



BUZZ POINTS



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Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Pays

Tribute to Konda Laxman Bapuji Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao attended the 110th birth anniversary celebrations of the late Konda Laxman Bapuji at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad. Minister Tummala hailed Bapuji as a great freedom fighter and a key figure in both the country's independence movement and the Telangana armed struggle.

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FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY



Hyderabad witnessed one of the heaviest downpours in recent times as continuous rains lashed the city, flooding several areas and leaving citizens stranded. The overflowing Moosi River submerged key locations, including the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Stand (MGBS), where hundreds of passengers were trapped in rising waters before being rescued by the Disaster Response Force (DRF).



V. KRISHNA KUMAR

Hyderabad, Sept 27: The relentless rainfall brought chaos across the city, inundating residential colonies, slums, and arterial roads. With floodwaters rising hour by hour, residents in low-lying areas found themselves in life-threatening situations, forced to abandon their homes and seek safer grounds. The DRF teams worked tirelessly overnight, rescuing families from submerged localities and relocating them to relief camps.

Twin Reservoirs
Overflow

Officials reported

that both Gandipet (Osman Sagar) and Himayat Sagar reservoirs reached critical levels due to incessant rainfall. Authorities were forced to lift the gates, releasing huge volumes of water downstream. The sudden discharge caused the Moosi River to swell dangerously, inundating neighborhoods and colonies along its banks. Entire stretches of residential areas were flooded by midnight, forcing people to rely solely on DRF rescue boats and ropes for evacuation.

The MGBS turned into a sea of water, trapping hundreds of passengers, bus

crews, and staff inside. With no exit routes available, panic gripped the stranded commuters. Responding swiftly, DRF personnel reached the spot, using ropes and makeshift rafts to evacuate the passengers. Buses arriving from different districts were stranded on the approach roads, while others were diverted or halted at suburban depots to avoid further chaos.

Chaderghat Cut Off

Traffic across the Chaderghat Bridge, one of the busiest links between Koti and Dilsukhnagar, was



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MAJOR RESHUFFLE
OF IPS OFFICERS



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Telangana State government on Saturday transferred several senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers and gave them new postings. The move also included entrusting additional responsibilities to a few officers, reflecting the

government's attempt to strengthen law and order, anti-corruption mechanisms, disaster response, and governance structures.

Key Appointments at
the Top Level

Ravi Gupta, a 1990-batch IAS officer who has been serving as the Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Home Department, has been transferred and ap-

pointed as the Executive Vice Chairman and Director General of Good Governance, Telangana.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand (1991 batch) has been shifted and posted as Special Chief Secretary to Government.

Shikha Goel (1994 batch), who was Director of TG Cyber Security

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HIGH COURT KEPT LOCAL
ELECTIONS IN DILEMMA

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: The Telangana High Court on Saturday heard petitions challenging the Government Order providing 42 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections. The case has gained importance as it directly impacts the conduct of polls, which have already been delayed beyond the earlier deadlines set by the court.

Appearing for the petitioners, advocate Mayur Reddy argued that the reservation policy violates statutory and constitutional limits. He pointed out that under Section 286(a) of the Panchayati Raj Act, total reservations in local body elections cannot exceed 50 percent. He further referred to Supreme Court rulings that repeatedly emphasized this ceiling, warning against excessive quotas that could undermine the principle of equal representation.



The petitioners maintained that combining the proposed 42 percent BC quota with existing reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes would far exceed the permissible limit.

Meanwhile, MLC Teenmar Mallanna filed an implead petition in support of the petition-

ers, drawing political attention to the issue. On behalf of the Telangana government, Advocate General Sudarshan Reddy appeared virtually and strongly defended the State's decision. He explained that the Telangana Assembly had already passed a resolution approving the BC Bill, which is currently

pending with the Governor. He asserted that the Assembly had the authority to finalize such matters and that the Governor's assent was not necessary in this case. He also informed the court that the government was preparing to conduct gram panchayat elections based on the Assembly's decision and

reiterated the State's commitment to ensuring fair representation for Backward Classes.

After hearing both sides, the High Court granted the Advocate General 15 minutes to present the government's position in more detail and directed the State to clearly outline its decision. The bench clarified that the matter would be heard again on October 8, when the case would be reviewed on merit in the context of the election notification, if issued by then.

The controversy over BC reservations has added a new dimension to Telangana's political and legal landscape. While the government argues that its move is socially justified and constitutionally sound, the petitioners insist that it violates the 50 percent ceiling. The court's ruling is expected to shape not only the upcoming local body elections but also the broader debate on the scope of reservation policies within constitutional limits.





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completely halted. The bridge and surrounding areas, including Moosara mbagh, Old Malakpet, and Race Course Road, were inundated. Officials evacuated residents from these areas to safer shelters as floodwaters gushed into homes.

Narrow Escape on Outer Ring Road

In another dramatic rescue, four people trapped in floodwaters on the service road between Narsingi and Manchirevula were saved by DRF teams late Friday night. Following the opening of Gandipet's floodgates, torrents of water gushed



onto the service road. Despite barricades warning commuters, an auto trolley attempted to cross the submerged stretch. The vehicle, carrying the driver and three others, was soon caught in the strong current and stalled mid-way.

Alert policemen and DRF staff rushed to the

scene, securing the passengers with ropes and pulling them to safety. The stranded vehicle was later towed to shore with the help of DRF equipment, preventing further accidents.

CM Reviews Situation

Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy held a review meeting on the flood situation and lauded the DRF teams for preventing loss of lives despite the unprecedented flooding. He directed officials of various departments to stay on high alert and ensure adequate facilities at relief camps. He stressed that the rehabilitation centers must provide food, water, and medical assistance without delay.

HYDRA Chief's Ground Visit

Hydra Commissioner Ranganath personally inspected the flood-affected areas, including MGBS and colonies

along the Moosi River. Speaking to the media, he attributed the severe flooding to record rainfall combined with simultaneous releases from both Gandipet and Himayat Sagar reservoirs. He assured residents that their grievances would be addressed on priority and that measures were underway to restore normalcy.

City in Standstill

The rains left Hyderabad paralyzed, with traffic jams stretching across major junctions, buses halted on highways, and residential areas cut off by water.

Electricity supply was disrupted in several flood-affected zones as a precautionary measure. Families spent sleepless nights watching floodwaters inch into their homes, while rescue operations continued relentlessly.

For now, the city is grappling with the aftermath of nature's fury, but timely action by the DRF and other emergency services helped avert what could have been a much bigger disaster. With the monsoon showing no signs of retreat, officials remain on edge, monitoring reservoirs and river flows round the clock.



MP Mallu Ravi Calls CM Revanth Reddy a "BC Ally"

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MP Mallu Ravi praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, referring to him as "Revanth, the BC ally." He stated that Revanth Reddy is implementing Rahul Gandhi's ideas and has earned recognition as a true ally of Backward Classes (BCs) by implementing a 42% political reservation for them, despite obstacles from the central government.

Ravi declared that Telangana has become a role



model for the nation, as it is the first state to conduct a comprehensive caste census and scientifically design a policy to implement various BC reservations. He asserted

that Revanth Reddy is the leader who has taken sincere action for BC reservations and called on all Dalit and Bahujan communities to support the Congress party.



Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on BC Reservations

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He highlighted that the government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has conducted a caste survey to determine the population of various groups. A sub-committee was formed based on this survey, and the cabinet decided to increase the reservation to 42%. The bill was then passed in both houses with the support of all parties and sent to the Governor, who in turn forwarded it to the President. Prabhakar cited a recent court ruling in Tamil Nadu that allows states to implement proposals that are

pending with the Governor or President. He stated that based on this, the government has issued GO No. 9 to implement the 42% reservation. He urged the BRS party to stop obstructing the government's decision and reminded them that the people of Telangana fought for justice for all. He stressed that the social justice-focused Congress party is committed to the upliftment of the weaker sections and that the responsibility to protect these reservations lies with the entire Telangana society.

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Bureau and Director of Telangana Forensic Science Laboratory, has been posted as Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to the General Administration Department. She will also hold full additional charge of Director, Cyber Security Bureau, until further orders.

Law & Order, Special Forces and Anti-Corruption Wings

Swati Lakra (1995

batch), Additional Director General of Police (Operations), Greyhounds and Octopus, Telangana's elite anti-Naxal and counter-terror forces. Vijay Kumar (1997 batch) has been posted as ADGP, Intelligence, Hyderabad. Key Transfers in Disaster Response and Transport Y. Nagi Reddy (1997 batch), who was Director General of Telangana Disaster Response & Fire Services, has now been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Telangana State Road Transport Corpo-

ration (TSRTC). Vikram Singh Mann (1998 batch) has been appointed as Director General, Telangana Disaster Response & Fire Services. M. Stephen Raveendra (1990 batch) has been posted as Commissioner, Civil Supplies, and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department. Devendra Singh Chauhan (1997 batch) has been transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, Multizone II.

Changes in Hyderabad and Surrounding Zones M. Srinivasulu (2006 batch), Inspector General of Police, CID, has been posted as Additional Commissioner of Police, Crimes, Hyderabad City. Tafseer Iqbal (2008 batch) has been appointed as Joint Commissioner of Police, Law & Order, Hyderabad City. S.M. Vijay Kumar (2012 batch) has been transferred and posted as Commissioner of Police, Siddipet. Mid-Level Reshuffle

Sindhu Sharma (2014 batch) has been appointed Joint Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau. Dr. G. Vineeth (2017 batch) will now serve as Superintendent of Police, Narayanpet. Dr. B. Anuradha (2017 batch) has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, LB Nagar Zone, Rachakonda. Ch. Praveen Kumar (2017 batch) has been given the post of Joint Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad. Yogesh Goutam (2018 batch) has been ap-

pointed Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rajendranagar. Ch. Srinivas (2018 batch) has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Hyderabad City. Ritiraj (2018 batch) has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Madhapur, Cyberabad. Balancing Experience with New Entrants The reshuffle brings together senior IPS officers with decades of service in sensitive positions alongside younger officers from recent batches to

strengthen policing across Telangana. While veterans have been moved into policymaking, vigilance, and administrative roles, mid-level officers have been given field responsibilities in Hyderabad and its peripheries. The State government has indicated that the transfers are part of a broader effort to streamline governance, improve disaster preparedness, enhance anti-corruption measures, and ensure efficient functioning of law and order machinery in Telangana.

Harish Rao Launches BRS ‘Baaki Card’ Campaign

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: Former Minister Harish Rao of the BRS party launched the ‘Baaki Card’ (Debt Card) campaign to expose the broken promises of the Congress government under CM Revanth Reddy. During an event at Telangana Bhavan, he criticized the Congress’s ‘Abhaya Hastham’ (assurance) guarantee cards, calling them ‘Achetana Hastham’ (lifeless hand). He claimed that the ‘guarantee cards’ have become ‘gossip cards.’ He accused the Congress of making false promises to implement schemes within 100 days and pass legislation in the assembly.

