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Pawan emphasized the transformative power of women in society during the launch of the Telugu book “Aame Suryudi Kabalinchindi” by Lakshminuttes Puri at Tummalapalli Kalakshetra, Vijayawada, on October 11, 2025. At the event, he highlighted the deep influence of books on his thinking and social outlook and shared his personal reflections on women’s empowerment, rooted in Indian culture and his own family experiences.

Pawan Kalyan expressed his admiration for the book, noting its engaging title and the inspirational stories contained within. He praised the author, Lakshmi, for her background as an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer and her decision to write about brave women like Vanitha Malati, who played significant roles during India’s freedom struggle. The Deputy CM likened every woman to Goddess Durga, reflecting the highest respect for women embedded in Indian traditions. He pointed out how, culturally, women are given priority as reflected in the Indian practice of saying ‘Mrs.’ before ‘Mr.’. Reflecting on women’s strength and resilience, Pawan Kalyan shared heartfelt memories of his mother and grandmother, crediting them for shaping his values and courage. Despite his mother currently being on bed rest, he recalled her powerful advice to him and his siblings to never fear anyone, to stand up firmly, and to fight back even when



faced with adversity. He also acknowledged lessons from his sister-in-law, underscoring the influence strong women have had on his life and thoughts.

On women’s empowerment in contemporary society, Pawan Kalyan pointed to the progressive step of the Modi government introducing a 33 percent reservation for women, calling it a significant move towards gender equality. He explained his commitment to women’s empowerment by highlighting his party Jana

Sena’s women’s wing named ‘Jhansi Veera Mahila’, symbolizing bravery and the potential for women to drive societal change.

He further emphasized the importance of reading in gaining knowledge and wisdom. Pawan Kalyan stated that no matter how much technology evolves, books remain a vital source of learning and mental maturity. He praised the power of literature to inspire and shape ideas, reinforcing his belief that positive social transformation is achievable

through the empowerment of women. The book launch event was graced by prominent personalities including Mandali Buddha Prasad, who had the honor of releasing the book, as well as Minister Satyakumar Yadav and several literary figures. Pawan Kalyan also complimented Minister Satya Kumar for his strong command over Telugu language and literature, reflecting the cultural richness surrounding this significant event. In summary, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kaly-

an’s address at the book launch underscored his unwavering belief that empowering women is key to bringing about meaningful change in society. He celebrated the strength of Indian women, the value of knowledge from books, and the cultural reverence bestowed upon women as sources of power and inspiration.

The event marked both a literary milestone and a reaffirmation of the essential role women play in shaping India’s future

Vijayawada–Singapore Direct
Flights by IndiGo from Nov 15

TPN BUREAU, Vijayawada, Oct 11: Union Minister Ram-mohan Naidu Realises Long-Pending Demand Vijayawada is set to achieve a major leap in international connectivity with IndiGo Airlines announcing the launch of its direct flight service to Singapore, beginning November 15. The three-days-a-week service is the result of consistent efforts by Union Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, who played a key role in fulfilling a long-standing demand from residents of Andhra Pradesh’s capital region. The new route will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, linking Vijayawada International Airport to Singapore’s Changi Airport, one of Asia’s busiest and most advanced aviation hubs. Announcing the service to the media, Minister Rammohan Naidu explained that the proposal had its origins during Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu’s visit to Singapore on July 28 this year. At a meeting with the Telugu diaspora, the Chief Minister had assured them of direct air connectivity between Vijayawada and Singapore. Remarkably, the project has been realised within 100 days of that commitment. Calling the service a strategic milestone, the Minister emphasised the critical role of Non-Resident Telugus in achieving the state’s ambitious ‘Swarna Andhra 2047’ vision. He said strong international connections like this would accelerate trade, education, tourism, and create new avenues for global collaborations. “This is not just about a flight; it’s about opening doors for Andhra Pradesh



to the world,” he remarked. The decision is expected to greatly benefit the people of the Vijayawada–Guntur region, especially frequent international travellers, industrialists, entrepreneurs, and students seeking education abroad. Singapore, being a major business centre and educational hub in Asia, offers immense opportunities for investments, knowledge exchange, and tourism growth. Civil aviation experts say that direct connectivity will save significant travel time for passengers who currently must transit through airports in Hyderabad, Chennai, or Bengaluru to reach Singapore.

Beyond convenience, the move addresses the growing travel demand from Andhra Pradesh’s eastern districts and positions Vijayawada as a rising centre for international travel. Local residents and business leaders have warmly welcomed the announcement. Industrialists believe the service will strengthen trade relations, attract foreign investors, and enable better participation in global exhibitions and conferences. Educationists have pointed out that easier travel to Singapore could lead to enhanced exchange programmes, academic partnerships, and collaborations

between institutions in Andhra Pradesh and Southeast Asia. Students planning higher studies abroad will also benefit from the direct link, as it reduces travel costs, simplifies visa procedures, and makes travel schedules more flexible. In recognition of these needs, IndiGo has announced passenger-friendly timings to ensure maximum convenience for all categories of travellers. The launch of the Vijayawada–Singapore service is being celebrated as part of a larger push to make Andhra Pradesh’s Sunrise State vision a reality. Aviation stakeholders consider it a transformative step toward integrating Vijayawada into the global map of connected cities. The service, they say, is possibly the first of more direct international routes that could emerge from the region, given its growing status as an industrial, educational, and cultural hub. With November 15 marked on the calendar, anticipation is high among residents, business communities, and the Telugu diaspora. The new air link promises to unlock fresh opportunities in trade, tourism, and cultural exchange, while symbolising progress and the state’s readiness to embrace a globally connected future.

Minister Kollu Promises to
Address Issues of Chimakurthy
Granite Unit Owners

TPN / Vijayawada Oct 11– Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, has assured that the State government will take proactive measures to resolve the concerns raised by granite cutting and polishing unit owners from Chimakurthy. Speaking at the R&B Guest House in Vijayawada after meeting a delegation representing the industry, the Minister emphasized that mutual dialogue and cooperation are the best ways to resolve industrial disputes while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders. A team of granite entrepreneurs from Chimakurthy approached the Minister with a detailed representation outlining the financial strain the sector is currently facing. The delegation explained that each unit pays around ₹35,000 per blade per month as seigniorage charges — a fee levied for the right to extract and process granite. According to them, these charges apply uniformly across all grades of raw material, which they argue is impractical and unsustainable for long-term operations.

The owners requested that the government review



and revise this system to make it more equitable, reflecting both the quality of granite extracted and the economic realities of the industry. The granite polishing and cutting units in Chimakurthy are an important part of Andhra Pradesh’s

mining and export economy. The region is well-known for its premium black galaxy granite, which is in high demand internationally. However, the owners said that escalating operational costs, particularly the steep seigniorage fee, are eroding profitability and threatening the viability of their businesses.

Many units have already shut down in protest, leading to the loss of livelihood for thousands of workers, a situation they described as alarming. Minister Kollu Ravindra took note of the delegation’s grievances and assured them that he would raise the matter with senior officials in the Mining Department as well as Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He stressed that the government’s approach

would seek a balanced solution that protects the State’s revenue interests while ensuring the operational sustainability of the granite units. “We will ensure that neither the industry nor the State’s finances suffer. Proper consultation will pave the way for a win-win situation,” Ravindra stated. In addition to promising negotiations with decision-makers, the Minister strongly appealed to the owners to call off their ongoing strike and resume operations immediately. He pointed out that the shutdown was causing severe hardship to thousands of factory workers and their families, who depend on these units for their daily wages. The halt in production is also affecting supply chains and export commitments, which could impact Andhra

Pradesh’s standing in the global granite market if prolonged. Assuring that the concerns of the unit owners are genuine and will be addressed through constructive dialogue, Minister Kollu maintained that the government views the granite sector as a critical contributor to both employment and foreign exchange earnings.

He reiterated that industrial harmony can only be maintained if all parties work together rather than through prolonged confrontation. The meeting concluded with the promise of follow-up discussions between the government and industry representatives in the coming days, raising hopes that the dispute over seigniorage charges will soon be resolved to everyone’s satisfaction.

