the National Democratic Alliance. He will be supported by Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil and Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya as co-in-charges. The party will contest the polls under the leadership of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of the JD(U), with whom the BJP hopes to secure another term in power. In West Bengal, the BJP has handed the reins to Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, a seasoned strategist credited with



multiple electoral successes. He will be assisted by former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb as co-in-charge. The party aims to make significant gains in Bengal, where it has emerged as the primary challenger to the ruling Trinamool Congress. For Tamil Nadu, where the

BJP is still a marginal player, the responsibility has gone to Baijayant Panda, the party's national vice president currently in charge of Delhi. He will be supported by Murlidhar Mohol, Minister of State for Civil Aviation. The leadership hopes that a renewed focus will help expand

the party's footprint in the southern state. By placing trusted leaders in these roles, the BJP has signaled that it is ready for a high-stakes electoral contest across three politically diverse states, each offering its own challenges and opportunities.



Sonia Gandhi Slams PM Modi Govt's 'Silence' on Palestine Issue

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Delhi

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Thursday sharply criticised the Modi government for its handling of the Israel-Palestine conflict, saying India's response has been marked by a "profound silence" and an abdication of both humanity and morality. In her latest article published in The Hindu, Gandhi argued that personalised diplomacy cannot serve as the guiding compass of India's foreign policy, warning that attempts to rely on such an approach abroad, particularly in the United States, have "come undone in the most painful and humiliating ways in recent months." Gandhi's article, titled "India's muted voice, its detachment with Palestine", is her third com-

mentary in national media in recent months addressing the ongoing conflict, reflecting her consistent criticism of the government's stance. She stressed that India's standing on the global stage cannot be reduced to the personal glory-seeking of one individual, nor can it rest solely on historical laurels, emphasizing the need for persistent courage and historical continuity in policymaking. Highlighting global developments, Gandhi noted that over 150 out of 193 UN member nations have recognised Palestinian statehood, joining countries such as France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Portugal, and Australia in supporting the long-standing aspirations of the Palestinian people. She urged India to reclaim its leadership role, pointing out that the country had formally recognised

Palestinian statehood decades ago, but has remained "muted" in the current geopolitical context. The Congress leader called for India to align its foreign policy with principles of morality, justice, and global responsibility, rather than personal or political considerations. Gandhi's observations come amid ongoing international debates on Middle East peace and growing global recognition of Palestinian sovereignty, reinforcing calls from opposition parties for a more proactive and principled Indian stance on the conflict. Gandhi concluded that India's foreign policy must rise above individual ambitions, asserting that true leadership is defined by courage, consistency, and adherence to ethical international engagement.

Udhayanidhi Stalin Mocks Palaniswami, Says AIADMK Chief Should Live 100 Years

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Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister and DMK youth wing secretary Udhayanidhi Stalin sharpened his attack on AIADMK general secretary and Leader of Opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami, saying he should live for 100 more years and continue as the permanent chief of AIADMK, as it would make DMK's political journey easier. Speaking at an interactive meeting with DMK functionaries in Virudhunagar's Sattur Assembly constituency on September 23, 2025, Udhayanidhi urged party cadres to work hard to ensure DMK retains power and forms the government for the seventh time in its history. He underlined the importance of grassroots-level strength in countering the opposition and consolidating DMK's politi-

cal dominance in the state. Taking a jibe at Palaniswami, Udhayanidhi recalled his earlier allegation that the AIADMK chief had once tried to obstruct an ambulance while addressing a public meeting. He went further, mocking that Palaniswami gets irritated not only when he sees an ambulance but also when he hears the siren. "While DMK leaders and the public believe ambulances deserve the right of way as a humanitarian priority, Palaniswami seems to think otherwise," he said. His remarks come against the backdrop of AIADMK's recent charge that the DMK government deliberately uses ambulances to disrupt Palaniswami's public meetings. Udhayanidhi dismissed this claim, insisting that DMK respects the humanitarian vimpotence of emergency services, unlike AIADMK's alleged atti-



tude during campaigns. The comments reflect DMK's aggressive stance against AIADMK as Tamil Nadu heads into an intense political season. Udhayanidhi combined political satire with sharp criticism, reinforcing the DMK narrative that AIADMK leadership under Palaniswami is weak and reactionary. By portraying his rival as out of touch with humanitarian values, Udhayanidhi sought to energize party workers and strengthen DMK's campaign momentum in the southern districts.

CBI Probing Ladakh Activist Sonam Wangchuk's Foreign Funding, Pakistan Visit

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Delhi

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a probe into alleged violations of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) by the Himalayan Institute of Alternatives Ladakh (HIAL), an institution founded by educationist and activist Son-

am Wangchuk. Officials revealed that the inquiry began two months ago and also includes scrutiny of Wangchuk's visit to Pakistan on February 6 this year. The investigation comes against the backdrop of escalating tensions in Ladakh, where Wangchuk has been at the forefront of a movement demanding statehood and inclusion under the Sixth Schedule.

In August, the Ladakh administration cancelled HIAL's land allotment, sparking protests and criticism from local groups who accused the government of targeting those fighting for Ladakh's constitutional rights. The controversy deepened after violent clashes erupted on Wednesday during a curfew in the region. At least four people were killed and

over 80 injured, including 40 police personnel, as mobs clashed with security forces. Protesters, largely mobilized by youth groups, resorted to arson and vandalism, setting vehicles ablaze and targeting the headquarters of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Hill Council. Security forces used teargas to regain control. These clashes followed Wangchuk's deci-

sion to end his two-week hunger strike after two of his fellow strikers were hospitalized in critical condition. The government, however, alleged that the violence was fueled by Wangchuk's "provocative statements," including references to Arab Spring-style protests and global youth uprisings. The Ministry of Home Affairs stressed that the

core demands of Ladakh's movement are already part of discussions under the High Powered Committee (HPC), which has held multiple rounds of talks with the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance. However, it alleged that "politically motivated individuals" are attempting to derail the dialogue process for their own agendas.