Harish Rao questioned why Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi are avoiding Hyderabad, fearing public confrontation. He said the promises of a pension for both the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, and assurance for farmers and tenant farmers, were all empty. He labeled Revanth Red-

dy as a ‘cutting master’ for cutting off schemes and only performing ribbon-cutting ceremonies for projects started by the previous government. He criticized the CM for only holding a one-day assembly session on the Kaleshwaram project and avoiding a 10-day discussion on public issues. Harish Rao asserted that there has been no positive change under Revanth Reddy, only deceit. He announced that the BRS will distribute the ‘Baaki Cards’ to every household to expose the Congress’s betrayal, urging people to question Congress leaders during the upcoming local and Jubilee Hills elections. He listed numerous groups that were deceived, including government employees, auto drivers, agricultural laborers, and the unemployed. He warned that the government’s use of illegal cases will not deter the BRS, and that the public will soon revolt against the government, similar to what happened in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

Sabitha Indra Reddy Unveils Konda Laxman Bapuji’s Statue



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: Former Minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy unveiled the statue of freedom fighter Konda Laxman Bapuji at the Maheshwaram Mandal headquarters. She stated that Bapuji’s sacrifices and values should be an inspiration for future generations. She praised him for his commitment to his principles throughout his life and lauded his contributions.

She recalled that Bapuji supported the second phase of the Telangana movement led by KCR. She highlighted the parallel between

Bapuji’s resignation from his ministerial post during the first phase of the movement and KCR’s similar action during the second phase. She also mentioned Bapuji’s early opposition to merging Hyderabad with Andhra and his notable career as a criminal lawyer. She noted that he provided free legal aid to leaders of the peasant armed struggle and successfully defended prominent communist leaders in various conspiracy cases, despite being a Congress member himself. The event was attended by members of the Padmashali community, BRS leaders, and workers.

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angana state movement. Prabhakar stated that while Telangana’s dream was realized, Bapuji did not live to see it. He praised Bapuji’s life dedicated to public service and his role as a direct witness to all

the public movements in Telangana. He called Bapuji a ‘bridge of three generations of movements,’ whose life and ideals were closely intertwined with the Telangana movement. Prabhakar also highlighted that the current

government, under CM Revanth Reddy, has conducted a caste census and legislated a 42% reservation for BCs, issuing GO No. 9 to implement it in local body elections. He stated that these reservations will also apply to education

and employment in the future. He called on all BC organizations to unite and fight for their rights, which he says are not being taken from anyone else. He believes that Bapuji would be happy with the government’s decision.



HYDRA Commissioner Inspects Musi Flood Areas

TPN Bureau,

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Commissioner also noted that food was being delivered via drones to people trapped on the rooftops of buildings. He inspected the site at MGBS where the Musi river’s retaining wall had collapsed, allowing floodwaters to enter the bus station. Ranganath commended the rescue operations conducted on Friday night, which safely evacuated hundreds of passengers

with the coordinated efforts of HYDRA DRF Police, RTC, and GHMC personnel. He advised that HYDRA DRF staff should remain available during the Dasara holidays to assist travelers. The commissioner also noted that if the rains stop, the floodwaters are likely to recede by evening, but teams from NDRF, SDRF, GHMC, and the police will remain on high alert.



Cyber Fraudsters Arrested After Victim’s Death



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police arrested two fraudsters, Shankar Supur and Vishwas Dattatraya Miraje from Maharashtra, for a ‘digital arrest’ cyber fraud that led to the death of a retired hospital worker. The victim, a 66-year-old retired CSRMO from MN Area Hospital, died of a heart attack on September 8, 2025, after being continuously harassed and intimidated by the fraudsters. Between September 5 and 8, they im-

personated Bangalore Police and other agencies via WhatsApp calls, falsely implicating her in a human trafficking case. They showed her fake documents from the Supreme Court, ED, and RBI to scare her into transferring ₹6,60,543 from her pension account. The constant threats and psychological torment caused her a fatal heart attack. The fraudsters continued to harass her family even after her death.

The police registered a case and, following an investigation, arrested the two accused. The po-

lice advisory section of the press note warns the public against these ‘digital arrest’ scams. It states that police or any law enforcement agency will never make a digital arrest or demand money. Fraudsters often use fake logos, caller ID spoofing, and forged documents to create fear. The public is advised to stay calm, not share personal details, and immediately disconnect such calls. The police urged people to verify any claims directly with local law enforcement or official helplines.

Ganja Peddler Arrested in Hyderabad

Hyderabad Narcotic Enforcement Wing (HNEW) and Charminar Police, acting on credible information, conducted a joint operation and arrested a drug peddler named Ali Bin Hamid. The police seized 45 grams of OG (Hydroponic Ganja), 2 kg of Ganja, a mobile phone, an Activa scooter, and ₹1,03,500 in cash, all valued at around ₹4 lakhs. Ali Bin Hamid, a 46-year-old unemployed resident of Habib Nagar, Nampally, turned to drug peddling due to financial difficulties. He

worked with a contact named ‘Captain’ (@Ik.Jr @ Farhan) to distribute drugs. Hamid would receive the drugs via ‘dead drops’ or from local peddlers, package them into small sachets, and deliver them to customers across Hyderabad. Payments were collected in cash or online and handed over to Captain’s associates, Maaz and Moiz, at a garment shop in Gulzarhous. The police have registered a case under the NDPS Act. The press note concludes with an appeal

to the public to refrain from substance abuse. It advises parents to monitor their children’s activities to ensure they do not fall prey to drugs. The HNEW team requested that any information related to drug abuse be reported to the mobile number 8712661601 to help the police work towards a ‘Drug Free Hyderabad city.’ The operation was carried out by Inspector S. Bala Swamy, SI B. Manoj Kumar, and their staff from HNEW, along with SI B. Praveen Kumar Goud and his team from Charminar PS.



Hyderabad Floods: MGBS and Musi River Inundated

Continuous rains have brought Hyderabad to a standstill, with widespread flooding. The Musi River is flowing fiercely, submerging the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) and many residential areas. DRF (Disaster Response Force) teams worked through the night, rescuing hundreds of passengers and residents. Due to the rising water levels in the twin reservoirs, Gandipet and Himayat Sagar, officials released water downstream, causing the Musi catchment areas and colonies to be submerged overnight. The DRF teams rescued hundreds of passengers trapped in the bus station using ropes. Officials also halted buses in suburban areas to prevent them from entering the flooded city. The Chaderghat bridge was closed to traffic, and residents of Musanagar, Old Malakpet, and Race Course Road were evacuated to safer locations. In a separate incident, DRF teams also rescued four people from an auto-trolley that got stuck in floodwaters on the Outer Ring Road service road between Narsingi and Manchirevula. Following the crisis, CM Revanth Reddy reviewed the flood situation and praised the HYDRA DRF teams for their work in preventing any loss of life. He instructed officials from various departments to remain vigilant and ensure the well-being of the people in the rehabilitation centers.

HYDRA DRF Teams Rescue Four People

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: HYDRA DRF (Disaster Response Force) teams successfully rescued four individuals stranded in floodwaters on the Outer Ring Road service road between Narsingi and Manchirevula on Friday night. The flood was caused by the opening of the gates of Osman Sagar (Gandipet). Despite barricades, the driver of an auto-trolley attempted to cross the road with four passengers, but their vehicle became stuck in the high floodwaters. Alert police and HYDRA DRF personnel spotted them, rescued them safely, and pulled the auto-trolley out with a rope and a DRF vehicle. This swift action prevented a potentially dangerous situation and highlights the efficiency of the response teams during the heavy rains.



CM Revanth Reddy Reviews Musi River Flooding

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reviewed the flood situation along the Musi River with officials following continuous rains and the opening of the gates of the twin reservoirs. He instructed officials to take necessary precautions in all low-lying areas and to evacuate residents from flood-prone zones to safer locations, providing them with rehabilitation facilities. The CM personally monitored the rescue operations at the MGBS (Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station), which was inundated with water around midnight. He was in constant phone contact with officials to ensure the safe evacuation of passengers. To prevent passenger inconvenience, especially during the Bathukamma and Dasara festivals, the CM ordered the diversion of buses arriving at MGBS to alternative routes and instructed the RTC to take necessary measures. He also advised all departments, including Police, Traffic, HYDRA, GHMC, and Electricity, to remain on high alert due to the heavy rain forecast for the second consecutive day. He urged officials to be present on the ground, put up caution boards in areas with waterlogging and dangerous water flow in the Musi river, and divert traffic to ensure public safety.

GHMC Commissioner Inspects New Musi Bridge

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan inspected the new bridge under construction over the Musi river near Musarambagh. Engineering officials informed him that the completed portion of the bridge remains undamaged. They reported that only the centering between pillars P1 and P2 was washed away by the floodwaters. The inspection focused on assessing the impact of the high-intensity floods on the ongoing construction, ensuring the structural integrity of the bridge remains intact.

CM Revanth Reddy's Orders on Musi River Flooding

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy took stock of the situation along the Musi river, which is in spate due to incessant rains and the lifting of the gates of two major reservoirs. He ordered officials to take precautions in all low-lying areas and evacuate people to safer places, providing them with rehabilitation. The CM personally reviewed the rescue measures at MGBS bus station, where passengers were stranded at midnight. He spoke to officials on the phone, instructing them to ensure the safe evacuation of passengers and to divert buses to alternative routes. Given the ongoing Dasara and Bathukamma festivities, the CM directed TGSRTC officials to take necessary measures to help passengers reach their destinations safely. The CM also ordered the Police, Traffic, HYDRA, GHMC, and Electricity departments to remain on alert and for officials to be present on the ground. He suggested putting up caution boards at all water stagnation points and at dangerous points along the Musi river, and to divert traffic.

Ministers Inaugurate Double-Bedroom Houses



TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy inaugurated a project of 288 double-bedroom houses constructed in 5 blocks at Narayana Jhopdi Colony in Rasoolpura, Secunderabad Cantonment. The project was built at a cost of ₹22.32 crore. They also distributed double-bedroom house titles to 344 beneficiaries, including 47 from Gandhi Nagar in Tirumalagiri, 9 from Sriram Nagar, and the 288 from Narayana Jhopdi. Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar stated that the current government is not politicizing the issue and has completed the pending double-bedroom houses that were halted due to lack of funds under the previous government. He mentioned that the "Praja-paalana" government has already sanctioned 3,500 Indiramma houses for each constituency, with construction and house-warming ceremonies already taking place in villages. He revealed that the government is planning to construct houses for the poor in Hyderabad in their current locations. He also urged MP Etela Rajender to speak with the central government to obtain Cantonment land for the poor. He criticized the previous government for not providing new ration cards and highlighted that the current government has distributed 60,000 new ration cards in Hyderabad, along with 6 kg of fine rice per person. He also mentioned free electricity up to 200 units and gas cylinders for ₹500, stating that the new colony at Narayana Jhopdi should serve as a model for others.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Pays Tribute to Konda Laxman Bapuji

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao attended the 110th birth anniversary celebrations of the late Konda Laxman Bapuji at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad. Minister Tummala hailed Bapuji as a great freedom fighter and a key figure in both the country's independence movement and the Telangana armed struggle. He praised Bapuji for sacrificing his ministerial post for the cause of a separate Telangana state. Tummala stated that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration is working to fulfill Konda Laxman Bapuji's ideals. To honor him, the Horticulture University and the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology have been named after him. The minister also highlighted the government's support for the handloom sector, including waiving weavers' loans for the first time. He mentioned that the government, under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, is supporting weavers through initiatives like the Bathukamma saree work orders. The event was attended by various public representatives, officials, and artists who paid floral tributes to Bapuji's portrait. The celebrations featured cultural programs and were held in a festive atmosphere.



Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Flood Relief Efforts

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Sept 27: Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar announced that the government is taking all necessary measures to prevent inconvenience to Hyderabad residents due to heavy rains and floods. He stated that families affected by the floods in the Musi river catchment areas, due to the opening of the twin reservoir gates, have been moved to rehabilitation centers. He provided details of the temporary shelters: about 500 displaced persons from Shankar Nagar are staying at the Shazadi Mosque, 150 at the Moosa Nagar Community Hall, and 45 families from Durga Nagar and Ambedkar Nagar at a government high school near the Musarambagh bridge. Additionally, 32 residents from Krishna Nagar have been moved to the Krishna Nagar Community Hall, and 55 people from the Bhulakshmi temple area have been shifted to the Godeki-Khabar GHMC Community Hall. The minister stated that officials are ensuring the people at these centers have all necessary facilities, including food. He also mentioned that, as per CM Revanth Reddy's instructions, GHMC, Police, HYDRA, Traffic, and other departments worked together when the Chaderghat bridge and MGBS bus station were flooded. He praised the safe evacuation of stranded passengers and confirmed that bus routes were diverted to prevent inconvenience for travelers during the festive season. He warned the public not to venture towards the Musi river and advised city police to increase security along the main roads adjacent to the river.



GHMC Commissioner Praises Konda Laxman Bapuji

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan stated that the selfless service and political journey of Konda Laxman Bapuji, a freedom fighter and Telangana activist, are an inspiration to all. On the occasion of Bapuji's birth anniversary, the commissioner and other

officials paid floral tributes at the GHMC head office.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner Karnan noted that Konda Laxman Bapuji, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, participated in the country's freedom struggle and adhered to those values throughout his life. He praised Bapuji as a direct witness and a bridge between three

generations of activists, including the movement for a separate Telangana state. The event was attended by Additional Commissioners Raghu Prasad, Venu Gopal, Additional SP Narasimha Reddy, Chief Engineer Sahadev Ratnakar, Additional CCP Gangadhar, and PRO Mamindla Dasharatham, among others.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information and Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, announced that the government is preparing an action plan to soon sanction houses for the poor in the Greater Hyderabad area under the Indiramma housing scheme. Following Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision, these homes will be constructed in an apartment-style format. Minister Srinivas Reddy, along with fellow minister Ponnampallapragada, MPs Etela Rajender, Anil Kumar Yadav, and MLA Ganesh, inaugurated 344 double-bedroom houses in Rasoolpura, Cantonment constituency.

During the public



meeting, the minister stated that apartments will be built for local residents in urban areas, even on plots as small as 30 to 70 square yards. He revealed that an action plan is being developed for this purpose. Srinivas Reddy recalled that

during the Cantonment by-election, he had promised to complete the pending houses, and that promise has now been fulfilled. He criticized the previous BRS government for focusing on the Kaleshwaram project for commissions instead

of building houses for the poor, noting that if they had built one lakh houses per year, ten lakh would have been completed in a decade.

The current "people's government," he said, despite financial difficulties, has decided to build

4.50 lakh houses in the first phase, with plans for three more phases. He added that special attention will be given to house construction within the GHMC area. Responding to points raised by local MP Etela Rajender and MLA Ganesh, the minister publicly directed officials to complete the unfinished houses in Vajpayee Colony and hand them over to the beneficiaries. He also promised to repair and hand over incomplete double-bedroom houses to the poor within a month. Minister Srinivas Reddy urged MP Etela Rajender to secure the necessary central government orders to grant freeholds for the lands of long-time residents in the Cantonment area and for the construction of a modern crematorium.

TPCC President Exposes Vote Theft

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud held a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, stating that Rahul Gandhi has exposed a massive "vote theft" that led to Modi's third term. He alleged that this theft undermined democratic values and the constitution. Following AICC directives, the TPCC is launching a signature campaign, aiming to collect over a hundred signatures in every village to protest the "vote theft."

Mahesh Kumar Goud accused the BJP of this illegal act and noted that he had predicted the victory of 8 BJP MPs in Telangana during his paddy



atra. He criticized Bandi Sanjay for not responding to the allegations of vote theft. Goud also claimed that Etela Rajender's victory by 3 lakh votes was a result of this theft, calling it an assault on democracy. He mentioned that Ahmed had stated that Prime Minister Modi and the Election Commission must answer the questions raised by Rahul Gandhi. Goud emphasized that this is-

sue, which strikes at the very power of the vote, is being taken seriously, with 80% of the people believing that vote theft occurred. He called on Youth Congress leaders, journalists, and intellectuals to participate in the signature collection drive and raise awareness. He highlighted instances of mass deletion of votes in Bihar and the addition of lakhs of votes after Niranjana appealed.



Bathukamma Festival Celebrated at Buddha Bhavan

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: The Bathukamma festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Buddha Bhavan. The event, organized by the State Women's Commission,

saw participation from female employees of all offices located in the building, who sang and danced to celebrate the festival. The theme of the celebration was "Motherhood - Health."

The chief guest, Hyderabad Commissioner A.V.

Ranganath, noted the similarity in goals between his department, which works to protect nature, and the Women's Commission, which works for the protection of women. He said the beauty of motherhood is inde-

scribable, and a healthy society is born when both mother and child are healthy. Women's Commission Chairperson Smt. Nerella Sharada stated that the beauty of a mother is more glorious than that of a bride. She emphasized

the primary role of women as guardians of nature and the importance of a mother's health for a healthy society. After the speeches, the women danced around the Bathukamma and exchanged sweets.



BRS Launches 'Baaki Card' Movement

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Sept 27: BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), along with former ministers, launched the 'Congress Baaki Card' poster at Telangana Bhavan. The movement aims to expose the Congress government's failure to fulfill its promises.

KTR stated that the "guarantee cards" promised by the Congress have proven to be a fraud, and the 'Baaki Card' will serve as a "Pashupatastra" (a powerful weapon) in the hands of the people. He called on the public to teach the Congress a lesson in the upcoming local and Jubilee Hills by-elections.

KTR announced that BRS workers will go to every house to distribute the 'Baaki Cards' and detail the debts of the Congress government. He reminded the public of KCR's warnings about the consequences of being deceived. He criticized the Congress for not implementing its promises despite having over 30

cabinet meetings and accused CM Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka of evading their responsibilities, despite signing bond papers. KTR detailed the government's "debts" to various sections of society with specific figures:

- Farmers: ₹15,000 per acre, ₹2 lakh loan waiver, and ₹500 bo-

nus on paddy are all pending.

- Unemployed Youth: Promises of 2 lakh jobs and ₹4,000 unemployment allowance per month, which has accumulated a debt of thousands of rupees per person over 22 months.
- Women: The government owes each woman approximately

₹55,000, which includes the pending Mahalakshmi scheme amount of ₹2,500 per month, and has a debt of 8 lakh tolas of gold for 8 lakh newly married women.

- Pensioners: The government owes ₹44,000 to each elderly and widow pensioner over 22 months and has reduced the pen-

sion for disabled people from the promised ₹6,000 to ₹4,000.

- Others: Pending promises include Indiramma houses, 250 square yards of land for Telangana activists, scooters for female students, ₹5 lakh education assurance cards for youth, and ₹24,000 for auto drivers.

KTR also accused the government of filing false cases against the BRS, but stated that the party will not be intimidated and will continue to fight for the people. He announced that the 'Baaki Cards' will be printed in Telugu, Urdu, and English to reach all sections of the public.

Trump with Pakistan’s Power Duo: A Return to the Old Normal

A recent image showing former U.S. President Donald Trump flanked by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir has triggered intense debate in Indian strategic circles. While at first glance it may seem like a geopolitical reset, it actually signals something far more familiar: a return to the old normal in Washington’s view of the Subcontinent.

The image is symbolic—not of changing global alignments—but of Pakistan’s enduring “military-first” governance model. Munir, a deeply ideological army chief and a Hafiz-e-Quran, is seen now not just as the power behind the throne, but effectively sharing it. His presence alongside the elected PM in multiple

foreign visits—Tianjin, Riyadh, Doha, and now this high-visibility moment in the U.S.—shows how far civilian authority has been sidelined in Islamabad.

For India, this photograph is not cause for despair but a reality check. Trump’s engagement with Munir does not suggest the U.S. is abandoning India, but that it still sees strategic utility in Pakistan as a pliable military client. Since 1954, when Pakistan joined SEATO, it has served that role. Despite being out of favor post-Osama bin Laden, it was never dropped from the list of Major Non-NATO allies—a status India never held nor sought.

The U.S. values India’s rising power but knows New Delhi will never be a client state. That limits the transactional, control-based en-

gagement Washington often prefers. Meanwhile, Pakistan’s military remains its most reliable interlocutor.

Munir’s presence also represents a renewed extremism in Pakistan’s military leadership. He is not just another general—he believes in the eventual disintegration of India and views the relationship through a deeply religious, almost apocalyptic lens. Peace with India is impossible under such leadership.

The image is not a break from the past but a continuation. And for India, it’s a reminder that Pakistan’s stability, democracy, or peace process has always been hostage to its army. The Trump-Munir-Shehbaz photo doesn’t show a world turned upside down—it shows the world as it has long been.



Trump’s TikTok Deal Raises More Questions Than Answers

More than five years after President Donald Trump first called for a ban on TikTok over national security concerns, the app remains at the center of geopolitical tensions between the U.S. and China. While Trump is celebrating a deal that keeps TikTok operating in the U.S., the details suggest that Beijing may have walked away with far more than Washington bargained for.

The deal, reportedly valued at \$14 billion, allows a U.S. investor consortium to acquire TikTok’s American operations. However, ByteDance will retain ownership of TikTok’s powerful algorithm, li-



censing a version of it to the U.S. buyers. This arrangement raises concerns over whether the core issue—eliminating Chinese influence—has truly been addressed.

Chinese officials, who once drew a hard line against giving up TikTok’s “secret sauce,” have changed tone pub-

licly. State-backed media now call the deal a “win-win.” But according to veteran observers, in China’s lexicon, that often means “China wins twice.”

While the U.S. claims a legal victory and avoids shutting down a platform with 170 million American users, Beijing

appears to have used TikTok as a bargaining chip to push broader trade and investment negotiations forward. Xinhua reports indicate the agreement also includes a framework to reduce investment barriers and improve U.S.-China economic cooperation—suggesting concessions were made elsewhere.