Strict Compliance with Firecracker Safety Norms
Mandatory: AP Disaster Response and
Fire Services DG PV Ramana

TPN BUREAU/ Vijayawada Oct 11:

Andhra Pradesh Director General of State Disaster Response and Fire Services, P.V. Ramana, has issued strict directives mandating absolute compliance with safety protocols in the manufacture, handling, and storage of firecrackers across the state. The move aims to avert potential fire mishaps and explosions, particularly ahead of the festive season when fireworks manufacturing and sales reach their peak. In a detailed statement released on Saturday, Ramana emphasized that all licensed fireworks manufacturers and traders must strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) laid down under the Explosives Rules, 2008. He noted that the slightest negligence in handling explosives or failure to meet safety norms could lead to catastrophic accidents, endangering both lives and property. Highlighting the structural requirements for firecracker manufacturing units, the DG instructed that such factories must function only in single-storey buildings with no basement facilities. Each shed should maintain a minimum safety distance of 45 meters from other sheds and from surrounding residential areas. These measures, he said, are essential to contain the impact of any accidental explosion. Ramana further directed that manufactur-

ing units must maintain a dust-free and clean environment at all times. Strict prohibition has been placed on smoking, open flames, lighters, matches, and even mobile phones within the premises. “Safety begins with discipline. Any act of negligence, however small, can trigger disaster when dealing with explosives,” he cautioned. Operations inside these factories should be restricted to working hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., ensuring that no hazardous activities are carried out during night hours. He also insisted that dangerous processes such as chemical mixing must be carried out using automated systems wherever possible to reduce human exposure and errors. The use of non-sparking tools is mandatory to prevent accidental ignition, while all workers must wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including fire-retardant clothing, gloves, and face shields.

Further clarifying the regulations, Ramana stated that persons below 18 years of age and those under the influence of alcohol must not be allowed to enter or work in any firecracker manufacturing facility. Every worker should undergo comprehensive training in fire safety, handling of explosive materials, and emergency response procedures. Factories are also required to ensure that all employees are covered under life and medical insurance policies. To bolster safety



preparedness, firecracker factories must install automatic fire detection and alarm systems and maintain adequate firefighting equipment such as extinguishers, sand buckets, and water sources. Regular inspection and maintenance of these systems are compulsory. The DG warned that severe action would be taken against violators of these safety regulations, including suspension of licenses and legal prosecution. He urged all manufacturers to view safety compliance not as a formality but as a moral and civic responsibility. “Ensuring worker safety and protecting nearby communities is paramount. Prevention through strict adherence to standards is the only way to avoid tragedy,” Ramana asserted. With the festive season nearing, the Fire Services Department has also intensified inspections of manufacturing units, warehouses, and retail outlets. Officials have been instructed to ensure full compliance with the Explosives Rules and to immediately halt operations in any facility found breaching safety norms.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on completing 15 years as Chief Minister, calling him a visionary leader committed to good governance

TPN BUREAU, Chittoor ocgber 10: On the occasion of the complety of an extraordinary 15 years of service as Chief Minister dedicated to the welfare and progress of Andhra Pradesh, Chittoor MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan extended heartfelt congratulations to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Highlighting Naidu's vision and leadership, Gurajala Jagan Mohan praised the Chief Minister as not only a seasoned political leader but a visionary statesman and talented architect of the state's future. He remarked that Chandrababu Naidu has meticulously planned Andhra Pradesh's development trajectory, especially with a keen eye on transforming the state into a global hub for Quantum Valley. Anticipating future needs, Naidu's leadership has been marked by embracing modern technology and systematic development policies. Gurajala Jagan Mohan acknowledged the pivotal role played by Chandrababu

in putting Hyderabad on the global IT map, revolutionizing technology access for farmers, and expanding employment and livelihood opportunities for the youth. The MLA lauded the Chief Minister's foresight in frameworks such as Smart Andhra Pradesh, infrastructure advancements, e-governance initiatives, water management, and strengthening farm-to-market linkages. The visionary approach is also reflected in fundamental state projects like the conceptualization of Amaravati as the capital, the innovative village secretariat system, and various farmer-support schemes that represent a people-centric governance model. Each era under Naidu's leadership, Gurajala noted, has brought progressive changes that positively impacted citizens' lives. In addition to his impressive administrative skills and work ethic, Chandrababu Naidu's transparent governance has consistently set an example.



Gurajala also underscored Naidu's significant contributions at the national level, placing Andhra Pradesh on a development path aligned with good governance and technological modernization. The Chittoor MLA expressed optimism on this milestone, wishing the Chief Minister many more successful years filled with good health and continued dedication to public service.

He called Naidu a blessing for the state, envisioning Andhra Pradesh progressing steadily towards becoming a smart state under his able governance. As the state marks this memorable 15 years of leadership by CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu, his legacy as a visionary, reformer, and unwavering public servant shines bright, setting the stage for Andhra Pradesh's bright



future. The MLA pointed to various sectors where Chandrababu's exceptional work ethic and transparent governance set a strong example. Naidu's leadership led the state towards modernization through initiatives such as Smart Andhra

Pradesh, infrastructure development, e-governance, water management, and farm-to-market linkages. Gurajala also mentioned iconic projects under Naidu's tenure, including conceptualizing Amaravati as the capital city, introducing the village secretariat

system, and launching farmer-friendly schemes, reflecting his people-centric governance style. Each decision and policy during Naidu's era resulted in positive changes for the lives of Andhra Pradesh's citizens. Emphasizing Chandrababu Naidu's administrative

skills, determination, and dedication to public service, Gurajala noted the Chief Minister's unparalleled contributions at the national level as well. This milestone reaffirms Naidu's continuing role in advancing the state through innovative development and governance.



Kollu Ravindra Slams Perni Nani's Conduct, Warns of Legal Action

Vijayawada, October 11: Minister Kollu Ravindra launched a scathing attack on former minister Perni Nani, accusing him of behaving in a manner unbecoming of a public representative. Addressing the media on Saturday, Ravindra alleged that Perni Nani, unable to digest his electoral defeat in Bandaru (Machilipatnam), has lost all composure and is behaving "like a market rowdy." He claimed that Nani's actions go beyond the limits of political rivalry, likening his conduct to that of "an animal," and warned that such behavior will not be tolerated for long. Ravindra alleged that Perni Nani is attempting to control the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders and cadres in Bandaru, exploiting his local influence to provoke and create unrest. However, he asserted that TDP ranks have maintained restraint because of the discipline and political ethics instilled by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. "Our people are exercising patience, not because of fear, but because they have been taught to uphold discipline. Let no one mistake this for weakness," Ravindra stated firmly. The minister further claimed that TDP leaders are having to

unite daily to counter Nani's alleged provocations, indicating that there is a persistent attempt to destabilize the party's activities in the constituency. He questioned Nani's motives, suggesting that the YSRCP leader might be deliberately seeking confrontation with TDP ranks to gain political sympathy. Taking a strong stand, Ravindra confirmed that the party is in consultation with legal experts regarding Perni Nani's conduct. "We are proceeding legally against his baseless propaganda. A defamation case is being filed for the false allegations," he announced. His statements made it clear that the political feud in Bandaru is escalating, with tensions between TDP and YSRCP leaders continuing to rise despite recent electoral outcomes. Perni Nani's Conduct Under Fire Kollu Ravindra reiterated that public representatives have a responsibility to maintain decorum in political discourse. Describing Nani's behavior as "worse than an animal," he emphasized that such actions erode the dignity of public service. "If this trend continues, Perni Nani will have to pay the price," Ravindra warned, adding that confrontation will not

benefit the former minister in the long run. Update on Molakalacheruvu Adulterated Liquor Caseln addition to his political statements, Kollu Ravindra also addressed the ongoing investigation into the adulterated liquor tragedy in Molakalacheruvu. The liquor incident, which claimed several victims, has led to a massive crackdown on illegal activities. Ravindra revealed that out of 20 accused, 14 people have already been arrested, including a suspect named Janardhan. He said the wine shop associated with the adulterated liquor supply has been seized, and stringent measures are being taken to prevent further tragedies. "We have set up four dedicated investigation teams, two operating in Bengaluru and two within Andhra Pradesh. Each shop has been given clear instructions to ensure compliance with safety regulations," Ravindra informed. By combining sharp political criticism with updates on enforcement actions, Minister Kollu Ravindra's statements today signal both political assertiveness and administrative vigilance, marking another flashpoint in Andhra Pradesh's contentious political landscape.