“3 Very Sinister Events”: Trump Calls For Arrests Over UN ‘Triple Sabotage’

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US President Donald Trump claimed he was the target of “three very sinister events” during his visit to the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, calling the incidents a deliberate “triple sabotage” and demanding arrests. Trump, who delivered a fiery speech criticizing the UN, European allies, and immigration policies, later took to his social media platform Truth Social to outline the alleged sabotage.

The first incident occurred when an escalator carrying Trump, Melania, and his entourage abruptly halted. Trump insisted it was “absolutely sabotage” and urged the Secret Service to investigate. UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric, however, explained that a US videographer may have inadvertently triggered the stop mechanism.

The second mishap came during Trump’s speech when his teleprompter went “stone cold dark.” While Trump implied foul play, UN officials clarified that the White House team operated the teleprompter, not the UN.

The third issue involved sound disruptions. According to Trump, his remarks could only be heard through interpreters’ earpieces, and Melania herself could not hear his speech. He accused the UN of deliberately cutting off audio. “This wasn’t a coincidence, this was triple sabotage,” Trump declared.



Calling for the UN to preserve security tapes from the escalator incident, Trump said

the Secret Service would lead the inquiry. He insisted that those responsible “should be arrested.”

UN officials, however, downplayed the events, noting that escalator stoppages are common due to ongoing maintenance and cost-cutting measures caused by funding delays—including from the United States itself. Despite that, Trump framed the mishaps as part of a larger conspiracy, fueling his long-standing distrust of international institutions as he mounts another White House bid.



China’s Pledge to Cut Emissions Spurs Global Urgency at UN Climate Summit

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At the United Nations high-level climate summit on September , world leaders emphasized the growing urgency to tackle climate change after China announced its first concrete emission cut target. Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged that the world’s largest carbon emitter will reduce emissions by 7-10% by 2035, expand wind and solar energy sixfold from 2020 levels, and make clean vehicles mainstream. He also vowed to build a “climate-adaptive society,” noting that international cooperation must continue despite resistance from some nations.

The announcement carries weight as China accounts for more than 31%

of global carbon dioxide emissions. With major climate talks in Brazil just six weeks away, Xi’s pledge was seen as a pivotal moment. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged immediate action, stressing that science, economics, and public pressure demand stronger commitments.

Europe followed with its own outline, with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen noting that EU emissions are already down nearly 40% since 1940 and pledging a nationally determined contribution of 66-72% before the November negotiations. Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva echoed the urgency, warning that “no one is safe from the effect of climate change” and calling out denialism as a global threat.

Smaller nations, including the Marshall Islands, delivered emotional appeals. President Hilda Heine described schools and hospitals being destroyed by rising seas, warning that other nations will soon face the same fate. Pakistan’s Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recounted the devastation of floods affecting millions, while Australia’s Anthony Albanese called this a “decisive decade” for action. Climate scientists underscored the stakes, warning the world is dangerously close to irreversible tipping points. While the Paris Agreement aimed to cap warming at 1.5°C, global temperatures have already risen about 1.3°C. Guterres reminded leaders that the planet’s future depends on bold, immediate action.



Israel deepens Gaza City offensive as Netanyahu heads to US

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Israeli forces pressed further into Gaza City on Thursday, intensifying their military offensive as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu departed for New York to address the United Nations General Assembly. The escalation came as US President Donald Trump pushed for a breakthrough peace plan to end the prolonged Gaza war. Local health authorities reported that at least 19 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes across the enclave, including 11 members of two families in Zawayda town after a residential building was hit. Israel’s military confirmed it had struck 170 targets in the past

24 hours, describing them as “terror infrastructure,” while also confirming its forces were operating deep inside Gaza City.

Tanks have rolled into the city, which Israel says is Hamas’s final stronghold after the group’s deadly October 2023 attack. However, with hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped and running out of safe refuge, the humanitarian crisis has worsened, marked by hunger and mass displacement.

US envoy Steve Witkoff expressed optimism about progress, citing Trump’s 21-point Middle East peace plan shared with Muslim leaders in New York. Trump also assured Arab nations that Israel would not annex the West Bank, a territory Pal-

estinians seek as part of a future independent state alongside Gaza and East Jerusalem.

Netanyahu, however, has firmly rejected Palestinian statehood, even as countries like Britain, France, and Canada have formally recognised it. His government remains under scrutiny, with the International Criminal Court issuing a warrant for him over alleged war crimes, charges Israel rejects.

Despite growing international criticism, Israel retains US support. Netanyahu said he would use his UN speech to condemn nations recognising Palestinian statehood and meet Trump to discuss defeating Hamas, freeing hostages, and pursuing new diplomatic ties for Israel.



‘Bangladesh Has Problems With India’: Yunus On Sheikh Hasinaa

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Bangladesh’s Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus stirred controversy in New York with blunt remarks about Dhaka’s ties with New Delhi. Speaking on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, Yunus alleged that relations had soured because India disapproved of last year’s student protests that ousted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He further accused Indian media of spreading “fake propaganda” that the uprising was an Islamist movement.

“We have problems with India right now because they didn’t like what the students have done,” Yunus said, adding that “a lot of fake news is coming from India.” He also charged New Delhi with providing shelter to Hasina, declaring, “India is hosting Hasina, who has created problems... that creates tension between India and Bangladesh.”

Since the August uprising, India has raised concerns about anti-India rhetoric in Dhaka, including provocative remarks on India’s Northeast. Attacks on

minorities, particularly Hindus, have also been flagged by New Delhi, though Yunus’s administration has refused to address these issues.

On regional cooperation, Yunus pitched for reviving the long-dormant South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), accusing India of blocking progress. “SAARC is not working because it doesn’t fit into the politics of one country,” he said during a meeting with US envoy Sergio Gor and the US Ambassador-designate to India.