President Trump, who once campaigned on banning the app, now credits TikTok for helping him reach younger voters. Despite four deadline extensions and a brief shutdown earlier this year, Trump ensured the app returned, calling it “saved” under his leadership.

Meanwhile, ByteDance is moving on. In

China, the company is focusing heavily on artificial intelligence, with its Doubao chatbot becoming the country’s most used AI app. Its latest AI model ranks among the top globally, surpassing many domestic rivals.

Ultimately, the U.S. may have secured TikTok’s presence at home, but questions remain: What did Washington trade for it? And can ByteDance’s continued algorithm control truly satisfy U.S. legal and security requirements?

While Trump basks in the optics of a deal, the strategic victory may belong to Beijing—one that plays into a long-term vision far beyond short videos.

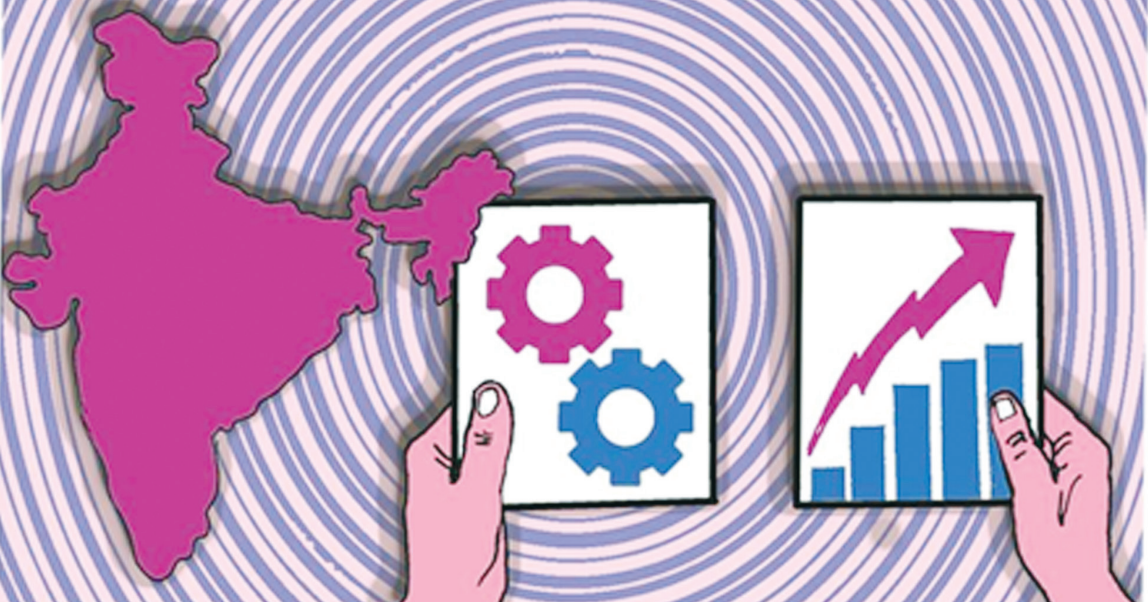
India Tops Innovation Efficiency, But Job Growth Lags Behind

India has emerged as the global leader in the Innovation Efficiency Index, as per the latest report from the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). This index highlights how effectively a country converts innovation inputs—such as funding, infrastructure, and talent—into tangible outcomes like patents, startups, and research breakthroughs.

However, despite this remarkable efficiency, India ranks only 38th in WIPO’s Global Innovation Index (GII). The top five countries—Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, South Korea, and Singapore—dominate the GII largely due to their heavy investments in R&D and high per capita resource inputs. China stands at 10th position.

This contrast raises important questions about how innovation is measured and what it means for real economic progress, especially in a country like India where employment remains a critical concern.

While innovation is vi-



tal, job creation must remain central to development. High GDP growth rates often mask the reality that millions remain unemployed or underemployed. India’s innovation model—efficient, frugal, and outcome-oriented—should ideally lead to widespread economic participation. But that isn’t always the case.

Many of the global indices reward resource-intensive innovation

models, favoring countries that pour billions into research labs, defense tech, or biotech. India’s approach, born out of necessity, is more inclusive and grassroots-driven, often leveraging local knowledge and cost-effective technologies. However, such efforts don’t always translate into high global rankings, even when they have meaningful domestic impact.

What matters more,

however, is whether innovation leads to better lives—especially through livelihood generation. Startups, MSMEs, and rural entrepreneurs must become the focus of policy if India wants innovation to translate into employment and equitable growth.

To truly reflect progress, we need to rethink global innovation benchmarks. The real measure of growth is not just GDP

or patents, but how many good jobs are created, how many lives are improved, and how inclusive the economic outcomes are.

India’s innovation story is promising. Now, it must be aligned with its most pressing need—jobs for its vast young population. The next frontier of innovation policy must focus not only on efficiency, but also on employment impact.

Netanyahu Slams West Over Palestinian Statehood at UN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a fiery speech at the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, fiercely condemning Western nations that recently recognized Palestinian statehood. Calling out countries like France, Britain, Australia, Canada, and others, Netanyahu accused them of caving under pressure from activists, biased media, and anti-Israel sentiment.

“These leaders recognized a Palestinian state unconditionally, even after the horrors of October 7,” Netanyahu said, referencing the Hamas-led attack that killed approximately 1,200 Israelis, according to Israeli figures. “This is a reward to terrorism,” he added, accusing 90% of Palestinians of praising the attack.

Despite facing an international arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes in

Gaza—a charge Israel rejects—Netanyahu defiantly addressed the global assembly. As he began speaking, scores of delegates walked out, while others in the balcony gave him a standing ovation.

Netanyahu used the platform to reject allegations of genocide in Gaza and reiterated that Israel would not accept a Palestinian state. “There will be no Palestinian state. Not now. Not after what happened. Never,” he declared.

Over 65,000 people have reportedly died in Gaza since Israel launched its military response to the October 7 attack, leaving the region in ruins. As international criticism intensifies, so has pressure from within Israel—particularly from families of hostages still held by Hamas.

Speaking in Hebrew, Netanyahu addressed the hostages directly: “We’ve not forgotten you—not even for a

second.”

His speech followed a wave of support for Palestinian statehood from several Western and Arab nations, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas thanking them in a video address. Abbas called Israel’s actions “a war of genocide” and pledged the Palestinian Authority’s readiness to govern Gaza post-war.

Despite Netanyahu’s hardline stance, U.S. President Donald Trump—who spoke with him by phone and is set to host him at the White House—warned against Israel annexing the West Bank. “It’s not going to happen,” Trump said.

With deepening divisions and a fragile Israeli coalition, Netanyahu’s speech reaffirmed his hard stance on Hamas and Palestinian statehood, setting the stage for a tense meeting with Trump and a volatile geopolitical landscape ahead.





PM Modi Unveils Development Projects Worth 50,000 Crore in Odisha

TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for developmental projects worth over 50,000 crore across Odisha, spanning railways, telecommunications, education, healthcare, skill development, and housing. A key highlight was the 11,000 crore infrastructure expansion across eight IITs — Tirupati, Palakkad, Bhilai, Jammu, Dharwad, Jodhpur, Patna, and Indore — aimed at adding 12,000 new student seats in four years. In Odisha, PM Modi initiated the 273 crore Sambalpur-Sarala rail flyover and a semiconductor and ESDM park in collaboration with IIT-Bhubaneswar.

He launched the MERITE scheme to enhance research and innovation in 275 state engineering and polytechnic institutes nationwide. Under Odisha Skill Development Project Phase-II, world skill centres will be set up in Sambalpur and Berhampur for sectors like agritech, marine, and renewable energy. Five IITs will become 'Utkarsh IITs', while 25 others will be upgraded to Centres of Excellence. Digital education saw a boost with 90 crore invested in Wi-Fi facilities across 130 higher education institutions, benefiting over 2.5 lakh students. Healthcare received a major push with the 3,000 crore upgrade plan for MKCG Medical College (Berhampur) and VIM-

SAR (Sambalpur) into super-specialty hospitals. PM Modi flagged off the Amrit Bharat Express connecting Berhampur and Udhna (Surat), and dedicated new railway lines — Koraput-Baiguda and Manabarkoraput-Gorapur — built at 1,400 crore. He also commissioned over 97,500 4G towers under BSNL's indigenous technology, costing 37,000 crore. Additionally, 50,000 rural families received housing sanction orders under the Antyodaya Gruha Yojana, supporting the vulnerable including widows, disabled persons, and disaster victims. This marks Modi's sixth visit to Odisha since the BJP came to power in the state in June 2024.

India Hosts SCO Young Authors Meet On Cultural Bonds In Digital Age

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

India successfully hosted the 2nd Biennial SCO Young Authors' Conference in New Delhi from September 25-26, bringing together emerging writers and cultural thinkers from Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member countries. The event, themed "Dynamics of Creative Spaces in the Digital Age," was organised by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of External Affairs, under the aegis of the National Book Trust, India. In his valedictory address, Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, highlighted the shared literary and cultural her-

itage of SCO nations. He stressed the enduring relevance of books in education, even as digital tools reshape how knowledge is created and consumed. Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, inaugurated the event, calling the SCO a "dynamic platform" for cultural exchange beyond politics and economics. He emphasized how digital technology is reshaping creative processes, particularly in areas like literature, learning, and knowledge sharing. Alok A Dimri, India's SCO National Coordinator, praised the collaborative spirit of young authors, underlining the importance of building inclusive digital knowledge societies. He reiterated India's commitment to

nurturing young talent and promoting cultural diplomacy across the SCO region. Speakers explored the digital transformation of creativity, the need for inclusivity in access to technology, and safeguarding creators' rights in the online space. Discussions also focused on balancing traditional forms of expression with new digital formats. Minara Rakhanova, Advisor at the SCO Secretariat, applauded India's role in fostering youth-led cultural dialogue and encouraged continued cooperation among member nations. The conference concluded with a renewed focus on the role of young voices in shaping a creative, inclusive, and culturally connected digital future.



Shashi Tharoor May Get Boost as Centre Mulls Extending Parliamentary Panel Tenure

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a potentially significant parliamentary development, the central government is reportedly considering a proposal to extend the tenure of parliamentary standing committees from the current one year to two years, following suggestions from the Opposition. The move, if implemented, would allow for deeper and more consistent scrutiny of legislation, policy matters, and departmental performance. Sources indicate that the government is open to the idea in order to enhance the effectiveness of the 24 standing committees, which are composed of 31 members

each — 21 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. One of the key political implications of this proposal would be a major boost for Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, who currently serves as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on External Affairs. Appointed on September 26, 2024, Tharoor is nearing the end of his one-year term. An extension of tenure to two years would allow him to retain the influential post until 2026, strengthening his position amid reported internal tensions within the Congress party. The chairpersons of these committees are appointed by the Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha Chairman, while members are nominated

by their respective parties. Annual reconstitution often leads to disruption in continuity and hampers long-term examination of complex issues. Opposition leaders have been urging the government to consider longer terms to ensure consistency and quality in legislative oversight. If the change is implemented, it would also allow ongoing policy reviews and reports to proceed without interruption, providing a more stable platform for informed debate in Parliament. The decision, expected soon as committee terms expire this month, could mark a notable shift in parliamentary functioning and strengthen bipartisan engagement in key national matters.