Farmer Welfare Key to National Development: Minister Atchannaidu

TPN / VIJAYAWADA: Agriculture, Marketing and Animal Husbandry Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has reiterated that farmer welfare is the cornerstone of India's national development, stressing that the "double-engine government" in Andhra Pradesh, with strong support from the Centre is committed to implementing farmer-friendly programs that ensure long-term agricultural prosperity. The Minister was speaking at Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University in Guntur during the live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's launch of two major initiatives — the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and the Pulse Crop Self-Reliance Mission. Atchannaidu hailed these programs as transformative measures that will financially empower the farming community while making India self-sufficient in protein production. He highlighted that, under the leadership of PM Modi, projects worth ₹42,000 crore in agriculture, fisheries, and allied sectors are now being rolled out across the country. These initiatives aim to enhance infrastructure, modernize farming practices, and improve income through crop diversification. The PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana will cover 100 districts nationwide with 30 different centrally-sponsored



programs designed to boost farm income by strengthening allied sectors such as horticulture, livestock, fisheries, and agri-processing. In Andhra Pradesh, four districts Aluri Sitarama Raju, Anantapur, Sri Sathya Sai, and Annamayya have been chosen for targeted agricultural infrastructure development and advanced post-harvest management over the next six years. Minister Atchannaidu assured farmers that the state government will procure pulses at the minimum support price (MSP), ensuring fair value for their produce. He also promised the supply of high-yield seed varieties, access to modern farming technology, and comprehensive market linkages. Calling for a shift towards diversified and sustainable farming, he urged cultivators to adopt methods that would improve produce quality and enhance export potential. Backing his words with action, Atchannaidu

pointed out that the Andhra Pradesh government has already undertaken significant procurements including burley tobacco worth ₹270 crore, along with mangoes, cocoa, and onions at MSP to ensure farmers' incomes remain stable. Additionally, timely procurement of cotton has been carried out through the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). Prathipadu MLA Burla Ramanjaneyulu also addressed the gathering, praising both PM Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for placing agriculture at the forefront of the development agenda. He emphasized that the new initiatives form part of a long-term national vision to double farmers' incomes by 2047, coinciding with the centenary of India's independence. The event drew participation from senior state officials, agricultural scientists, and farmers, reflecting a broad consensus on the

importance of integrating advanced agricultural practices with supportive policy frameworks. Demonstrations and interactive sessions showcased mechanized farming techniques, improved irrigation methods, and digital platforms for accessing government schemes. Minister Atchannaidu concluded by reaffirming the government's

commitment to serve as a constant ally to the farming sector, ensuring that every policy decision is aimed at strengthening agricultural resilience, improving productivity, and securing farmers' livelihoods. He said farmer prosperity is not just an economic goal but the foundation of India's national growth and social stability.



YSRCP Demands CBI Probe into Spurious Liquor Mafia, Blames Chandrababu for Political Protection

TPN BUREAU, Vijayawada Oct 11 The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has intensified its attack on the ruling Telugu Desam Party-Jana Sena Party-Bharatiya Janata Party (TDP-JSP-BJP) alliance, alleging that a dangerous network of spurious liquor production and distribution is thriving under government protection. Senior YSRCP leaders have demanded a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the "state-sponsored liquor mafia," holding Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu directly responsible for safeguarding those involved in the illegal trade that has

claimed several lives across Andhra Pradesh. Former Minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy, speaking in Nellore, accused the ruling government of indulging in a massive cover-up of the fake liquor racket while targeting opposition leaders to suppress the truth. He said the government is attempting to shift blame by branding arrested TDP leaders as "YSRCP covert." Questioning Chandrababu's integrity, Kakani demanded an explanation for why Jayachandra Reddy—linked to the syndicate—was given a TDP ticket in the 2024 elections and was in charge of the Tambalapalle constituency for 16

months. "Factories producing counterfeit liquor have been exposed in Tambalapalle, Ibrahimpatnam, Eluru, Nellore, Anakapalli, Palakollu, and Repalle," Kakani stated, revealing that spirit and duplicate bottles were being used to manufacture fake liquor supplied across the state through TDP-controlled belt shops. He further condemned the state government for allegedly filing false cases against journalists and media houses, particularly Sakshi, who have been reporting on the illicit trade. "The government's intimidation of the media shows its desperation to hide the truth," Kakani re-



marked, claiming that the health and lives of citizens were being endangered for political and financial gain. At a press briefing in the YSRCP Central Office in Tadepalli, Vijayawada Mayor Rayana Bhagyalakshmi

demanded that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan publicly respond to the allegations instead of maintaining silence. "The fake liquor mafia has become a state-spon-

sored operation, looting crores from the public and endangering lives every day," she said. She asserted that every person arrested in connection with the racket has ties to the TDP, yet the government has failed to

conduct statewide raids or dismantle illegal networks. "If the government continues to protect criminals, YSRCP will not remain silent. We will expose their lies before the people," she warned. Meanwhile, from Proddatur, former MLA Rachamalla Siva Prasad Reddy condemned the alarming rise of spurious liquor sales, describing it as a public health emergency. He pointed out that it is nearly impossible for consumers to distinguish between genuine and fake liquor, as counterfeit bottles have flooded the market. While the state officially has 3,396 licensed shops, he claimed over one

lakh illegal belt shops are operating unchecked under TDP's watch. "The poor are being poisoned for profit. The mafia is being run by individuals close to Chandrababu Naidu, and the government owes the people a full disclosure," Rachamalla said. All three YSRCP leaders demanded an impartial investigation by the CBI to uncover the full extent of the liquor mafia's network. They warned that if the government continues shielding those responsible, YSRCP would launch a statewide agitation to hold the ruling coalition accountable for risking public health and plundering state resources.



Vijayawada Poised to Become Model Development Constituency

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In a landmark step towards comprehensive constituency transformation, Vijayawada is set to evolve into a model development region through an ambitious partnership between the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) and the Keshineni Foundation. The official Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Saturday in Hyderabad by NIRDPR Senior Consultant Dr. Mohammad Khan and Vijayawada Member of Parliament Keshineni Sivnath (Chinni), marking the formal beginning of a multi-sectoral development mission. Addressing the gathering, MP Keshineni Sivnath underscored the vision behind the initiative, describing it as a “proof of concept” that could be replicated across the country. He stressed the need for holistic growth, ensuring that benefits reach every household, every village, and every segment of society. “From rural infrastructure to women’s empowerment, skill development to sustainable agriculture, the scope of this project is wide. Our aim is to make Vijayawada an example that reflects how inclusive development can truly transform communities,” he said. Multi-Dimensional Development Strategy Under the agreement, the Keshineni Foundation will implement programs across various fields with technical guidance from NIRDPR. The focus will include rural development projects to improve basic infrastructure and connectivity, initiatives to boost local employment opportunities, empowerment and training for women, capacity building for youth, and widespread adoption of eco-friendly agricultural practices. The project will begin with three mandals, A Konduru, Penuganchiprolu, and



Ibrahimpattanam serving as pilot regions.

These areas have been chosen carefully to represent diverse developmental needs and socio-economic conditions. Planned initiatives include: Establishing common facility centers to support micro and small-scale enterprises. Encouraging organic farming with structured training and market linkages. Setting up food processing units to add value to local agricultural produce. Promoting handmade paper production, creating sustainable livelihoods. Creating seed banks to preserve indigenous crop varieties. Running natural farming training centers to promote chemical-free cultivation methods. These activities will be implemented in coordination with local panchayats, mandal-level officials, youth clubs, and women’s self-help groups, ensuring strong grassroots participation. Community and Administrative Coordination to lay the groundwork for the initiative, a feasibility and viability workshop will be held on October 22 with local administrative bodies and stakeholders. This workshop will fine-tune strategies and help



form dedicated field-level teams for ground execution. A special coordination committee will be established, comprising representatives from both NIRDPR and Keshineni Foundation. This body will be responsible for overseeing the implementation process, monitoring progress, collecting data, and evaluating results for effective scaling in future phases. National Impact Potential Dr. G Narendra Kumar, Director General of NIRDPR, praised MP Keshineni Sivnath’s proactive leadership, noting his success in organizing the Vijayawada Utsavam as evidence of his commitment to community development. He expressed confidence that the constituency’s comprehensive development plan could set a benchmark for similar projects nationwide. If successful, the Vijayawada model will showcase how collaborative partnerships, technical expertise, and grassroots participation can drive transformative growth in Indian parliamentary constituencies, making this initiative a potential game-changer in the nation’s development journey.