He also revealed Bangladesh’s interest in joining ASEAN, noting that deeper integration with Southeast Asia could accelerate Dhaka’s growth. The last SAARC summit was held in 2014, with the planned 2016 Islamabad meet cancelled after the Uri terror attack. Since then, India has turned to BIMSTEC, excluding Pakistan, as its preferred platform for regional engagement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier urged Yunus to protect minorities and avoid rhetoric against India, but Thursday’s remarks show tensions remain unresolved.



Controversial Trump-Epstein Statue Removed from National Mall

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A provocative statue depicting former President Donald Trump and late financier Jeffrey Epstein holding hands and kicking up their heels was removed from the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. The life-sized installation, which appeared unexpectedly on September 23, featured bronze-painted figures of Trump and Epstein standing on white plinths, smiling at each other, with arms and legs raised as if dancing. The artwork was titled “Best Friends Forever,” according to a plaque displayed alongside the figures.

The group behind the installation, calling itself The Secret

Handshake, claimed responsibility for the statue. According to an Interior Department spokeswoman, the piece was removed because it did not comply with the permit issued for public displays. The U.S. Park Police reportedly loaded the artwork onto a truck before sunrise on Wednesday and transported it away, with video footage of the removal circulating on social media.

This installation is the latest in a series of art-driven efforts to publicly embarrass Trump over his past association with Epstein, a financier and convicted sex offender who died in 2019. Earlier incidents included projecting images of Trump with Epstein onto Windsor Castle during the former president’s state visit to Britain, which led to the arrest of four

individuals.

While Trump has acknowledged knowing Epstein socially years ago, he maintains that the friendship ended well before Epstein’s death. He has stated publicly that he cut ties after Epstein “stole people that worked for me.” Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives released a birthday note Trump allegedly sent to Epstein over 20 years ago, containing the line, “May every day be another wonderful secret.” The White House has denied the note’s authenticity.

The removal of the statue underscores ongoing tensions over public portrayals of Trump’s connections to Epstein, highlighting the intersection of political controversy, art, and public space in contemporary discourse.



DGFT Restricts Plain Silver Jewellery Imports to Curb FTA Misuse

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has announced new restrictions on the import of plain silver jewellery, effective immediately, unless expressly authorised. The move, issued through Notification No. 34/2025-26 on September 24, 2025, aims to curb misuse of India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and prevent large-scale imports of silver disguised as finished jewellery. Most of these imports, according to an analysis by The Hindu, have been coming from Thailand.

The decision comes in response to a sharp rise in silver jewellery imports in recent months. Between April and June 2025, India's imports jumped to \$235.1 million, up 270.6% from \$63.4 million during the same period in 2024. Imports from Thailand surged 330% in the same quarter, from \$50.9 million to \$219 million. This trend continued in July 2025, with total silver jewellery imports increasing to \$148.5 million, a 255.6% rise from \$41.8 million in July 2024, and imports from Thailand rising 288.5% to \$142.7 million.

The Commerce Ministry noted that these im-

ports circumventing FTA provisions were adversely affecting domestic manufacturers and posed challenges to employment in the jewellery sector. To address this, plain silver jewellery will now be allowed into India only with a valid import authorisation issued by the DGFT. This framework is designed to allow genuine trade while preventing unfair practices that undercut local businesses.

The government stated that the measure will provide a level playing field for India's jewellery manufacturers, safe-

guard small and medium enterprises, and protect livelihood opportunities for workers in the sector. By regulating imports more strictly, India aims to balance international trade commitments with the protection of domestic industry, ensuring sustainable growth and employment in the silver jewellery market.

These restrictions mark a significant step in curbing FTA misuse and promoting fair competition in India's jewellery industry while securing the interests of both manufacturers and workers.

Thai Silver Influx

The surge in silver jewellery imports into India has been driven by imports from Thailand.

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Gold Eases Slightly as Traders Eye U.S. Inflation Data

Gold prices eased by ₹125 to ₹1,12,430 per 10 grams in domestic futures trading on Thursday, mirroring a flat trend in global markets as traders remained cautious ahead of key U.S. inflation data. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the October gold futures contract declined 0.11% to ₹1,12,430 per 10 grams on a turnover of 6,314 lots, while the December contract fell ₹147 or 0.13% to

₹1,13,500 in 11,823 lots. In contrast, silver futures for the December contract rose ₹124 or 0.09% to ₹1,34,126 per kilogram in 17,121 lots, with the March 2026 contract climbing ₹147 or 0.11% to ₹1,35,563 per kg. Globally, gold and silver futures traded flat at \$3,768.50 per ounce and \$44.19 per ounce, respectively.

Analysts said gold remained near the \$3,750 level as expectations of two U.S. rate cuts this year limited the dollar's