NO CALL TO PUTIN BY MODI

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India on Friday firmly rejected comments made by NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, who alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had telephoned Russian President Vladimir Putin to seek clarity on Moscow's Ukraine war strategy. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) dismissed the statement as "factually incorrect and entirely baseless." MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal clarified that no such conversation had ever taken place, stressing that India expects responsible communication from global institutions. "We expect the leadership of an important institution like NATO to exercise greater responsibility and accuracy in public statements. Speculative or careless remarks that misrepresent the Prime Minister's engagements are unacceptable," he said. Rutte had told CNN on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York that Trump's tariffs on India were impacting trade dynamics and had led to New Delhi pressuring Moscow. He

claimed Modi had asked Putin to explain his Ukraine strategy as India was "being hit with tariffs." The MEA categorically denied this version, reinforcing that India's diplomatic engagements were being misrepresented. On the issue of energy imports from Russia, Jaiswal underlined India's stance that purchases were guided purely by national interest. "India's energy imports are meant to ensure predictable and affordable energy costs to the Indian consumer. India will continue taking all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security," he stated. India has faced sustained Western pressure over its continued import of discounted Russian crude despite the Ukraine war. However, New Delhi has consistently defended its position, pointing to the country's energy needs and economic priorities. The MEA's strong rebuttal underscores India's message that while it values its global partnerships, it will not compromise on energy security or independent foreign policy decisions amid geopolitical tensions.

Sonam Wangchuk Under Probe for Alleged Pakistan Links: Ladakh Police Chief

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Ladakh Police have launched an investigation into prominent climate activist and Ladakh statehood campaigner Sonam Wangchuk over alleged links with Pakistan, said Ladakh DGP S.D. Singh Jamwal on Saturday. The development comes a day after Wangchuk was detained under the National Security Act (NSA) and transferred to a jail in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. According to police sources, the action was taken following the arrest last month of a Pakistani Intelligence Operative (PIO) who was found to be in possession of videos of Wangchuk's protests. These videos had allegedly been transmit-

ted across the border. DGP Jamwal stated that investigators are probing how the footage of the protests reached Pakistan and whether there was any intentional or unintentional collaboration. "There are serious concerns regarding national security. The presence of such material with a PIO raises valid questions about the larger network," he said. Sonam Wangchuk, an engineer-turned-activist, has been leading a high-profile campaign demanding statehood for Ladakh and constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule. He has held multiple hunger strikes and demonstrations in Leh and New Delhi, attracting widespread public and political attention. Supporters of Wang-

chuk have strongly condemned the arrest and the accusations, calling them an attempt to suppress peaceful democratic dissent. Various civil society groups and environmental organisations have demanded his immediate release and a fair investigation. While the police have not officially charged Wangchuk with espionage or direct collaboration with foreign agents, the invocation of the NSA — which allows detention without formal charges for up to 12 months — signals the seriousness of the case. The probe is ongoing, and further details are expected to emerge as authorities continue their investigation into possible security breaches linked to the activist's movement.



Bhutan, Bangladesh Explore Free Trade Pact at UNGA

TPN Correspondent | Moscow

Bhutan and Bangladesh have expressed mutual interest in signing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) during high-level discussions on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.

The meeting took place on Friday between Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Bangladesh's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, who is currently leading the caretaker government. According to a post shared by Yunus on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), both leaders agreed that a formal trade pact would help strengthen bilateral economic cooperation and enhance regional connectivity.

In their conversation, the two leaders also discussed linking special economic zones (SEZs) of the two countries to foster greater investment opportunities and facilitate easier movement of goods and services. While no formal agreement has yet been signed, both sides reportedly expressed optimism about moving toward concrete negotiations soon.

This potential FTA is seen as a strategic step in improving regional trade relations in South Asia. Bhutan, a landlocked Himalayan nation, views Bangladesh as a key access point to global trade routes, including maritime access via Chittagong Port. Bangladesh, in turn, sees Bhutan as an important partner in its broader push to deepen trade and connectivity with its neighbors under its "Look East" policy.

Experts suggest the FTA could also include preferential trade terms, easier cross-border logistics, and tariff reductions on key goods such as electricity, agricultural products, and pharmaceuticals.

The move comes amid a growing trend of regional economic blocs and bilateral agreements in South Asia, as countries seek to strengthen their economies post-pandemic and reduce overreliance on larger global markets.

Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to peace, cooperation, and inclusive growth. Further diplomatic-level discussions are expected to follow in the coming weeks to formalize a framework for the agreement.

from European nations and NATO. Notably, Trump distanced the US from any direct commitment, stating America would continue supplying weapons to NATO, but that it is up to the alliance to decide how they are used.

Trump ended the post with a telling farewell: "Good luck to all!"—a phrase widely interpreted as his withdrawal from personal involvement in brokering a peace deal between Ukraine and Russia.

This move marks a departure from earlier attempts by Trump to



Trump Says 'Good Luck' as Europe Takes Charge on Ukraine

TPN Bureau | Washington

In a dramatic shift in tone, US President Donald Trump has publicly backed Ukraine's ability to reclaim all its territory, while signalling that Europe and NATO must now lead the charge—both financially and militarily.

Writing on Truth Social, Trump expressed confidence that Kyiv "can fight and WIN all of Ukraine back in its original form", provided it receives the necessary time, patience, and financial backing

mediate with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and signals a growing willingness to let Europe take full responsibility for the security crisis on its borders.

However, this hand-off comes at a delicate moment. Over the past few weeks, Russian incursions into NATO airspace have raised alarm, with drones disrupting Danish airspace near Copenhagen airport on two occasions. These incidents reinforce warnings delivered by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the UN General Assembly on September 24, where he predicted "dystopian drone wars" that could destabilize Europe.

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"Destroyed Runways Look Like Victory?" India Mocks Shehbaz Sharif's Claim

TPN Correspondent | UN

India hit back at Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Saturday, mocking his claims of a "victory" during Operation Sindoor and accusing Pakistan of glorifying terrorism.

Exercising its Right of Reply, Indian diplomat Petal Gahlot strongly rebutted Sharif's narrative. "Terrorism is central to Pakistan's foreign policy," she declared, adding that no "drama" or "lies" could cover up the country's track record.

Sharif had claimed Pakistan repelled "unprovoked aggression" from India earlier this

year with "stunning professionalism." In response, Gahlot exposed Islamabad's alleged shielding of The Resistance Front, a Pakistan-based terror outfit responsible for the April 22 Pahalgam attack, in which several tourists were killed.

"This is the same Pakistan that protected The Resistance Front at the UN Security Council on April 25, 2025," Gahlot said, calling out Pakistan's duplicity on counter-terrorism while continuing to harbor extremist groups.

She further slammed Pakistan for long being "steeped in the tradition of deploying and exporting terrorism," citing its protection of Osama bin Laden while publicly claiming to aid the global war on terror.

Responding to Sharif's statement, "we have won the war and now seek to win peace," Gahlot said: "On May 10, Pakistan's military pleaded with us for a cessation to the fighting." She added that images of damaged runways and burnt hangars in Pakistan serve as evidence of the true outcome.

Mocking Sharif's statement, she said, "If destroyed runways and burnt-out hangars look like victory, Pakistan is welcome to enjoy it."

The sharp exchange marks another diplomatic flashpoint between the two nuclear-armed neighbors, as tensions remain high following the events of Operation Sindoor and cross-border terrorism concerns.



South Korea's president asks Trump to be 'peacemaker' with North Korea

TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has formally requested former U.S. President Donald Trump to act as a "peacemaker" and help restart stalled talks with North Korea, aiming to reduce escalating military tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The appeal was conveyed during recent diplomatic exchanges, South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun revealed on Friday.

Speaking to The Associated Press, Cho said Trump "welcomed" the request and "expressed his willingness to be engaged with North Korea again." However, there has been no official response or confirmation from the White House regarding any potential diplomatic role for Trump.

The move comes amid growing concern over renewed missile activity and hostile rhetoric from Pyongyang, which recently conducted two short-range ballistic missile tests near the eastern coast, raising alarms in Seoul, Tokyo, and Washington.

President Lee's outreach to Trump is seen as a strategic pivot, given Trump's past direct

engagement with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his presidency, which included three historic meetings but failed to result in lasting denuclearization agreements.

Cho emphasized that the South Korean government remains committed to diplomatic solutions. "We believe Mr. Trump still holds a unique position in influencing North Korea's leadership," he said. "Our hope is to restart meaningful dialogue and de-escalate regional tensions."

Trump has not held any official diplomatic position since leaving office but continues to wield influence in global and domestic political circles. His administration's approach to North Korea was marked by both fiery threats and unprecedented summits.

With the 2026 U.S. presidential race looming, speculation is mounting over whether Trump will use this opportunity to bolster his international credentials.

Meanwhile, tensions remain high as both Koreas continue military drills and weapons development, leaving the region on edge and in urgent need of renewed diplomacy.

Navratri Celebrations In Pakistan Go Viral: Garba And Dandiya Light Up Karachi

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Navratri festivities in Pakistan have taken the internet by storm, with videos from Karachi going viral and capturing the attention of social media users across the globe. The traditional Garba and Dandiya dances, typically associated with Indian Hindu culture, were seen lighting up venues in Pakistan's financial capital, symbolising the rich cultural diversity of the region.

Two widely shared clips show Hindu communities in Pakistan celebrating the nine-night festival with vibrant colours, music, and dance. One video was shared by Preetam Devria, a Hindu resident of Pakistan, who posted scenes from a well-organised Navratri event. Participants were seen dressed in traditional attire, joyfully performing Garba steps in synchrony.

Another video from Karachi, shared by a user named Dheeraj, showcased similar scenes of cultural celebration. The upbeat music, festive décor, and enthusiastic crowd left viewers pleasantly surprised.

The celebrations struck a chord on social media, with users expressing happiness and admiration for the Hindu community's ability to preserve and celebrate their traditions in a predominantly Muslim country. Comments poured in from both India and Pakistan, applauding the message of coexistence and cultural pride.

In response to questions about the presence of vegetarians and Jains



in Pakistan, Devria confirmed that such communities do exist and continue to maintain their dietary and religious practices.

Navratri, dedicated to Goddess Durga, is marked by nine nights of devotion, dance, and music. While it's most widely celebrated in India, particularly in Gujarat

and Maharashtra, its presence in Pakistan underscores the enduring spirit and cultural richness of the Hindu minority, particularly in Sindh and Karachi.

The viral videos serve as a heartening reminder of shared heritage and harmony, showing how festivals can transcend borders and foster unity.