Public Outrage Erupts in Vijayawada Over Sale of Spurious Liquor

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Tension gripped Vijayawada’s Vidyadharapuram locality on Saturday as residents, led by Communist Party of India (Marxist) leaders and local women’s groups, staged a vehement protest against the alleged continued sale of spurious liquor at Srinivasa Wines. The demonstration came despite recent police seizures from the outlet and registered cases against the sale of adulterated liquor. Protesters, holding placards and shouting slogans, demanded the immediate cancellation of the shop’s license, accusing officials of turning a blind eye to a racket that endangers public health. The protest, spearheaded by CPI(M) State Secretary Ch Babu Rao, West Secretary Boyi Satyababu, and women leaders Saroj and Adilakshmi, saw a large contingent of women closing the liquor shop and smashing bottles of fake liquor in public. Many of the demonstrators expressed frustration over what they called “official indifference” despite repeated crackdowns. “Governments change, leaders change, but the liquor mafia remains the same,” one CPI(M) leader told the crowd. According to eyewitnesses, the gathering lasted for more than an hour, causing palpable tension in the area. The protest was only called off after excise department and police officials visited the site and assured agitators that sales from the shop would be immediately stopped. They also promised that the shop’s license would be formally cancelled within a week. Addressing the protesters, CPI(M) leaders squarely blamed the coalition government for failing to curb the menace of spurious liquor, alleging it had adopted the same negligence that marred the previous YSRCP administration. They highlighted that the illicit liquor racket, first exposed in Molakalacheruvu of Annamayya district, had now spread far beyond its origin to cities and towns including Vijayawada, Ibrahimpattanam, and across the NTR district. The leaders demanded an independent judicial probe into the entire liquor



scam, insisting the inquiry must determine where adulterated liquor has been sold, identify all victims who consumed it, and assess their present health conditions. They also raised pointed questions on why certain political leaders named in the scam were allegedly being shielded from legal action and even rewarded with party tickets. In their speeches, CPI(M) representatives criticized what they termed the government’s “revenue-first” approach, accusing officials of prioritizing excise income over safeguarding citizens from severe health risks posed by illegal liquor. They further demanded that licenses be cancelled across the state for any outlet found to be selling spurious liquor and called for stringent penalties against

those enabling or profiting from the trade. Locals participating in the protest expressed deep anger over news reports suggesting the persistence of such illicit sales even after police action. Community members said the fight against adulterated liquor was not just a political protest but a public health emergency that had already claimed lives in other districts. By late afternoon, the Vidyadharapuram protest site returned to calm, but CPI(M) leaders warned they would resume agitation if authorities did not keep their word within the promised timeframe. “This is not just about one shop, this is about the safety of our people,” said Ch Babu Rao, reiterating demands for immediate and statewide action against the liquor mafia.

Durga Gudi Chairman Burra Radhakrishna Commits to Temple Development and Devotee Service

TPN BUREAU, Vijayawada, October 11, 2025:

The oath-taking ceremony of the Durga Gudi Governing Council was held today at the historic temple premises, marking a new chapter in the administration of the revered Durga Gudi atop Indrakiladri. The ceremony was conducted in front of the Rajagopuram, with Endowment Officer (EO) Sheena Nayak administering the oath to 17 newly appointed council members. Burra Radhakrishna (Gandhi), the newly appointed Chairman of the Durga Gudi Governing Council, expressed his gratitude to key leaders, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Jana Sena Chief Pawan Kalyan, and other alliance leaders for entrusting him with this responsibility. Emphasizing the spiritual significance of his role, Radhakrishna stated that serving the common devotees who come to the temple is the foremost priority. He articulated a strong commitment to the temple’s development and pledged vigorous efforts to mobilize donations from benefactors for enhancing the temple infrastructure and services. Reflecting on the recently concluded Dussehra festival celebrations at Durga Gudi, Radhakrishna highlighted the unprecedented scale and smooth conduct of the festivities, welcoming nearly 20 lakh devotees without any issues. He described the festival as a testament to the collective efforts of the governing council and temple staff, ensuring a serene and devotional environment. The Chairman assured that the council members, who represent the ruling alliance, would work unitedly to overcome any challenges the temple administration might face. He encouraged devotees and officials to communicate any difficulties directly to him for prompt resolution. EO Sheena Nayak underlined the importance of collective



work, stating that the Governing Council and temple staff will collaborate closely for the welfare of the temple and devotees. She revealed plans to optimize space on Indrakiladri by relocating some offices to lower areas, which will create room for a larger platform dedicated to senior citizens and elderly visitors, enhancing their comfort and accessibility. Addressing transportation challenges, Nayak announced forthcoming arrangements to facilitate easier access to the temple. Battery-operated vehicles will be introduced at key points including Kanakadurga Nagar and Durga Ghat to shuttle devotees comfortably. Extended plans also include battery vehicle services from the Om Turning area, and transportation linkages from the railway station and bus stand to the temple, aiming to ease congestion

during festivals and regular days alike. The EO further confirmed that these initiatives would be implemented with the support of the Endowment Department, ensuring organized management and sustainable development of Durga Gudi. She invoked the blessings of Goddess Durga (Ammma) as an auspicious sign for the council’s work and temple’s future growth. The newly established Governing Council reflects the political alliance dynamics, with members drawn from prominent parties, collectively steering the temple’s administration with a shared vision of service and development. This strategic step towards strengthening the administrative framework of Durga Gudi is anticipated to significantly improve both the infrastructure and the spiritual experience of devotees visiting one of Vijayawada’s most venerated religious sites.

YSRCP’s Dr. Mehaboob Shaik Slams TDP’s Manikya Vara Prasad Over “Anti-Poor” Remarks on Medical Colleges

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YSR Congress Party State Executive Committee Member and State Vice President of the Medical Wing, Dr. Mehaboob Shaik, launched a scathing attack on Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader Manikya Vara Prasad over his recent comments on government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh. Calling the remarks “shocking and anti-poor,” Dr. Mehaboob accused Vara Prasad of siding with policies that would undermine access to medical education for marginalized communities across the state. During a fiery response to Vara Prasad’s statements made in a television debate, Dr. Mehaboob questioned the TDP leader’s intentions, asking whether his comments were an effort to please Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the cost of the poor. “Is Mr. Vara Prasad opposing institutions that offer Dalits, tribals, minorities, and economically weaker sections a chance to study medicine and gain dignity in society?” Dr. Mehaboob asked. He argued that such remarks reflected a disregard for inclusive education and the constitutional responsibility to empower disadvantaged groups. Drawing comparisons with neighboring states, Dr. Mehaboob highlighted that Karnataka and Tamil Nadu each host more than 70 medical colleges, while Andhra Pradesh lags far behind with only 17 government medical colleges. He pointed out that of these, three were started by former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, and six were established under the leadership of Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. “Despite ruling for nearly 15 years, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu did not create even a single government medical college in Andhra Pradesh,” Dr. Mehaboob stated, emphasizing the TDP’s alleged neglect of public healthcare and education infrastructure. Further intensifying his criticism, Dr. Me-

haboob accused the current TDP government of betraying the poor by initiating moves to lease 17 government medical colleges to private entities under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for a 66-year period. He said such a long-term privatization plan would effectively strip away affordable education opportunities for nearly one lakh aspiring medical students from underprivileged backgrounds. “Leasing government medical colleges to private institutions is a direct attack on the dreams of poor and rural students,” Dr. Mehaboob said. “These colleges were meant to serve the common man, not to become profit-making ventures for private players.”

He warned that the privatization policy would burden families with high fees and restrict admissions to those from wealthy and urban backgrounds, thereby widening social inequalities in higher education. Dr. Mehaboob appealed to Manikya Vara Prasad to retract his “misguided” remarks and stop endorsing policies that aid in the commercialization of education. He urged the TDP leadership to uphold public interest and prioritize the welfare of marginalized communities instead of supporting the privatization of essential public institutions. Concluding his statement, Dr. Mehaboob reiterated the YSR Congress Party’s commitment to ensuring equal opportunities in medical education. He said the government’s duty was to strengthen public institutions, not hand them over to private hands for decades. “Education is not a business, it is a right of every child, irrespective of caste, region, or economic status,” he said, calling on the people of Andhra Pradesh to stand united against any move that threatens the accessibility and affordability of medical education in the state.