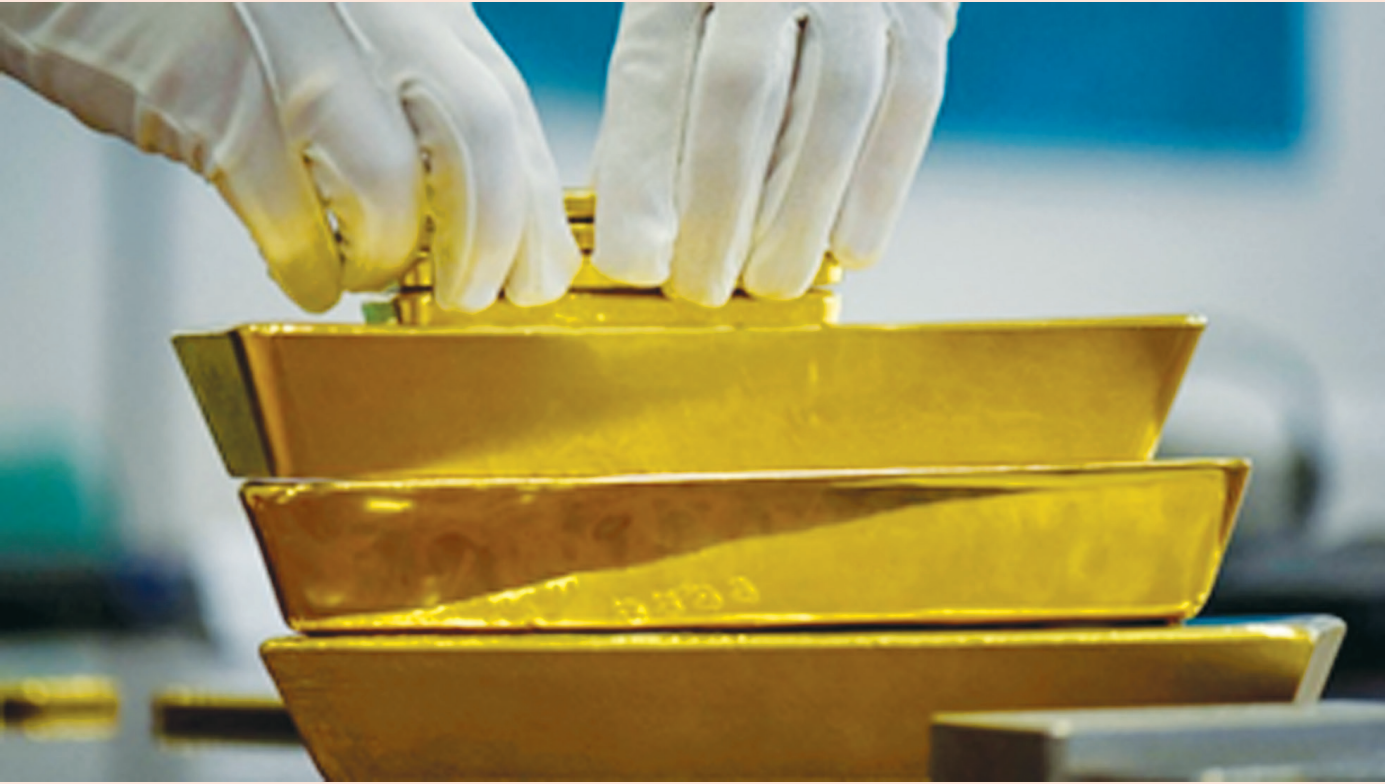
rally to a two-week high, providing support to bullion. Jigar Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities, noted that new-home sales in the U.S. surged to their fastest pace since early 2022, easing fears of an economic slowdown and complicating expectations for further Federal Reserve easing.

Gold's safe-haven appeal continues to be supported by geopolitical tensions, including

the intensifying Russia-Ukraine war and conflicts in the Middle East. Meanwhile, Fed Chair Jerome Powell emphasized the challenge of balancing persistent inflation with a slowing labor market. While some policymakers favour two additional rate cuts this year, others advocate a slower or more aggressive approach, keeping gold prices relatively capped.

Investors are now closely watching U.S.

macroeconomic indicators, including the final second-quarter GDP, weekly jobless claims, durable goods orders, and the Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) Price Index — the Fed's preferred inflation gauge. Upcoming speeches by Federal Open Market Committee members are also expected to provide fresh cues on monetary policy, influencing bullion trends in the coming days.



FDI into India Hits 50-Month High of \$11.11 Billion in July



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India surged to a 50-month high in July 2025, reaching \$11.11 billion, more than double the inflows recorded in the same month last year. Data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday showed that this marked the highest gross FDI since May 2021, when \$12.32 billion had flowed into the country.

In June 2025, gross FDI inflows stood at \$9.57 billion, while in July 2024, the figure was \$5.54 billion, highlighting the strong year-on-year growth. On a net basis, India received \$5.05 billion in FDI in July 2025, compared to \$2.51 billion in June and an outflow of \$2.69 billion in July 2024. This demonstrates not only higher inflows but also a significant improvement in net capital movement into the country.

Analysts attribute the strong inflows to growing investor confidence in India's long-term growth prospects, backed by structural reforms and policy measures aimed at enhancing ease of doing business and promoting industrial development. The uptick comes even before

S&P Global Ratings upgraded India's sovereign rating, and ahead of several government initiatives announced to further boost economic growth.

The rise in FDI is expected to bolster job creation, technology transfer, and sectoral investments across industries such as manufacturing, digital services, and infrastructure. It also reflects global investors' growing interest in India as a stable and attractive investment destination amid uncertain global markets.

Experts note that sustained FDI inflows will play a key role in supporting India's economic recovery, enhancing foreign exchange reserves, and facilitating capital formation. July's record inflows reinforce India's position as a preferred destination for global investment, signaling confidence in the country's economic fundamentals and policy framework.

With continued reforms and investor-friendly measures, India is poised to attract even higher FDI in the coming months, further strengthening its economic growth trajectory.

Indian Rupee Hits Multi-Year Lows Against US Dollar, Outlook Mixed

The Indian rupee traded within a narrow range on Thursday, hovering at 88.6250 against the U.S. dollar at 10:30 a.m. IST, slightly stronger than Wednesday's close of 88.69. The currency touched a record low of 88.7975 earlier this week and has fallen over 3% this quarter, marking its steepest quarterly decline since April-June 2022. Overall, the rupee has depreciated nearly 30.6% against the dollar since 2014, raising concerns about further weakness ahead.

Brokerage firm Care Edge cited multiple pressures on the rupee, including U.S. secondary tariffs, a recent increase in H-1B visa fees, and sustained foreign

portfolio investor (FPI) outflows. Despite these challenges, the brokerage expects the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to intervene as needed to curb excessive volatility. Their forecast anticipates the USD/INR rate to settle between 85 and 87 by the end of FY26, supported by a softer dollar, a stronger yuan, India's manageable current account deficit, and potential progress on a U.S.-India trade deal.

Several factors are providing some support to the rupee. The U.S. dollar index has weakened around 10% year-to-date, aided by a 25-basis-point rate cut in September and expectations of further Federal Reserve easing. Meanwhile, the Chinese yuan has strengthened 2.5%

against the dollar this year, benefiting from a weaker dollar, supportive PBOC policy, and buoyant Chinese equity markets.