PM Modi Launches BSNL’s ‘Swadeshi’ 4G Stack, Eyes Global Telecom Leadership

In a landmark move for India’s telecom sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated BSNL’s ‘Swadeshi’ 4G stack, positioning India among a select group of nations that manufacture indigenous telecom equipment. The launch took place as part of BSNL’s silver jubilee celebrations, signaling a major step toward technological self-reliance.

The Prime Minister also commissioned over 97,500 mobile 4G towers, including 92,600 sites powered by BSNL’s indigenous 4G technology. These installations, built at a cost of 37,000 crore, represent one of the largest rollouts of homegrown telecom infrastruc-

ture in India.

Speaking at the event, PM Modi praised the engineers and stakeholders behind the achievement, stating that India has now joined countries like Denmark, Sweden, South Korea, and China, which produce their own telecom equipment. “At a time when the world was adopting 2G, 3G, and 4G, India remained dependent on foreign technology. Today, we are moving towards becoming a global telecom manufacturing hub,” he said.

The ‘Swadeshi’ 4G stack, developed through Indian R&D and manufacturing, is part of the government’s larger Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative. Officials noted that this in-

digenous telecom infrastructure will not only reduce import dependence but also provide a foundation for future 5G and 6G rollouts.

PM Modi emphasized that robust telecom infrastructure is essential for empowering rural India, boosting the digital economy, and enhancing national security. The rollout is expected to significantly improve mobile connectivity in remote and underserved areas.

The launch is being hailed as a strategic and symbolic victory for India’s technology sector, reinforcing its aspirations to become a leading force in the global telecom industry.

Supreme Court Upholds JSW Steel’s 19,700-Crore Resolution Plan for BPSL

In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court on Friday upheld the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal’s (NCLAT) February 2020 order approving JSW Steel’s 19,700-crore resolution plan for Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL). The judgment brings finality to a long-drawn insolvency battle and paves the way for JSW Steel to formally acquire the debt-ridden steelmaker.

A Special Bench of the apex court had earlier, in May 2025, rejected JSW Steel’s resolution plan and directed liquidation proceedings against BPSL. However, following a review plea, the

court recalled the order in July and agreed to rehear the matter. Friday’s verdict is the result of that rehearing.

The ruling comes as a major relief for JSW Steel, which had secured approval from both the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the NCLAT, but faced objections from several quarters. These included operational creditors such as Kalyani Transco, and former promoters of BPSL who challenged the plan citing alleged irregularities and undervaluation of assets.

The Supreme Court, however, rejected all objections and upheld the NCLAT’s findings, affirming

that the resolution plan was in compliance with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and aimed at reviving the company in a time-bound manner.

JSW Steel’s 19,700-crore offer had been one of the highest value resolution plans under India’s insolvency framework and is expected to help recover substantial dues for financial creditors.

With this ruling, JSW Steel is set to formally take over BPSL’s assets and operations, boosting its presence in the domestic steel sector and supporting the broader objectives of resolving bad loans through the IBC process.



India’s GDP Grows 7.8% in Q1 FY26

India’s economic growth accelerated to 7.8% year-on-year in the first quarter of FY26 (April–June 2025), surpassing most forecasts, according to the Finance Ministry’s Monthly Economic Review for August 2025, released on September 26. The report highlights strong domestic demand as the key driver behind the better-than-expected performance, despite an uncertain global economic backdrop.

“India’s economic outlook remains broadly optimistic, despite a turbulent international environment marked by geopolitical uncertainties and shifting trade dynamics,” the ministry said. The Q1 GDP growth, it noted, was a positive surprise and reflects

the resilience of the Indian economy.

The ministry emphasized that domestic consumption and investment continued to play a pivotal role in boosting economic activity and are expected to remain strong in the coming quarters. “Domestic components of demand have played a key role in supporting growth and are expected to continue doing so over the next half-year as well,” the report stated.

The report comes at a time when global growth has slowed due to persistent geopolitical tensions, volatile energy prices, and tightening financial conditions across many economies. However, India has managed to main-

tain momentum through robust infrastructure spending, improved consumer sentiment, and resilient services and manufacturing sectors.

Analysts believe the 7.8% growth print in Q1 strengthens the case for India retaining its position as one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world in FY26.

The Finance Ministry’s optimistic tone suggests that policy continuity, infrastructure push, and a stable macroeconomic framework will continue to support growth, even as external headwinds persist. The next set of GDP data will be closely watched to confirm the sustainability of this growth trend.



Vodafone Idea Shares Tank 9% as SC Defers AGR Dues Hearing to October 6

New Delhi: Shares of Vodafone Idea plunged by up to 9% on Thursday, hitting an intraday low of 7.90 on the BSE, after the Supreme Court postponed the hearing on the company’s plea challenging a fresh 9,450 crore demand under the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) framework. The hearing has now been rescheduled for October 6, following a request for adjournment by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

The telecom operator is contesting a new demand of 5,606 crore issued by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for the financial year 2016–17. Vodafone Idea claims that the amount includes duplicated and inconsistent figures, part of which relate to liabilities from before the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular.

According to the company, 2,774 crore of the dues relate to the post-merger entity, while 5,675 crore are legacy dues linked to Vodafone Group. It has sought a reconciliation of the calculations, highlighting accounting inconsistencies and urging the court to quash the demand.

The DoT, however, maintains



that the figure is based on adjustments during account closures, not a reassessment of the original dues.

The delay in court proceedings comes at a critical time for Vodafone Idea, which is engaged in fundraising talks. During the company’s Q1 FY26 earnings call, CEO Akshaya Moondra emphasized that clarity on the AGR issue is essential for progressing with capital infusion and future expansion

plans.

Vodafone Idea has previously received government support, including spectrum payment deferments and conversion of liabilities into equity. The company has requested that the AGR dispute be resolved before March 2026 to prevent further delays in funding.

Market analysts noted that the SC’s postponement has deepened investor concerns, leading to Thursday’s stock decline.

Sensex and Nifty decline amid H-1B visa fee worries and weak global trends

Indian equity markets opened on a weak note on Friday, September 26, 2025, with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty trading lower, dragged by losses in pharma stocks and persistent foreign fund outflows. Investor sentiment was also hit by negative global cues and concerns over higher U.S. H-1B visa fees, which may impact Indian IT companies.

At opening bell, the Sensex slipped over 300 points, while the Nifty dropped below the 19,500-mark, reflecting widespread caution across sectors. Pharma stocks led the declines, amid profit-book- ing and fears over regulatory pressures overseas.

Market participants pointed to relentless selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) as a key drag on equities. Rising U.S. bond yields, global growth concerns, and expectations of prolonged high interest rates by major central banks have prompted foreign investors to pull out funds from emerging markets like India.

Additionally, investor senti-



ment was impacted by H-1B visa fee revisions proposed in the U.S., which could increase the cost burden on Indian IT and tech firms operating there. Analysts believe this development may dent future earnings potential of leading IT exporters.

A weak trend in Asian and U.S. markets overnight also weighed on domestic equities. Global markets remained jittery amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and cautious central bank commentary on inflation and rate outlooks.

Despite strong fundamentals in certain sectors like capital goods and banking, analysts expect short-term volatility to persist. “Global uncertainty and FII outflows are keeping bulls at bay. Markets may remain under pressure until we see clarity on global rate cycles and FII flows stabilize,” said a senior market strategist.

Traders are advised to remain cautious and watch key support levels on the Nifty and Sensex in the coming sessions.

Can Eating More Fibre Help You Live Longer?

Gut health is increasingly recognised as central to overall well-being, influencing not just digestion but also immunity, energy, inflammation, and possibly longevity. A recent viral claim suggests that eating more fibre could extend lifespan, and growing scientific evidence lends weight to this idea.

Fibre plays multiple roles in the body. It feeds beneficial gut bacteria, regulates digestion, supports healthy cholesterol and blood sugar levels, and prevents constipation. These combined effects may explain why people who consume fibre-rich diets tend to live longer and healthier lives. However, experts caution that most findings come from observa-

tional studies, meaning they show association rather than definitive proof.

Dr Saurabh Sethi, a gastroenterologist trained at AIIMS, Harvard, and Stanford, recommends eating fibre-rich foods like chia seeds, berries, and oatmeal. He advises aiming for about 30 grams of fibre daily, noting that people who consume more fibre often experience less acid reflux and constipation, alongside improved long-term health outcomes.

Recent studies reinforce this. A 2024 systematic review covering 64 studies and 3.5 million participants found higher fibre intake linked to 23% lower risk of all-cause mortality, 26% lower risk of cardiovascular death, and 22% lower cancer mortality. Another

meta-analysis confirmed fibre's protective effects, especially from cereals and whole grains, with benefits seen above 15 grams per day.

For gut health, experts recommend combining prebiotic foods such as garlic, onions, and asparagus with probiotic-rich foods like yoghurt, kimchi, and idli. Adequate hydration is also essential since fibre works best with water.

The bottom line: higher fibre intake is strongly associated with lower risks of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, alongside better gut health. While more research is needed, fibre remains one of the simplest, most effective dietary tools for supporting longevity.



Amsterdam Airport's 'Human Watch' Fascinates Travellers

Travellers passing through Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are being captivated by a striking art installation known as the "Human Watch". Recently, Indian traveller SK Ali shared his amazement in a viral Instagram video, which has already crossed 1.2 million views. The clip shows a giant transparent clock that appears to feature a man inside, painting and erasing the clock hands every minute to update the time.

In his video, Ali points out the unusual design, capturing the moment when the figure drew 6:10 on the clock and then adjusted it to 6:11. "At Amsterdam Airport

Schiphol, a giant transparent clock fascinates travellers with its unique design. Instead of mechanical hands, a man inside the clock appears to paint and erase the hands every minute, creating the illusion of real-time updates," read the Instagram caption.

The installation, officially called the Schiphol Clock, is the creation of Dutch artist Maarten Baas. While it looks like a real man working tirelessly inside the massive clock, it is actually a 12-hour video loop of Baas himself dressed in blue overalls. The video cleverly synchronises to always display the correct time, blending performance art with practical

timekeeping.

Online viewers have responded with both admiration and humour. One user joked, "Good innovation but getting tired of seeing his hard work every minute," while another clarified, "This is not a real man inside the clock. It's an art installation by Maarten Baas."

Positioned prominently at one of the world's busiest airports, the Human Watch has become a landmark that surprises and delights travellers. For many, it turns a routine glance at the clock into an unforgettable artistic experience, merging creativity with everyday functionality.

Kerala Expat Wins \$1 Million In Dubai Duty Free Draw

A 37-year-old Indian expatriate based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won USD 1 million (8.77 crore) in the Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire Draw. The lucky winner, Abdul Rahman K, hailing from Kerala and working as a sales assistant in Sharjah, struck gold in Millennium Millionaire Series 516 with ticket number 4171, purchased online. The draw was held at Concourse B of Dubai International Airport (DXB).

Rahman's win was the result of a group effort. Since 2010, he and nine friends have pooled money to buy tickets, rotating the names on each entry. "It's amazing! Two of my

daughters are celebrating their birthdays this month, and now we have even more reason to celebrate. Thank you, Dubai Duty Free," Rahman said. He becomes the 259th Indian national to win USD 1 million through the long-running promotion, which has seen overwhelming participation from Indian expats.