Dr Sambasiva Rao Elected Chairman of ACFI – Andhra Pradesh Chapter



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Dr Gadagottu Sambasiva Rao, former President of the Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (AP Chambers), has been elected as the Chairman of the Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) Andhra Pradesh Chapter, headquartered in Visakhapatnam. The registered office of ACFI functions from Terminal-2, IGI Airport, New Delhi. Andhra Pradesh, equipped with four international airports Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Tirupati holds immense potential for expanding air cargo operations. AP Chambers has been actively working with airport authorities to enhance infrastructure and develop international cargo facilities to meet increasing export and import demands. The state is a hub for high-value and time-sensitive goods, including perishable commodities, marine products, pharmaceuticals, flowers, plants and industrial spares, alongside lucrative imports of gold, silver and diamonds. Strengthening air cargo operations is expected to significantly boost economic growth, create employment opportunities, and empower local youth and women in the logistics sector. However, due to the absence of adequate cargo infrastructure within Andhra Pradesh, exports such as perishables and pharmaceuticals are currently routed through airports in Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Chennai, leading to higher costs and longer transit times. Industry leaders maintain that enhancing direct air cargo facilities in AP

can streamline supply chains and provide a strong competitive advantage to exporters. Upon his election, Dr Sambasiva Rao expressed his commitment to building a robust air cargo ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh. He announced that ACFI will work closely with AP Chambers, State and Central Governments, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Customs departments, GMR Group and other stakeholders to strengthen connectivity and promote ease of doing business in the state. He stressed that improving infrastructure will directly benefit industries, MSMEs, startups and women entrepreneurs engaged in export-oriented activities. Congratulating Dr Sambasiva Rao, AP Chambers President Potluri Bhaskara Rao stated that his vast experience and leadership are expected to accelerate the development of world-class international air cargo facilities. He emphasised that a strong cargo network in Andhra Pradesh will enable faster movement of goods, enhance export competitiveness and open new avenues for business growth. The election of Dr Sambasiva Rao marks an important step towards transforming Andhra Pradesh into a leading air cargo hub, leveraging its strategic location, diverse industrial base and growing international trade linkages. Stakeholders are optimistic that the state’s aviation and logistics sectors will witness rapid progress under his guidance, paving the way for sustained economic advancement.



Minister Subhash Ends Angara Handloom Hunger Strike With Promises of Swift Solutions

TPN BUREAU, KAPILESWARAM, ANGARA, OCTOBER 11:
Handloom Workers' 13-Day Strike Successfully Resolved. A thirteen-day-long relay hunger strike by handloom workers in Angara village, Kapileshwarapuram mandal, Konaseema district, came to a meaningful end as the State Labor Minister, Vasansetty Subhash, assured quick action and resolution of long-standing issues. Supported by a delegation including Mandapet MLA Vegulla Jogeswara Rao, Minister Subhash visited the protest camp on Saturday, engaging in detailed discussions with

the leaders and members of the Sri Ganapathi Handloom Cooperative Society and broader handloom union representatives. The relay hunger strike was initiated by the society under the leadership of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, demanding the settlement of pending government dues amounting to ₹3 crore 85 lakh. The striking workers, frustrated by prolonged payment delays, mobilized a peaceful demonstration to highlight the financial distress faced by many families dependent on the sector. Minister Subhash's Commitment and Political Assurances. Minister Sub-

hash listened closely to the pleas and problems of the workers, taking time to empathize with their plight. In a symbolic gesture, he concluded the hunger strike by offering lemon juice to the fasting workers, marking the end of their protest. Speaking to the assembled crowd and union members, Subhash acknowledged that the dues owed to these cooperative societies had become a significant stumbling block for the current NDA coalition government, primarily due to unresolved issues inherited from the previous YSRCP administration. He criticized the previous government's

neglect, but reaffirmed the new coalition's dedication to worker welfare. Notably, the minister promised to take the matter of outstanding funds and arrears directly to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and ensure a solution within the next month. Subhash emphasized that the government is keen on revitalizing the handloom sector and returning it to its historic glory days. He assured workers that all promises made during the 2024 general elections—including the annual payment of ₹25,000 to loom weavers—would be fulfilled by December 2025. Broad Political Solidarity and

Community SupportThe minister's intervention attracted broad political and community support, with participation from prominent leaders across parties. Senior figures such as former chairman of Vizianagaram RTC zone Nekkanti Balakrishna, BJP leaders Kona Satyanarayana, Adabala Satyanarayana, Namala Srinuvas Rao, Chatrathi Janaki Ramaiah, and others joined the event to show solidarity. Coalition party leaders, local officials, sarniches, and influential personalities including Bandaru Kondaiah, Bala Veerabhadru, Undaru Satyanarayana, Siva-

kumar, Pothabathula Vijay Kumar, Dontamsetty Satya Prakash, and Nakkina Dorababu actively engaged in the dialogue and pledged ongoing support. Path Forward for the Handloom Sector. The dramatic resolution to the hunger strike signals a renewed governmental focus on the handloom sector within Andhra Pradesh. Minister Subhash's assurances for timely payments and revived financial support have raised hopes among workers for tangible improvements. As the government prepares to tackle legacy issues and facilitate welfare measures, stakeholders across the dis-



Minister Subhash interacting with handloom workers, promising swift solutions to their financial distress.



Minister Subhash addressing a crowd of handloom workers, promising swift solutions to their financial distress.

Puttaparthi Set for Grand Development and Spiritual Celebration

TPN BUREAU, Puttaparthi, Oct 11:
In a significant step toward the overall development of Puttaparthi and Sri Sathya Sai District, former Minister Dr. Pallo Raghunath Reddy has called upon the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to work in close coordination with coalition allies to boost progress in the region. The meeting, held at the MLA camp office in Puttaparthi on Saturday, witnessed an important interaction between Dr. Raghunath Reddy and key BJP leaders, who came together to express their commitment toward both governance and spirituality. During the cordial meeting, former MLC Potula Suresh, Sri Sathya Sai District BJP General Secretary and lawyer Harikrishna, State Council Member Sunil Vaitla, Official Spokesperson Jyoti Prasad, BJP Town President Kalyan, Dharmika Cell District Convener Balagangadhar, Treasurer Surendra, and Executive Member Ramanjaneyulu met Dr. Pallo Raghunath Reddy and extended a warm welcome by presenting him with a bouquet and a shawl. The gathering reflected a spirit of unity and cooperation as both the leadership of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and BJP reiterated their shared vision for developing Puttaparthi into a model region under the coalition government. Addressing the BJP leaders, Dr. Raghunath Reddy em-



phasized that the development of Puttaparthi requires the joint efforts of all coalition partners. He encouraged the leaders to work hand in hand to transform the constituency, not only in infrastructural progress but also in strengthening its spiritual and cultural identity. He noted that with the collective involvement of both parties, Puttaparthi could become a showcase for integrated development in the newly formed Sri Sathya Sai District. A major highlight of the meeting was the discussion on the grand celebrations planned for the 100th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, to be observed in November. Dr. Reddy informed the gathering that the centenary celebrations would be conducted in a grand and spiritually uplifting manner, reflecting the divine legacy of Bhagwan Baba, who dedicated his life to service and humanity. He announced that several national and international dignitaries are expected to participate in the event, making it one of the most significant spiritual gatherings in recent years. According to Dr. Reddy, the celebrations will be

graced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with senior state ministers, devotees, and followers from around the world. Special infrastructure and hospitality arrangements are being planned to welcome the large number of visitors who are expected to arrive in Puttaparthi during the centenary celebrations. Expressing confidence that the blessings of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba would guide their efforts, Dr. Raghunath Reddy said that the government aims to ensure holistic development of the Sathya Sai District, including Puttaparthi Municipality. He stated that improved civic amenities, better connectivity, and spiritual tourism promotion will transform the district into a beacon of peace and progress. District and town-level BJP functionaries, including TDP Town Convener Ramanjaneyulu, Gangadhar Naidu, Ambulance Ramesh, Suresh, and Krishna Prasad, also participated in the meeting and assured their full cooperation in both developmental initiatives and the upcoming centenary celebrations. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment from TDP and BJP leaders to work together harmoniously to advance Puttaparthi's vision of development—blending spirituality, service, and progress under the coalition's leadership.