India's current account deficit is expected to remain manageable at 0.9% of GDP in FY26, helped by range-bound crude oil prices and resilient services exports. Care Edge noted that even if U.S. tariffs persist at 50%, the deficit may widen only slightly to 1.2-1.3% of GDP, remaining sustainable.

Investors are closely monitoring global macroeconomic developments, trade policies, and domestic interventions, as these will be key in determining the near-term trajectory of the rupee against the dollar.



S&P Maintains India's FY26 GDP Growth Forecast at 6.5%

S&P Global has maintained its projection for India's economic growth at 6.5% for the current financial year, citing resilient domestic demand that would offset external headwinds from rising U.S. tariffs and slower global growth. In its Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific Q4 report, the rating agency highlighted factors supporting India's GDP, including a largely benign monsoon, cuts in income and goods and services tax (GST), and accelerating government investment.

The S&P forecast aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's own projection of 6.5% growth for 2025-26. Fitch Ratings recently upgraded its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9% from an earlier estimate of 6.5%, citing stronger-than-expected performance in the first quarter. Official data for Q1 FY26 shows India's GDP expanded by 7.8%, significantly exceeding expectations and RBI



projections.

Domestic positives such as a favourable monsoon, GST reforms, and the government's infrastructure push are expected to support economic activity. However, the report also noted that high U.S. tariffs, imposed under the Trump administration, remain a notable risk to India's external sector. These tariffs could affect trade competitiveness and potentially weigh on growth if global conditions deteriorate.

S&P's report further observed that compared to June assumptions on U.S. tariffs, China has fared somewhat better than other

Asian economies, while Southeast Asian countries have faced mixed impacts. India's domestic consumption, resilient services sector, and government-led investment are seen as mitigating factors against such global uncertainties.

Overall, while external challenges persist, robust domestic demand, fiscal measures, and infrastructure initiatives are expected to sustain India's growth trajectory. The country remains well-positioned to maintain strong economic momentum despite global headwinds, providing a stable outlook for investors and policymakers alike.

Climate Change Forces Fish to New Homes: DNA Tells the Story

Across the planet, species are on the move, with climate change forcing over 12,000 species to shift their homes across land, freshwater, and seas. In the ocean, tropical fish are moving into temperate reefs along Australia's east coast, one of the fastest-warming marine regions. New coral and fish species are arriving in Sydney's waters, and their numbers are expected to rise as the climate changes. Traditionally, researchers and citizen scientists monitor these shifts through visual surveys, but small, rare, nocturnal,

or cave-dwelling species are often missed, meaning the true rate of movement is likely underestimated. Our new research, published in Diversity and Distributions, uses environmental DNA, or eDNA, to detect these hidden migrations. Fish shed mucus, scales, and waste that contain DNA. By collecting seawater and filtering it, we can extract these genetic fingerprints and identify the species present, much like forensic scientists solving a crime from hair or fingerprints. While eDNA has been used since the 1980s for microbes, its

application to larger animals and plants has transformed biodiversity monitoring. We surveyed 2,000 kilometres of Australia's east coast, from tropical reefs to temperate kelp forests. Alongside traditional visual transects, we collected seawater for DNA analysis. Back in the lab, filtering and sequencing the water revealed species often missed by divers. Tropical species like lined surgeonfish, striated surgeonfish, and black-blotched porcupinefish were detected in temperate ecosystems for the first time. Conversely, divers were of

ten better at spotting temperate species, highlighting that eDNA complements rather than replaces visual surveys. Combining eDNA with traditional methods provides the clearest view yet of how climate change is reshaping marine life. Globally, species are shifting ranges as oceans warm and currents change. Tracking these movements is essential to understand ecological transformations, anticipate which species may thrive or decline, and better manage our oceans in a rapidly changing climate.



Samsung India Announces Festive Discounts Across Galaxy Smartphones

Samsung India, the country's largest consumer electronics brand, has unveiled special festive pricing across its Galaxy smartphone lineup, giving customers an opportunity to own premium and feature-rich devices at some of the most attractive prices since launch. The offers are designed to bring AI-powered features to enhance creativity, productivity, and everyday experiences within reach of more users.



up to 42%. The Galaxy A55 5G is available for Rs 23,999 (originally Rs 39,999), and the Galaxy A35 5G is priced at Rs 17,999 (originally Rs 30,999). Both feature a 6.6-inch FHD+ 120Hz Super AMOLED display, Dolby stereo speakers, Vision Booster technology, and a versatile camera setup with a 50MP main sensor, ultra-wide and macro lenses, plus enhanced Nightography capabilities.

The Galaxy M series offers up to 30% off, with the M36 5G at Rs 13,999 (originally Rs 19,999), M16 5G at Rs 10,499 (originally Rs 13,499), and M06 5G at Rs 7,499 (originally

Rs 9,999). Designed for Indian Gen Z consumers, the M36 5G brings AI innovations and Corning® Gorilla® Glass Victus®+ for durability.

The Galaxy F series also sees up to 30% discounts, including the F36 5G at Rs 13,999 and F06 5G at Rs 7,499. The F06 5G supports 12 5G bands across operators, offering a complete 5G experience at an affordable price.

These festive offers across Galaxy S, A, M, and F series go live from 22 September 2025, giving customers a prime chance to upgrade their smartphones with cutting-edge technology at unbeatable prices.

NASA's Artemis 2 Moon Mission Set for 2026, Could Launch Earlier

NASA officials confirmed on September 23, 2025, that the agency's first crewed flight in its Artemis program, a mission circling the moon and returning to Earth, remains on track for April 2026, with a potential launch as early as February if conditions allow. Artemis 2 is a critical precursor to NASA's goal of landing astronauts on the moon for the first time since 1972, testing the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion capsule with a human crew aboard.