Other Indian winners also shone in the same draw. Amit Saraf, a 51-year-old Dubai resident, won a Mercedes-Benz G500 (Obsidian Black) with ticket number 0482. Saraf is a serial winner, having previously bagged USD 1 million twice (January 2021 and October 2024), a Mercedes-Benz S500 in February 2023, and a Dh 40,000 Duty Free gift

card in December 2023.

Two more Indians walked away with luxury motorbikes. Shafeekh Nasarudeen, 41, from Umm Al Quwain, won a BMW F900 GS Adventure with ticket number 0347, while Olavo Fernandes, 61, from Abu Dhabi, won a Ducati Panigale V2 (Red) with ticket number 0239. Remarkably, Fernandes had already won an Aprilia RSV4 1100 motorbike earlier this month on September 3.

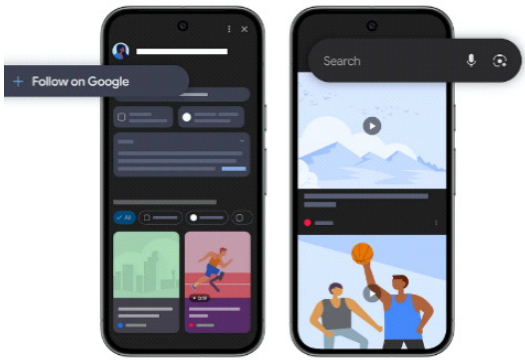
Launched in 1999, the Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire and Finest Surprise promotions remain among the world's most recognisable raffles, with Indian nationals consistently featuring among the biggest winners.



Google Discover Adds Follow Button For More Personalised Feed

Google has rolled out new personalisation features for its Discover feed, giving users more control over the news, updates, and content they see. Announced on Wednesday, the update introduces a Follow button that appears on the top left of every news card, allowing users to directly follow their favourite news portals and creators from the Discover page. This means platforms like Gadgets 360, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter) can now be followed with a single tap.

In addition to the Follow button, Google says the Discover feed will soon show more content from social platforms and video streaming services, including YouTube Shorts, Instagram, and X. The aim is to give users a broader mix of updates beyond just traditional news stories, covering weather, sports scores, and stock prices alongside social and video content.



The new update also introduces preview pages for news portals and creators. When users tap on the name of a publication or content creator displayed on the Discover card, they will be taken to a dedicated page that shows the outlet's description, latest articles, videos, and links to social media handles. This provides a quick way to explore a creator's work without leaving the Discover feed.

The feature is now live, and Google says it builds on a recent enhancement that lets users

set their preferred news sources in Search. By combining this with Discover's new Follow option, the tech giant aims to make staying updated with trusted content simpler and more personal. The move also reflects Google's push to integrate more diverse formats—blogs, news articles, YouTube clips, and social media posts—into one unified feed.

With this update, Discover becomes not just a place for quick updates but a personalised hub, adapting to users' interests across platforms.

20 Peacocks Found Dead Near Stream in Karnataka

In a shocking incident from Hanumanthapura village in Karnataka, twenty peacocks — India's national bird — were found dead under mysterious circumstances near a stream. According to reports, local farmers discovered the carcasses of 17 female and 3 male peacocks, prompting immediate concern and investigation by the Forest Department.

Forest officials who reached the spot collected evidence and dispatched the carcasses to the Forensic Science Laboratory. Officials stated that the cause of death would be confirmed after scientific examination, with poisoning being one of the suspected causes.

This mass death comes at a time when Karnataka is already grappling with a series of unexplained wildlife fatalities. Just a month earlier, 20 monkeys were found dead in the Chamarajanagar district, where forest and police officials also suspected poisoning.

In another alarming case, five tigers — a tigress and her four cubs — died on June 27 in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary. Initial investigation revealed that the tigress had preyed on a cow that was allegedly poisoned by villagers in retaliation. The meat was laced with poison, leading to the tragic deaths. Three individuals — Konappa, Madaraja, and Nagaraj — from Koppa village were arrested in that case.

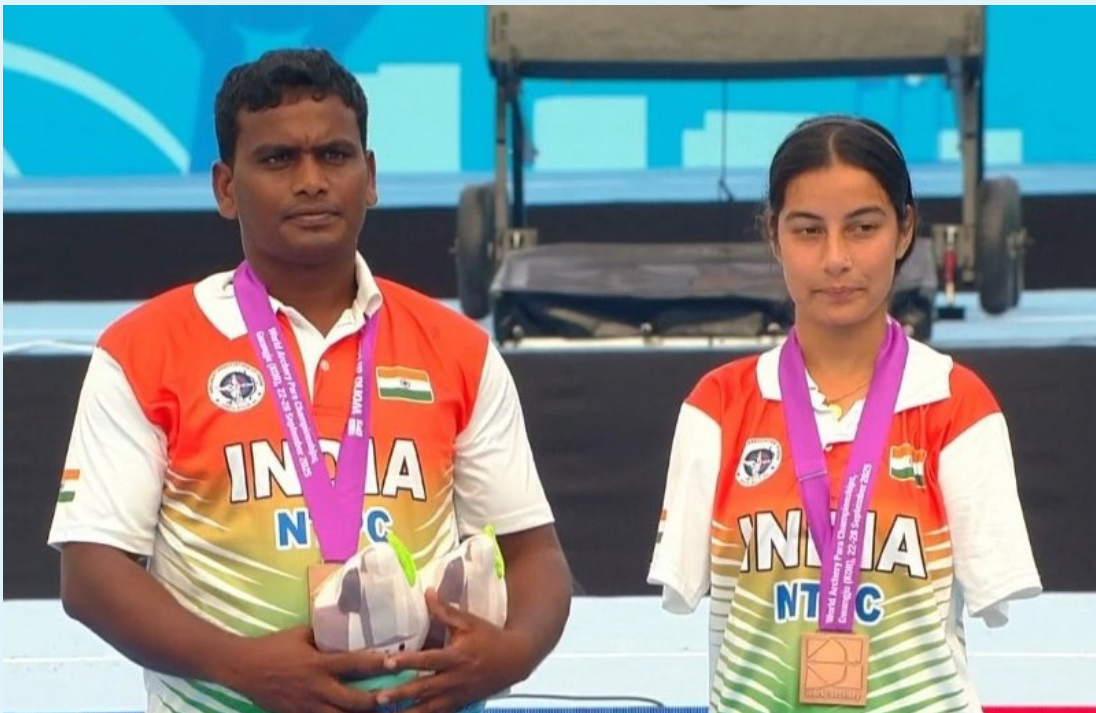
Both the peacock and tiger incidents have raised serious questions about wildlife protection and human-animal



conflict in Karnataka. While the forest department does offer compensation for livestock killed by wild animals, the benefit is not extended when such killings occur within the core areas of sanctuaries or national parks — where cattle grazing is illegal.

The recent peacock deaths are particularly disturbing given the state's commitment to preserving the species. Karnataka is home to two prominent peacock sanctuaries — Adichunchanagiri and Bankapura — both established to protect and conserve the national bird.

With multiple wildlife deaths being reported in short succession, activists and environmentalists are urging stricter enforcement of wildlife laws and better coordination between forest officials and local communities to prevent further incidents.



Sheetal, Toman Kumar Lead India to Two Para Archery World Titles

At the World Para Archery Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, India celebrated a historic day as two archers—Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar—clinched gold medals in their respective categories.

Eighteen-year-old Sheetal Devi made headlines by becoming the first woman armless archer to win a world championship gold in the compound individual section. Competing using her feet and chin to shoot, Sheetal showcased remarkable skill and determination. She defeated Turkey's world No.1 Oznur Cure Girdi with a tight score of 146-143 to claim the top podium spot. This

victory marked Sheetal's third medal at the championships, further cementing her place in para archery history.

On the men's side, Toman Kumar echoed her success by winning gold in the compound individual event, adding to India's impressive haul at the tournament. The two champions led India to secure a total of five medals on a thrilling day, continuing the country's strong performance on the global para archery stage.

Sheetal's inspiring journey, overcoming physical challenges and mastering the sport without arms, captivated audiences and brought pride to Indian para

sports. Her victory is a testament to resilience and dedication, inspiring many across the nation.

The World Para Archery Championships have once again highlighted India's rising stature in para sports, with athletes delivering outstanding performances and challenging the world's best.

As India celebrates these historic wins, hopes are high for continued success and greater recognition for para athletes on international platforms.

This remarkable day in Gwangju not only showcased India's talent but also its spirit of perseverance and excellence in the face of adversity.

India Beat Sri Lanka In Super Over Amid Massive Controversy

In what was expected to be a dead rubber, Sri Lanka and India produced a Super 4 classic in the Asia Cup 2025, with India clinching a dramatic Super Over win to extend their unbeaten streak to six matches.

After being put in to bat, India posted 202/5 in 20 overs, with strong contributions from Ruturaj Gaikwad (64 off 38) and Shubman Gill (51 off 32). Finisher Rinku Singh added the final flourish with a quickfire 28*. India appeared in control when Hardik Pandya removed Kusal Mendis in the first over of the chase.

But Pathum Nissanka and Kus-

al Perera had other plans. The duo stitched a 127-run stand off 70 balls, shocking the Indian bowling attack. Perera was eventually dismissed for 58, but Nissanka powered on to smash a stunning century — 107 off 58 balls, keeping Sri Lanka in the hunt till the very end.

With the scores tied after 20 overs, the match entered a Super Over, where India emerged victorious — but not without controversy.

During Sri Lanka's Super Over innings, a major drama unfolded. On the fourth legal delivery, Dasun Shanaka attempted a risky

bye, with Sanju Samson hitting the stumps. While umpire signaled a caught behind on Arshdeep Singh's appeal, replays showed there was no edge. Since the ball was deemed dead at the moment of the 'catch', the run-out did not count.

Despite Suryakumar Yadav protesting, the umpire's call stood: not out.

India chased the Super Over target comfortably to seal the win and maintain their perfect run, but the umpiring controversy is likely to remain a talking point in what was otherwise a spectacular cricket showdown.



Harry Kane Hits 100 Goals for Bayern in 104th Game

Harry Kane reached a major milestone by scoring his 99th and 100th goals for Bayern Munich in a commanding 4-0 victory over Werder Bremen on September 26, 2025. The English striker achieved the feat in just his 104th appearance for the German champions, showcasing his clinical finishing and consistent scoring ability.

Kane's two goals helped Bayern maintain their strong form in the Bundesliga. His second goal came from a penalty, confidently converted at the Allianz Arena in Munich. This landmark makes Kane one of the fastest players in Bayern's his-

tory to reach 100 goals, doing so quicker than many modern-day legends.

Reaching 100 goals in 104 games puts Kane ahead of some of the most prolific scorers in football history, underlining his importance to Bayern's attacking setup since his arrival. The milestone highlights Kane's adaptability and effectiveness in a new league and country.