Peddireddy's Birthday Celebrated Grandly in Narayana Vanam

TPN BUREAU, NARAYANAVANAM, OCTOBER 11:
The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) ranks in Narayana Vanam held a grand celebration on Saturday to mark the 74th birthday of former minister and senior party leader Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy. The event took place in the morning at the YSR statue near Narayana Vanam Bypass Junction, under the leadership of YSRCP Joint District Working Secretary T. Rakesh Kiran. State Department Commerce Secretary Anna Dorai, Mandal Parishad President (MPP) Diwakar, and Mandal Convener Sorakayalu jointly cut a cake to celebrate the occasion, as party activists gathered in large numbers. The atmosphere was filled with slogans and greetings for the leader, acknowledging his contributions to the party and the public. Speaking at the event, Joint District Working Secretary T. Rakesh Kiran highlighted Peddireddy's longstanding service to the party and his tireless efforts in strengthening its base, especially in the joint Chittoor district. He noted that Peddireddy has been a guiding force for grassroots workers, helping them stay united and motivated. "Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy has played a key role in building the YSRCP from the ground up. His leadership in the Satyavedu constituency is remarkable, and party ranks continue to follow in his footsteps," Kiran said. He further urged party workers to act in accordance with Peddireddy's directions to ensure that the YSRCP regains power in the upcoming gen-



eral elections. "By working collectively and following his vision, we can strengthen our reach among people and win their trust once again," he added. The celebrations also included a social service initiative, with Peddireddy himself distributing food packets to many locals in honor of his birthday. This gesture reflected his commitment to public welfare and the values that the party upholds. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from several senior leaders and grassroots representatives, including YSRCP Mandal Vice President Ashok Manjunath, Sarnichs Sai Ravi Dharmayya, Elumalai Murali Shankaraya, Babu Nagur Selvaraj, Thiruvangadam Rajini, and Chiralaya, along with MPTCs Ravi Ponnuswamy, Toppi Dorai, Shankar Murali, Manjunath Varma, and numerous activists. The celebrations served as both a tribute to Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy's political journey and a political gathering reinforcing unity among the party ranks. With leaders reasserting their commitment to his guidance, the event underscored the YSRCP's focus on grassroots mobilization and preparation for the next electoral battle. The birthday program ended with warm greetings, renewed pledges of loyalty, and the collective hope of seeing the party achieve victory under his inspirational leadership.

Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Aravind Babu Empowers Local Auto Driver with New Vehicle



TPN BUREAU, Narasaraopet, October 11, 2025. In a moving display of compassion and public service, Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Chadalavada Aravind Babu once again proved that politics can be a vehicle for genuine community welfare. Demonstrating his strong bond with the people, Dr. Aravind Babu recently came forward to help a struggling auto driver, Avula Subbarao, by gifting him a brand-new auto rickshaw to support his livelihood. The touching incident unfolded when Subbarao, a resident of Ward No. 1, approached the MLA seeking assistance. Financial hardships and the lack of a personal vehicle had severely affected his ability to earn a living. Upon hearing his plight, Dr. Aravind Babu wasted no time in responding. In an act of personal generosity, he arranged for a new auto rickshaw from his own resources and handed it over to Subbarao in a simple but emotional ceremony held outside a local hospital. The presentation of the auto rickshaw became a heartwarming community moment, drawing the attention of local residents, party members, and onlookers. Subbarao, overwhelmed with gratitude,

expressed that the MLA's timely assistance had restored his hope and means of livelihood. Tears of joy marked the event as he shared the emotional impact of the gesture, calling it a "life-changing moment" for his family. In a symbolic act that underlined his humility and empathy, Dr. Aravind Babu later accompanied Subbarao on a short drive along Guntur Road. The ride highlighted the MLA's hands-on approach to understanding the everyday struggles faced by ordinary citizens. Speaking during the event organized at the Narasaraopet TDP office, he reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to the welfare of the underprivileged sections of society. The MLA emphasized that the Joint Coalition Government, under its reformative economic policies, has introduced several measures aimed at easing the burden on small-scale transport workers. He specifically cited the ongoing implementation of GST 2.0, which is designed to reduce the cost of vehicles and spare parts making them more affordable for self-employed individuals like Subbarao. Dr. Aravind Babu stated that true development lies in inclusive

welfare, ensuring that every citizen, irrespective of caste, religion, or region, benefits from progress. He reiterated his belief that political leadership should go beyond speeches and policies it should translate into tangible action that directly improves lives. Local residents lauded the MLA's gesture as an example of "instant justice," noting that his approach reflects a rare blend of empathy and efficiency in governance. Many praised him as a grassroots-oriented leader who genuinely listens to constituents' concerns and responds swiftly. This act of kindness by Dr. Aravind Babu has resonated widely in Narasaraopet, strengthening his image as a people's representative who stands for proactive service. Beyond just providing a vehicle, his gesture symbolized empowerment, compassion, and the human side of leadership, values that continue to inspire trust and admiration across the constituency. As the grateful Subbarao drove away in his new auto, the road ahead looked brighter not just for him, but for the many who see in their MLA a leader dedicated to steering Narasaraopet toward inclusive growth and lasting social justice.



Follower's Shadow Role Raises Eyebrows in Rajahmundry Rural

TPN BUREAU, RAJAHMUNDURY, OCT 11:
Politics in Rajahmundry Rural, controversy is brewing around a man named Kishore a close follower of MLA Gorantla Buchi Chowdhury whose increasing presence in official meetings and interactions with top district officials has raised serious questions about propriety, power, and protocol. What started as quiet murmurs within political circles has now turned into a full-fledged public debate, with citizens and administrators questioning the authority and role of an "unofficial person" appearing in official government consultations. According to administrative norms, elected representatives such as MLAs, MPs, and MLCs must adhere strictly to government protocol when attending official programs or meeting senior officials like the District Collector or Joint Collector. Typically, an MLA's presence in such meetings is accompanied only by their accredited personal staff their PA (Personal Assistant) or PS (Private Secretary). No family members or followers

are permitted to participate, particularly when confidential or administrative matters are being discussed. However, the recent meeting convened by Rajahmundry Rural MLA Gorantla Buchi Chowdhury to review developmental activities in the constituency deviated from these norms. The MLA met with East Godavari District Collector Kirti Chekuri, Joint Collector Megha Swarup, and National Highways Project Director Rohit. In what should have been a strictly official setting, officials and attendees were surprised to see Kishore—a known follower of the MLA—present beside him throughout the meeting. Photos of Kishore sitting close to the MLA have since gone viral, sparking debate across Rajahmundry Rural and Urban regions. Questions Over Authority and Legitimacy. The central question being raised by observers is simple: in what capacity was Kishore present at the meeting? He does not hold any government position, nor is he officially designated as the MLA's PA or PS. Yet his conspicuous presence in dis-

cussions concerning developmental projects and administrative strategies has prompted confusion among district officials. "He has no official identity, but is seen in key discussions," said a senior source within the administration, adding that such instances undermine the standard operating procedures and the authority of institutional offices. Officials are reportedly uneasy about Kishore's role but remain cautious about voicing open criticism, fearing implicit political pressure. Even so, the discontent is palpable. "An MLA's follower has no place in a confidential meeting with the Collector," remarked one local political observer. "This is not just a violation of protocol but an insult to the democratic process itself." Allegations of Sand Mafia Links adding to the controversy are allegations linking Kishore to sand transportation and the local sand mafia. Though no official evidence has surfaced, regional sources claim his close ties to certain contractors and business intermediaries are well known. Opposition leaders



and residents are alleging that Kishore's growing influence may not be limited to politics but extends into profiteering activities under the guise of "assisting" the MLA. Local chatter now paints him as a "shadow MLA" someone with no elected authority yet significant unofficial influence. Many are alarmed by his reported interference in administrative procedures and development decisions. "Is he a mediator between officials and contractors, or just a follower?" one resident questioned rhetorically, adding that the situation reflects poorly on governance ethics. Silence from MLA and Officials Interestingly, MLA Gorantla Buchi Chowdhury has yet to issue any public clarification regarding Kishore's role or the allegations surrounding him. His silence has only fueled speculation and public resentment. People are demanding that he clarify whether Kishore has been assigned any formal re-

sponsibility, or whether his participation in government meetings is unauthorized. Officials, meanwhile, appear to be caught in a delicate position. Though some express disapproval privately, none have taken a stand publicly. Whether this reluctance stems from political considerations or administrative pressure remains unclear. In democratic systems, elected representatives are expected to conduct themselves within defined rules and decorum. The sight of an unelected follower influencing or even participating in official government discussions threatens to erode that foundation. As locals now put it with sarcasm, "Does Kishore's approval come before meeting the MLA?" Unless clarity is offered by the concerned parties soon, the presence of followers like Kishore in the corridors of power will continue to cast a shadow over administrative transparency in Rajahmundry Rural.

The Hidden Racism Against Northeastern Indians An Urgent Call for Introspection



Racism against people from India's North East remains a persistent, troubling issue that often goes unnoticed or is dismissed with casual indifference. Despite sharing the same nationality, Northeastern Indians frequently face derogatory slurs, discrimination, and harassment—sometimes brutal in nature—within the very country they call home. This racism is no different, nor any less offensive, than the prejudice Indians encounter abroad.