The Artemis program represents the United States' flagship lunar initiative, a multi-billion-dollar effort to return humans to the moon, coinciding with China's similar goal of a 2030 astronaut moon landing. Artemis 2 will be a 10-day mission, with four astronauts flying around the moon and back, preparing for Artemis 3, the ambitious

2027 lunar landing using a Starship moon lander.

Artemis 2 will utilize NASA's 322-foot-tall SLS rocket, developed by Boeing and Northrop Grumman, and the Orion capsule, built by Lockheed Martin. This mission marks the first time the SLS-Orion combination will carry humans. Acting

senior NASA official Lakiesha Hawkins emphasized that while the mission could potentially launch earlier, astronaut safety will guide the final schedule.

The crew includes Commander Reid Wiseman, who previously flew to the International Space Station (ISS) on a Russian Soy-

uz in 2014; Pilot Victor Glover, a 2020 SpaceX ISS mission veteran; Mission Specialist Christina Koch, who flew to the ISS in 2019; and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, flying to space for the first time and becoming the first Canadian to travel near the moon.

Artemis 2 represents

a major milestone in lunar exploration, testing systems, crew readiness, and deep-space operations ahead of the historic Artemis 3 landing. NASA continues to monitor spacecraft readiness, ensuring both safety and mission success as humanity prepares to return to the moon.

Apple Responds to iPhone 17 'Scratchgate' Concerns

Apple has addressed growing concerns about the so-called 'scratchgate' affecting its new iPhone 17 series. Several users of the iPhone 17 Pro, iPhone 17 Pro Max, and iPhone Air have reported that their devices are developing visible scratches, particularly around the camera island, just weeks after launch. The issue appears more pronounced in the Deep Blue, Cosmic Orange, and Space Black colour variants.



ners very well," potentially causing these marks. While the iPhone 17 series performed well in official durability and scratch tests, real-world usage has highlighted a vulnerability that some customers weren't expecting.

In response, Apple clarified that the scratches are not permanent and can generally be cleaned. The company emphasized that the devices remain

highly durable and that normal handling might produce minor marks, which do not affect the performance or functionality of the phone. Apple reassured users that the iPhone 17's materials, including the camera housing and aluminium frame, were designed for long-term use and everyday wear, but recommended handling the devices with care to avoid scratches in vulnerable areas. This incident high-

lights the challenges smartphone makers face when balancing sleek design with durability, particularly as devices increasingly feature sharp edges, large camera modules, and premium finishes. Despite the 'scratchgate' reports, early reviews show that the iPhone 17 series continues to deliver strong performance, advanced features, and reliability, with Apple taking steps to address user concerns and provide guidance on keeping devices in top condition.

As the conversation around iPhone 17 scratches continues online, Apple encourages customers to report any concerns and follow care recommendations to maintain the phone's finish while enjoying its full suite of features.

Quantum Entanglement Breakthrough Brings Nuclear Spin Computers Closer

Quantum entanglement — famously called "spooky action at a distance" by Albert Einstein — is the key feature that makes quantum computers powerful. It allows particles to be connected in ways that enable computations impossible for classical computers, such as simulating molecules, pharmaceuticals, or catalysts. In new research published in Science, scientists have demonstrated entanglement between two atomic nuclei separated by about 20 nanometres, a breakthrough that could accelerate the development of quantum computers using nuclear spins.

Quantum engineers face a fundamental challenge: balancing the need to shield qubits from noise while allowing them to interact for computations. Many



quantum hardware platforms either excel in shielding but are hard to control, or perform fast operations but are prone to errors. The team, led by Professor Andrea Morello, works with phosphorus atoms implanted in silicon chips, using the spins of atomic nuclei to store quantum information reliably. Until now, entanglement between nuclei required them to share a single electron, limiting

scalability.

The new approach uses electrons as "telephones" to enable communication between nuclei even when they are physically separated. Each electron interacts with a nucleus, and electrons interact with one another, creating entanglement between distant nuclei via a method called the "geometric gate." In the experiment, the phosphorus nuclei were 20 nanometres

apart — a distance compatible with existing silicon transistor fabrication.

This breakthrough integrates long-lived nuclear spin qubits into standard silicon chips, opening the path for scalable, reliable quantum computing. The team envisions extending entanglement over even greater distances by manipulating electron shapes and positions, allowing more complex quantum circuits. This research bridges electron-based quantum devices and nuclear spin qubits, bringing practical, high-fidelity quantum computers closer to reality.

By combining precision, stability, and scalability, this work marks a significant step toward the next generation of quantum computing built on silicon, the backbone of today's electronics.



Messi Stars as Inter Miami Crushes New York City FC 4-0

Lionel Messi was at his dazzling best as Inter Miami secured a commanding 4-0 victory over New York City FC on Wednesday, clinching a spot in the MLS Cup Playoffs. The Argentine superstar scored twice and assisted on another goal, extending his streak to three consecutive matches with at least one goal and one assist. Messi now leads the Major League Soccer scoring chart with 24 goals in 23 matches, two ahead of LAFC's Denis Bouanga.

The match began with New York City FC dominating early chances, including a header from Thiago Martins in the 21st minute, a blocked long-range effort from Aiden O'Neill, and a strike from Nicolas Fernandez hitting the post in the 29th minute. Miami struggled initially in the tricky confines of City Field, a converted baseball stadium, but took the lead in the 43rd minute. A crisp through ball from Sergio Busquets found 22-year-old Baltazar Rodriguez, who calmly slotted the ball past goalkeeper

Matt Freese. In the second half, Messi showcased his trademark brilliance. In the 74th minute, he evaded a defender and chipped the ball over Freese for his first goal. Luis Suarez, returning from a three-game ban, converted a penalty to make it 3-0. Messi sealed the victory in the 86th minute with a precise angled strike to the bottom left corner, completing his double and assisting Inter Miami's emphatic win.

The victory moves Miami to third place in the Eastern Conference, five points behind leaders Philadelphia, with two games in hand. With Messi in scintillating form, the team remains a strong contender for the Supporters' Shield and is poised for a deep playoff run. His consistent performances have also positioned him as a top candidate for the 2025 MLS Most Valuable Player award.