Bayern's dominant 4-0 win against Bremen not only boosted their position in the Bundesliga standings but also demonstrated their offensive firepower. Kane's achievement adds to an already impressive career as he continues to

be a key figure for both club and country.

Fans and experts alike have praised Kane for his work ethic, positioning, and goal-scoring instincts. His rapid progress at Bayern confirms that he is among the elite forwards in world football.

With many seasons likely still ahead, Kane looks set to keep adding to his goal tally and help Bayern Munich compete for major titles both domestically and in Europe. His 100-goal milestone is a proud moment for the striker and the club, marking a chapter of success and excellence.

Gauff Begins China Open Title Defence with Commanding Win

Beijing, Sept 26, 2025 – Defending champion Coco Gauff kicked off her China Open campaign in dominant fashion, dispatching Russia's Kamilla Rakhimova 6-4, 6-0 to reach the last 32 on Friday.

Playing her first match since the US Open, world No. 3 Gauff showed little rust, overcoming a competitive first set before cruising through the second. The 21-year-old American credited her past success in Beijing for her confidence and composure.

"When those tough moments happen, you feel the familiarity of the conditions from the years before," Gauff said after the match.

Her next opponent will be Canada's Leylah Fernandez, who produced an equally emphatic 6-2, 6-0 victory over Greece's Maria Sakkari.

Gauff, who is chasing her second straight China Open title, looked sharp from the start, managing long rallies and saving key break points in the sec-

ond set against a frustrated Rakhimova, ranked 89th in the world.

"She's had competitive results recently. I just found my rhythm and got in the flow," Gauff added.

With Aryna Sabalenka withdrawing from the tournament, Gauff's primary challenger for the title is world No. 2 Iga Swiatek, fresh off a win in Seoul.

On the men's side of the ATP 500 Beijing event, Daniil Medvedev advanced to the last 16 with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Cameron Norrie, avenging his Roland Garros loss earlier this year. The 29-year-old Russian hit nine aces and said he is slowly rediscovering his best form.

"I had dedication, I always have, but maybe I didn't put it in the right way. That's what I'm trying to do again, step by step," said Medvedev, still chasing his first title since 2023.

Top contenders Jannik Sinner and Alexander Zverev remain in the mix, promising more high-stakes action ahead.



India Gears Up to Host BWF World Junior Championships 2025

India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 from October 6 to 19 in Guwahati, marking its return to the country after 17 years. The prestigious event will be held at the National Centre of Excellence and includes two segments — the Mixed Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup) from October 6-11 and the Individual Championships (Eye Level Cup) from October 13-19.

Historic Hosting Return

India joins an elite group of nations — Malaysia, Indonesia, Canada, Spain, and China — that have hosted the event more than once. The return comes as India prepares to host the senior BWF World Championships in 2026, further cementing its position in global badminton.

Medal Legacy

India's journey at the Junior Worlds began in 1996 with Aparna Popat's silver. In total, India has bagged 11 individual medals — 1 gold (Saina Nehwal in 2008), 4 sil-



vers, and 6 bronzes. Boys' singles has contributed the majority with 8 medals, the most recent being Ayush Shetty's bronze in 2023.

India Earns Top Seeding

For the first time, India enters the Mixed Team Championships as the second seed, led by World No.1 Tanvi Sharma and former No.1 boys' doubles pair Bhargav Ram Arigela-Viswa Tej Gobburu. With nine entries in the BWF Junior top 25, India eyes a strong medal haul.

Fast-Paced Format Debuts

The relay scoring format —

three sets to 45 points with five 9-point matches — will be used for the team event. The individual event will trial a 3x15 points system as part of BWF's innovation push.

China Still the Benchmark

China remains the dominant force with nearly 200 medals, including 60 individual and 14 team golds, followed by Malaysia, Korea, and Indonesia.

The 2025 edition promises high stakes, fierce competition, and a potential turning point in India's badminton story.

SARASWATHI: Varalaxmi Takes Charge On and Off Screen

Varalaxmi Sarathkumar is stepping into a powerful new phase in her career, donning triple hats as actor, director, and producer for her upcoming film SARASWATHI. This marks her directorial debut and highlights her commitment to storytelling both in front of and behind the camera.

The film is being produced under a new banner, Dosa Diaries, launched by Varalaxmi along with her sister Pooja Sarathkumar. The announcement was made with a striking title poster, where the letter 'I' in SARASWATHI appears in bold red — a

subtle nod to the thriller elements the film promises.

Billed as an intense thriller, SARASWATHI features a strong supporting cast including the seasoned Prakash Raj, the talented Priyamani, and versatile actor Naveen Chandra. This ensemble hints at a gripping narrative, layered with strong performances.

Adding to the film's promise is a top-tier technical crew. Music is composed by popular hitmaker Thaman S, known for his impactful background scores. A.M. Edwin Sakay is in charge of cinematography, bringing his visual

flair to the thriller genre, while seasoned editor Venkat Raajen is on-board to ensure the film's pacing and tension remain sharp.

With this project, Varalaxmi becomes one of the few female stars in Tamil cinema to take creative control across all major aspects of filmmaking. Her move signals a bold step toward more women-led narratives in the industry.

SARASWATHI is expected to go on floors soon, and fans are already eager to see what this dynamic actor-director-producer trio delivers under the newly launched Dosa Diaries banner.



NTR to Grace Kantara Chapter 1 Pre-Release Event

With the release of Kantara Chapter 1 just around the corner, the excitement is reaching new heights. Slated to hit theatres on October 2nd, the film is set to be the biggest draw of this Dussehra season. Serving as a prequel to the 2022 blockbuster Kantara, this ambitious project is helmed once again by Rishab Shetty, who rose to national fame with the original.

To ramp up the pre-release momentum, the makers have announced a grand celebration set to take place in Hyderabad on September 28th. In a move that's already making waves, the team has confirmed that Young Tiger NTR will be the chief guest at the event.

NTR's presence is expected to add immense star power and significantly boost the buzz around the film, particularly in the Telugu states. His massive fan base and charisma could draw thousands to the event

and further elevate the film's visibility across regional and national markets.

Sources close to the team revealed that the pre-release function will be a large-scale public gathering with several performances, key cast appearances, and never-before-seen visuals from the film. The event will also feature Rishab Shetty and the core team sharing insights about the film's unique premise and mythological backdrop.

Kantara Chapter 1 is being positioned not just as a prequel, but as a deeper dive into the folklore and spiritual themes that made the first part a phenomenon. With technical finesse, rooted storytelling, and now NTR's support, the film is poised to make a massive impact.

All eyes are now on September 28th, when the energy of Kantara meets the star power of NTR, setting the stage for an electrifying theatrical release.

Lokah 2: Michael & Charlie Tease a Fun Ride

After the massive success of Chandra, Dulquer Salmaan's Lokah Universe is all set to expand with its much-anticipated second installment, Lokah: Chapter 2 – Michael. The new chapter shifts focus to actor Tovino Thomas, who takes center stage as Michael, a character who briefly appeared in the first film.

The teaser, released today, offers a refreshing tone and features a fun banter between Tovino and Dulquer, who reprises his role as Charlie. While Dulquer's character remains calm and composed, Tovino's Michael is lively and playful, trying to break the ice and even teasing Charlie for being too distant. Their exchange sets the stage for a humorous yet intriguing bond.

The teaser hints at deeper conflicts too — Michael discusses his strained relationship with his brother and asks for Charlie's help. Initially reluctant, Charlie eventually agrees, but only if the goblins show up again. This light-

hearted yet slightly mysterious exchange keeps the tone consistent with Chandra, which blended superhero elements with emotional drama and comedy.

Interestingly, there's also a mention of "Mothan" (Big Brother), a character speculated to be played by Mammootty, though the makers have kept this under wraps. The teaser also throws in a playful joke about Kalyani Priyadarshan, whose character was central in the first part.

Directed by Dominic Arun, Michael promises a similar mix of emotion, action, and laughter. The production is expected to start soon, and fans are already buzzing about what comes next in the Lokah cinematic universe.

With Dulquer producing and acting, Tovino leading the story, and Dominic Arun directing, Lokah: Chapter 2 – Michael is shaping up to be another fun-packed superhero entertainer from Malayalam cinema.



Devara 2 Confirmed with New Poster on First Anniversary

Exactly one year ago, Devara stormed the box office and left fans across the globe in awe. On the occasion of its first anniversary, the makers have officially confirmed Devara 2 with a striking new poster, reigniting excitement for the sequel.

Directed by Koratala Siva and starring Jr NTR in the titular role, Devara ended on a dramatic cliffhanger, hinting at more to come. While the first part was a box office success, there were lingering doubts about the se-

quel's timeline. However, all speculation has now been put to rest.

The official social media handle of the film shared a powerful message: "It's been one year since HAVOC struck the shores, trembling every coast... and the name the world remembers is #DEVARA. Be it the FEAR it unleashed or the LOVE it earned, the streets will never forget Now gear up for #Devara2"

The announcement comes with reports confirming that director Koratala Siva is already

deep into pre-production for Devara 2. Sources close to the team suggest that the script has been locked, and the shoot might begin early next year.

Adding to the anticipation, Jr NTR is expected to appear at the Kantara: Chapter 1 pre-release event tomorrow. Industry insiders believe he may officially talk about Devara 2, further fueling buzz around the project.

With intense storytelling, powerful visuals, and a character-driven narrative, Devara carved a unique space in Indian



cinema. Fans now await the sequel with high expectations, hoping it will match or even surpass the emotional and visual impact of the first film.

Devara 2 is not just a continuation—it's the next storm waiting to hit the shore.



Mohan Babu Goes Shirtless in Paradise

Veteran actor Mohan Babu has taken everyone by surprise with his bold transformation in his upcoming film Paradise. In a never-before-seen avatar, the 73-year-old actor appears shirtless in a powerful scene that has quickly become a hot topic among fans and the film fraternity. Known for his iconic dialogue delivery and strong screen presence, Mohan Babu's decision to go shirtless has shocked and impressed many. A still from the film, now making rounds on social media, shows him in an intense moment — bare-chested, fierce-eyed, and rugged. The look represents a stark departure from his traditional

on-screen persona, signaling a bold new direction for the veteran star. Directed by Zara Laxmi, Paradise is described as a gritty psychological thriller set in a remote and mysterious coastal village. Mohan Babu plays a deeply layered character whose life unravels as he battles personal demons. According to sources close to the production, the shirtless scene is not just a visual statement but an emotional turning point in the film. "This isn't done for shock value. It's an essential part of the character's journey," a source revealed. "Mohan Babu

was clear about going all-in for this role. He wanted to show a side of himself that the audience has never seen before." The film also stars Shraddha Srinath and Roshan Meka in pivotal roles, with music composed by Sam CS. Cinematography is handled by S. Manikandan, who has crafted a dark and moody visual style to complement the film's tone. Paradise is currently in post-production and is expected to hit theaters in early 2026. With Mohan Babu's stunning transformation grabbing headlines, the film has already piqued the interest of moviegoers and critics alike.