A recent incident underscores this harsh reality: a 27-year-old flight attendant from the Garo Hills region revealed on social media that she was subjected to racial abuse twice within the span of an hour in New Delhi. The slurs, predominantly hurled by unruly men, included demeaning and offensive language. Sadly, such stories are all too common for Northeasterners who move to mainland India, especially women who face

compounded discrimination due to their gender and are often targets of sexual harassment. They are stereotyped as "fast" or morally loose, fueling further abuse.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju condemned this harassment, emphasizing that it is unacceptable. While his words are welcome, history and current realities suggest that such abuses will continue unless society as a whole confronts its deep-seated biases.

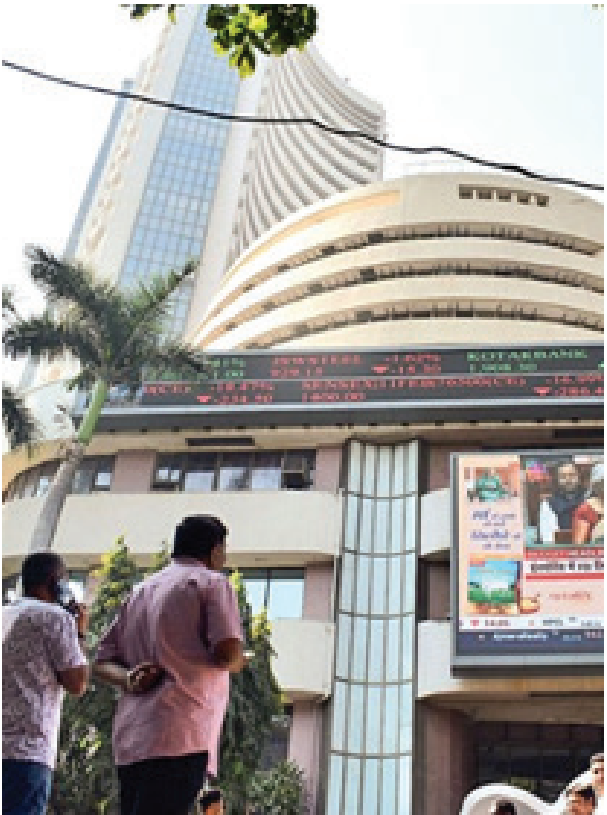
This intolerance is especially disheartening considering the complex history of the North East's integration with India. Violent secessionist movements in states like Nagaland and Mizoram were met with harsh suppression by the government. Though peace has largely returned, and many young Northeasterners proudly identify as Indian while moving to cities across the country for opportunities, they constantly face reminders that they are viewed as outsiders.

At the root of this prejudice lies ignorance—most harassers likely have no understanding of the North East's geography, culture, or history. This ignorance breeds contempt, much like the prejudices against Muslims or Christians within India, or even racial bias faced by Indians abroad.

It is time for a collective introspection. We easily condemn racism outside India but often fail to acknowledge or address the discrimination within. Harassing Northeastern women—or anyone different from the majority—is neither brave nor humorous. It undermines the very spirit of unity and respect that India aspires to uphold.

If India is to truly embrace its diversity, it must first recognize and eliminate the racism that festers at home. Only then can it claim to be a truly inclusive nation.

Pharma Tariffs: Trump Keeps Indian Drug-Makers on Edge



In the midst of ongoing negotiations between India and the United States over a long-pending trade agreement, President Donald Trump has announced a sweeping new tariff policy targeting the pharmaceutical sector. The US administration has imposed a 100% tariff on branded and patented pharmaceutical products imported into the country unless the manufacturing companies establish production facilities on American soil. This policy shift has sent ripples through India's pharmaceutical industry, which is a major player in the global market.

India, often hailed as the "pharmacy of the world," exports over \$30 billion worth of pharmaceutical products globally, with the US accounting for roughly \$10 billion of that figure. The country predominantly supplies low-cost generic drugs to the American market, which, importantly, remain exempt from the new tariff regime. This exemption provides some relief to Indian drug-makers, safeguarding a significant portion of their exports.

However, concerns persist over the status of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), the core components used in drug production. The tariff policy has not clearly addressed whether APIs will fall under the new tariffs, leaving Indian manufacturers uncertain about potential impacts on this crucial segment.

Additionally, the industry is witnessing a strategic shift as major Indian pharmaceutical firms increasingly focus on complex generics—advanced formulations that are more difficult to develop than traditional generic drugs. These include inhalers, injectables, and ophthalmic solutions, which often fall within the branded or patented categories and thus might be subject to the new tariffs. Complex generics are commercially valuable as they enable companies to enter higher-value markets and diversify beyond conventional generics.

This evolving landscape creates a delicate balance for Indian drug manufacturers. While the exemption of standard generics offers some protection, the new tariff rules pose challenges for growth in specialized drug segments. Setting up manufacturing bases in the US, as demanded by the policy, would require substantial investments and strategic decisions by Indian companies.

As trade talks between the two nations continue, clarity on tariff implications, especially concerning APIs and complex generics, remains crucial. The outcome will determine how India's pharmaceutical exporters navigate this new regime while sustaining their vital role in global healthcare.

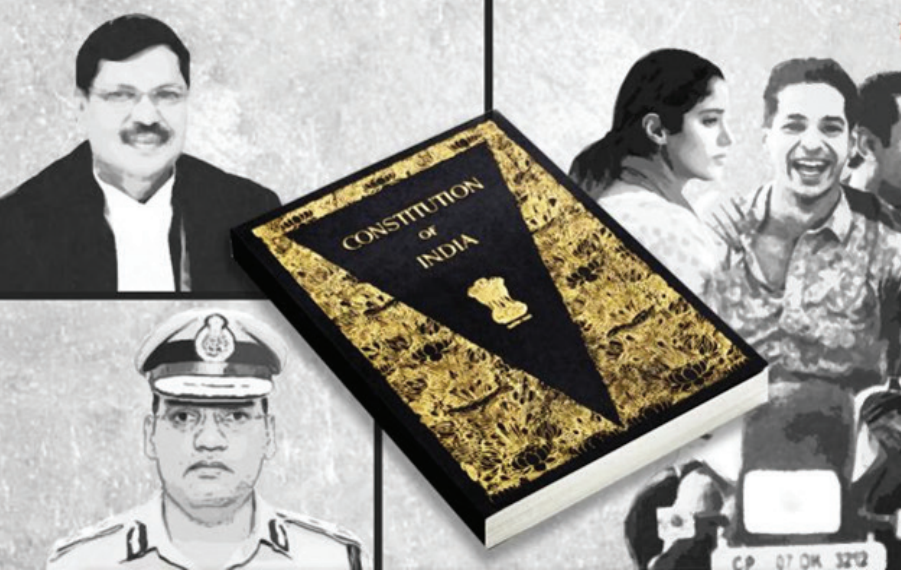
Caste, Minorities, and the Unfinished Struggle: Reflections Triggered by Homebound

Three recent events have cast a spotlight on India's persistent, unresolved issues of caste and minority discrimination—issues that remain deeply entrenched even 75 years after the Constitution's birth. These are: the shoe thrown at the Dalit Chief Justice of India in his courtroom; the tragic suicide of a senior Dalit IPS officer in Haryana, Y. Puran Kumar, who left a note citing years of discrimination and victimization; and the surprising success of Homebound, a film by Neeraj Ghaywan, Bollywood's most prominent Dalit filmmaker.

Homebound stands apart from mainstream Bollywood blockbusters like *Pathan* or *Baahubali*. It had no major stars, no aggressive marketing, and no glossy PR machine behind it. Yet, it steadily gained traction through word of mouth, especially among affluent urban professionals and younger entrepreneurs. This audience showed empathy toward the struggles of three young, rural Indians—two Dalits and a Muslim—trying to break into the police force and civil services against a system stacked against them.

The film's success signals something profound: an acknowledgment among India's socio-economic elite that caste and religious minorities—representing over one-third of the population—still face systemic barriers despite reservations, education, and government jobs aimed at equality. The recent harassment of the Dalit Chief Justice and the suicide of ADGP Puran Kumar—whose wife, IAS officer Amneet P. Kumar, has accused senior officials of victimization—highlight that even the highest echelons of power aren't immune to caste-based prejudice.