Satwik-Chirag Credit Service Variations and Strategy for Recent Badminton Resurgence

India's top men's doubles shuttlers, Satwik-sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, have attributed their recent resurgence to evolving their game and developing service variations over the last 16 months. The former world No.1 pair, who faced injuries and fitness issues in the past year-and-a-half, has made a strong comeback with notable performances, including winning bronze at the World Championships in Paris and reaching the finals of the Hong Kong Super 500 and China Masters Super 750 tournaments. Currently ranked No.7

in the world, the duo aims to clinch their 10th BWF World Tour title soon. A key factor behind their improved performance is a "side-by-side" strategy they have adopted recently. Chirag explained, "We have tried playing side-by-side more often, especially after service, to control the pushes. Our Malaysian coach, Tan Kim Her, suggested this approach, and it worked really well in the last two to three tournaments." The pair has also focused on service variations, with Chirag developing a flat serve that has become a major



Jasprit Bumrah Returns to Test Squad; Karun Nair, Easwaran Left Out

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been named in the 15-member Test squad for the home series against the West Indies, while Devdutt Padikkal replaces Karun Nair, who could not fully capitalize on opportunities in England. The announcement, made by Chairman of Selectors Ajit Agarkar, also confirmed that Bengal opener Abhimanyu Easwaran is no longer in contention for the national side.

With Rishabh Pant unavailable, Ravindra Jadeja has been appointed vice-captain for the series, while Shubman Gill will lead the team. Padikkal, 25, is seen as a long-term prospect, alongside 23-year-old Sai Sudharsan, who has been secured in the crucial No.3 batting slot.

Agarkar emphasized that Bumrah is well-rested after the Asia Cup and ready to feature in both Tests starting October 2 in Ahmedabad. On Karun Nair, Agarkar noted that the 30-year-old failed to make full use of his chances, scoring just one fifty in eight innings during the England tour. "Padikkal offers more at this stage, and we wish we could give everyone 15 or 20 Tests, but it doesn't work that way," he said. Similarly, Easwaran, despite years of travelling with the squad, now looks unlikely to make his Test debut, with N Jagadeesan considered as a potential third opener.



Frances Tiafoe Frustrated in Japan Open 1st-Round Loss

The selectors also highlighted Axar Patel as a better fit as an all-rounder over other options, while no update was provided on veteran pacer Mohammed Shami's fitness. Agarkar added that Pant is expected to return for the South Africa series in November, which will feature two Tests in Kolkata and Guwahati, followed by three ODIs and five T20Is, concluding on December 19.

India's Test Squad: Shubman Gill ©, Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Dhruv Jurel (WK), Ravindra Jadeja (VC), Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Axar Patel, Nitish Kumar Reddy, N Jagadeesan (WK), Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Kuldeep Yadav.

BCCI Files Complaint Against Rauf, Sahibzada; ICC Hearing Looms

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has officially lodged a complaint with the International Cricket Council (ICC) against Pakistan cricketers Haris Rauf and Sahibzada Farhan for making "provocative gestures" during the Asia Cup Super 4 clash in Dubai on September 21, 2025. The complaint, filed on September 24, was formally received by the ICC, setting the stage for possible disciplinary proceedings.

According to reports, the BCCI took action after observing Rauf and Sahibzada engage in celebrations deemed inappropriate and unsporting following key moments in the match. The move underscores India's concern over maintaining decorum on the field and sending a message that unsporting behavior by players, especially in high-stakes matches, will not be tolerated.

An ICC hearing is expected if the Pakistani players deny the allegations in writing. In such a case, both Haris Rauf and Sahibzada Farhan may be required to appear before ICC Elite Panel Referee Richie Richardson for a formal review. The hearing will determine whether sanctions or warnings are warranted based on the nature of the gestures and the intent behind them.

The incident follows a series of high-tension moments between India and Pakistan in recent cricketing encounters, highlighting the intense rivalry and pressure associated with matches between the two nations.

The hearing before Richie Richardson will be closely watched by fans and analysts alike, as it could shape the conduct guidelines for upcoming Asia Cup fixtures and other international tournaments involving India and Pakistan.





They Call Him OG – A stylish action feast for fans

After nearly three years of anticipation, Pawan Kalyan's *They Call Him OG*, directed by Sujeeth, finally hits the screens. The film, a high-octane action-gangster drama, also marks Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi's Telugu debut as the ruthless don Omi Bhau. Set in the blood-soaked streets of Mumbai in the 90s, the story revolves around Satya Dada (Prakash Raj), a port owner, and the chaos unleashed when a container carrying deadly explosives goes missing. Omi Bhau orchestrates the situation, forcing exiled gangster Ojas Gambheera, aka OG (Pawan Kalyan), to return. What follows is a face-off between OG and Omi Bhau, exploring revenge, power, and hidden pasts, keeping fans on edge.

Pawan Kalyan shines in his gangster avatar, with a blend of style and mass appeal. His action sequences, especially the introduction fight, interval block, police station scene, and second-half fights, are designed purely for fans and executed brilliantly. Emraan Hashmi brings swag and style to his role, though limited in scope, while Sudhev Nair and Sriya Reddy impress in their restricted roles. The film is packed with fan moments, including an outstanding title card, katana action scenes, and Easter eggs referencing *Saaho*. Thaman's music adds energy, and Ravi K. Chandran's cinematography brings visual vibrancy to every frame.

However, *OG* falters in storytelling. The narrative is weak and predictable, with a second half that drags despite a climax that saves the film from sinking completely. Key characters, including Prakash Raj, Priyanka Mohan, and Arjun Das, lack depth, and the emotional beats are underdeveloped. The confrontations between Pawan Kalyan and Emraan Hashmi, though central, could have had more intensity. Overall, *They Call Him OG* is a stylish, fan-centric action entertainer but is held back by its predictable storyline and underwritten characters.

Rating: 3.25/5

Soul of Jatadhara Unveiled: A Divine Musical Prelude

The much-anticipated film *Jatadhara* has already sparked excitement among audiences with its striking promotional material. The devotional epic stars Sudheer Babu in the lead role, portraying a devout follower of Lord Shiva, while Sonakshi Sinha takes on the character of the queen of dark forces, setting the stage for an epic confrontation between divine power and dark energy.

Adding to the buzz, the makers have released the first single from the film, titled *Soul of Jatadhara*. The track opens with resonant "Om Namah Shivaya" chants, blending spirituality with melodic appeal. Instantly connecting with listeners, the song elevates the devotional experience, promising to deepen the audience's engagement with the film's spiritual theme.

The single is composed and sung by Rajeev Raj, whose rendition beautifully evokes divinity and awakens a sense of inner peace. His soulful performance captures the essence of devotion while maintaining a contemporary musical sensibility, making the track appealing to both traditional and modern listeners.

Produced by Umesh Kumar Bansal, *Jatadhara* is directed by Abhishek Jaiswal and Venkat Kalyan, who have crafted a narrative that intertwines mythological grandeur with cinematic spectacle. The film's storytelling promises to explore the eternal battle between good and evil, with Sudheer Babu's unwavering devotion clashing against



Akkineni Nagarjuna Moves Delhi High Court Over Unauthorized Photo Use

Tollywood superstar Akkineni Nagarjuna has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection over the unauthorized use of his name and photos. The actor filed a petition requesting that no one use his images or personal identity without explicit permission. Justice Tejas Kariya heard the case, where Nagarjuna's lawyers argued that the use of his photos on objects, clothing, and content uploaded on social media platforms violates his personality rights.

During the proceedings, the Delhi High Court bench indicated its intent to uphold Nagarjuna's personality rights. This development means that anyone using Nagarjuna's photos without prior consent, whether on social media or in any other public content, may face potential legal consequences.

The case follows a similar petition filed by Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai, who recently received a favorable verdict from the High Court on the same issue.

In other news, Nagarjuna continues to maintain a strong presence in Tollywood. He recently appeared in significant roles in movies like *Kubera* and *Coolie*, showcasing his versatility as an actor. Currently, Nagarjuna is gearing up for a milestone in his career — his 100th movie as a



lead hero. The upcoming project will be directed by debutant Kotha Karthik, and pre-production work has already been completed. The regular shooting schedule is set to begin soon, generating anticipation among fans and industry insiders alike.

The 100th movie promises to be a special celebration of Nagarjuna's illustrious career, with audiences eager to see how he performs in this landmark role. With legal victories ensuring his personal rights are protected and new cinematic ventures on the horizon, Nagarjuna continues to secure both his creative and personal interests, cementing his legacy as one of Tollywood's enduring stars. Fans are excited to witness this special project and the next chapter in Nagarjuna's cinematic journey.

Son of Sardaar 2 OTT Release Date Confirmed

Bollywood star Ajay Devgn recently released *Son of Sardaar 2*, the sequel to his 2012 hit *Son of Sardaar*. While the first film was a commercial success, the sequel failed to create the same impact at the box office. Critics gave it below-par reviews, and the movie eventually flopped despite high expectations.

Fans of Ajay Devgn have been waiting to watch the comedy-drama on streaming platforms, and the wait is finally over. Earlier reports suggested that the film would be available digitally from September 26, 2025, and now Netflix, the film's official digital partner, has confirmed this release date. The theatrical window for *Son of Sardaar 2* lasted eight weeks before its OTT debut.

Directed by popular cinematographer Vijay Kumar Arora, the film features Mrunal Thakur as the female lead. The movie is a joint production by Ajay Devgn and Jyoti Deshpande, under Devgn Films and Jio Studios. Apart from the lead pair, the film also stars Ravi Kishan, Neeru Bajwa, Deepak Dobriyal, and Chunky Panday in prominent roles, bringing a mix of comedy and drama to the screen.

Despite its box office performance, viewers now have the chance to catch the film from the comfort of their homes. With Netflix streaming it from September 26, fans can see Ajay Devgn's antics and the star-studded supporting cast deliver their performances without waiting for television broadcasts. This move is expected to increase the film's reach among a wider audience who may have missed it in theaters.

Raja Saab Trailer On Big Screen With Kantara

Exciting news is buzzing for Prabhas fans as the much-anticipated trailer of *The Raja Saab* has finally been locked. Clocking in at an impressive 3 minutes and 30 seconds, the trailer promises a grand and immersive glimpse into the world of this romantic entertainer, blending mass appeal with heartfelt moments.

What makes this release even more special is its unique unveiling plan. The trailer will be showcased on the big screens along with the theatrical release of *Kantara* Chapter 1, scheduled for October 2.

Fans are in for a double cinematic treat, getting to enjoy the spectacle of *Kantara* while also witnessing the first major visuals from Prabhas' upcoming film. This strategy is expected to generate tremendous excitement in theatres, ensuring that *The Raja Saab* trailer gets maximum attention from cinephiles.

Directed by Maruthi and produced on a lavish



scale, *The Raja Saab* has generated high expectations since its announcement. The film marks a refreshing take for Prabhas, who is known for his larger-than-life roles, as he balances mass appeal with romantic charm. The trailer is expected to highlight both his charismatic screen presence and emotional depth, setting the tone for what promises to be a memorable cinematic experience.

The strategic release alongside *Kantara* is not just a treat for fans but also a smart promotional move, combining the hype of two highly awaited projects. Cinema-goers will get the rare chance to witness the trailer in full glory on the big screen, amplifying its impact and creating early buzz ahead of the film's official release.

With anticipation at an all-time high, fans are gearing up to catch Prabhas in action, making *The Raja Saab* one of the most talked-about upcoming films in the romantic-entertainment genre. This trailer promises to be a perfect blend of spectacle, romance, and star power, setting the stage for the film's grand arrival.