Homebound portrays these complexities with nuance. One character, Chandan Kumar, refuses to reveal his Dalit identity to avoid menial tasks in the police. His friends, Sudha and Shoaib, strive for better futures despite societal hurdles. Their aspirations echo a story told by Jagjivan Ram in 1985 about a wealthy Scheduled Caste entrepreneur who preferred his son to be a police officer, gaining respect that wealth alone could not buy.



The film and real-life events serve as reminders that India's struggle with caste and minority equality is far from over. The solution is not to roll back reservations but to persist in ad-

ressing deep-rooted biases and systemic injustice. Only then can the promise of dignity and equality envisioned by the Constitution be truly realized.

Bond Yields Defy RBI Rate Cuts Amid Fiscal, Global Concerns

Despite India's inflation hitting an eight-year low and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cutting interest rates since February, government bond yields are moving in the opposite direction—rising sharply when they would typically fall.

India's 10-year benchmark bond yield has climbed over 20 basis points since the RBI's last rate cut in June, closing at 6.47% on Wednesday. This unusual rise is driven by concerns over weak tax collections, a potential fiscal deficit overshoot, and geopolitical risks—especially the impact of U.S. tariffs on Indian exports.

Traditionally, lower interest rates and inflation lead to higher bond prices and lower yields. But recent market behavior has defied this logic. Experts point to the RBI's shift in policy stance—from 'accommodative' to 'neutral'—as a key trigger. While the repo rate was cut by a cumulative 100 basis points this year, markets interpreted the policy shift as a signal that further rate cuts may not follow.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has acknowledged the rise in yields is "not affordable," though she maintained it doesn't currently affect the government's fiscal calculations.

Independent analyst Ajay Bodke noted that fiscal slippage fears—especially with underperforming di-

rect and indirect tax collections—are keeping bond investors wary. A recent report by Axis Bank estimates a possible 1.4 trillion shortfall in direct taxes for FY26, adding pressure to government borrowing.

The new GST rate rationalisation announced in early September—cutting slabs to 5% and 18%—aims to boost demand but may reduce revenue by 48,000 crore. Bond yields briefly softened following the GST announcement, but broader worries continue.

Adding to market jitters is the potential fallout from U.S. trade policy. Trump's new 100% tariffs on branded pharmaceuticals and the proposed HIRE outsourcing bill have raised red flags for Indian exporters. Experts warn that substitution to other markets won't match U.S. profit margins and could lead to reduced earnings across labour-intensive sectors.

Until there is clarity on fiscal trends and external pressures, experts suggest bond yields may remain elevated—even as inflation and interest rates stay low. For now, market sentiment is clearly being driven more by future risks than present data.



PM Modi meets Qualcomm CEO; discusses AI and innovation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a high-profile meeting with Qualcomm President and CEO Cristiano R. Amon at his official residence. The discussions focused on India's significant progress in Artificial Intelligence (AI), innovation, and the country's expanding semiconductor ecosystem.

"It was a wonderful meeting with Mr. Cristiano R. Amon and discussing India's strides in AI, innovation and skill-ing," Modi said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). He praised Qualcomm's commitment to India's semiconductor and AI missions, highlighting India's "unmatched talent and scale" as key factors in building trans-formative technologies for the future.

Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon expressed enthusiasm about deepening the company's partnership with India. "Thank you PM @naren-



dramodi for the great conversation on fostering a broader partnership between @Qualcomm and India in support of the IndiaAI and India Semiconductor Missions, as well as the transition to 6G," he said in a separate post on X.

Amon emphasized Qualcomm's interest in supporting India's evolving technology ecosys-

tem, citing opportunities across AI-powered smartphones, PCs, smart glasses, automotive, industrial applications, and beyond. The collaboration aims to accelerate innovation and build a robust domestic ecosystem aligned with India's ambitious digital and technological goals.

India's AI and Semiconductor missions are critical components of

the country's vision to become a global technology hub. The government has prioritized investments and policy reforms to boost manufacturing, R&D, and talent development in these sectors.

The meeting signals growing engagement between India and global tech leaders to drive innovation and self-reliance. Qualcomm, a lead-

er in semiconductor and wireless technologies, is poised to play a key role in India's digital transformation journey.

This engagement follows recent government initiatives to strengthen India's position in the semiconductor supply chain and foster AI innovation across industries.



ED arrests Reliance Power CFO Ashok Kumar Pal in PMLA case

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Ashok Kumar Pal, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Reliance Power Limited (RPL), in connection with a massive Rs 3,000 crore bank loan fraud case involving companies from the Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group. The arrest came late on Friday night after the ED found sufficient grounds during its ongoing money laundering investigation.

According to sources, Pal, who is known to be a close aide of Anil Ambani, was initially summoned to the ED headquarters in Delhi for questioning. Following the probe, the agency took him into custody and was granted two days

of custody to continue its investigation.

The ED's probe centers around allegations of diversion of funds and financial irregularities linked to multi-crore bank loans. Ashok Kumar Pal is believed to have played a crucial role in orchestrating the alleged diversion of funds from Reliance Power Limited, which triggered the money laundering case.

The case forms part of a wider investigation into the financial dealings of the Anil Ambani Group of companies, which have come under scrutiny for allegedly defrauding banks through complex loan arrangements and misappropriation of funds.

The Enforcement Directorate has been

intensifying its efforts to probe financial crimes linked to prominent corporate houses, and this arrest marks a significant development in the ongoing investigation against the Anil Ambani Group.

Reliance Power Limited is one of the key entities under the group, and the alleged fraud case has raised concerns over governance and financial transparency within the conglomerate.

Further details are awaited as the ED continues its inquiry and custodial interrogation of Ashok Kumar Pal. The agency aims to unravel the full extent of the alleged fraud and trace the flow of funds to bring those responsible to justice.

Rajya Sabha Polls in J&K Put NC-Congress Alliance to the Test



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The upcoming Rajya Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir, set to fill four seats vacant since 2021, have become

a critical test for the fragile alliance between the National Conference (NC) and the Congress. Reports of a deadlock over seat-sharing arrangements are threat-

ening to strain the partnership ahead of the polls scheduled in 10 days. Sources reveal that the NC has offered Congress a "risky" seat, while the Congress is

pushing for one of the three relatively safer seats. "Talks are still underway, but if the NC does not concede a safer seat, Congress may decide to stay out of the

contest," said an insider familiar with the discussions.

The stakes are high, with the ruling alliance expected to comfortably win three seats. The BJP, with its 28 votes, holds a strong position to capture the fourth seat, making the decision over the risky seat crucial.

On Friday, the NC announced its candidates—Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Sajad Kichloo, and Shammi Oberoi—for three seats, while the fourth seat intended for Congress remains contentious. Political analysts view the standoff as a reflection of the alliance's fragile nature. Last year, Congress had walked out of the NC-led government after disagreements over ministerial portfolios, despite the alliance winning a majority in the assembly. Experts warn that if the NC insists on the risky seat, Congress might either reluctantly contest or opt out altogether, which could expose cracks in the coalition and potentially benefit the BJP.

With election day approaching fast, all eyes remain on whether the NC and Congress can reconcile their differences.

Spurned By INDIA Bloc, AIMIM To Contest 100 Seats In Bihar Polls: A Owaisi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), after being rejected by the INDIA bloc in Bihar, announced plans to contest around 100 seats in the upcoming Bihar assembly elections—five times more than its tally in the last polls. The party aims to establish itself as a "third alternative" in a state long dominated by the BJP-led NDA and the Congress-RJD alliance.

AIMIM's Bihar state president Akhtarul Iman told PTI-Bhasha on Saturday, "Both the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan (INDIA bloc in Bihar) will be forced to realize our presence." He dismissed earlier accu-

sations of AIMIM splitting secular votes, saying those claims no longer hold water.

Iman revealed that AIMIM had reached out to RJD leaders Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Yadav for an alliance but received no response. "Now, we must do all that we can to expand our footprints. We are also in talks with like-minded parties for a possible third front. Details will be clear soon," he added. The Bihar assembly elections for 243 seats will take place in two phases on November 6 and 11, with vote counting on November 14.

In the 2020 polls, AIMIM had allied with Mayawati's BSP and the now-defunct Rashtriya

Lok Samata Party. The party won five seats but was blamed for splitting votes against the RJD-Congress-Left alliance. In 2022, four AIMIM MLAs switched allegiance to the RJD, leaving Iman as the party's sole legislator in Bihar.

With Muslims making up over 17% of Bihar's population yet underrepresented politically, AIMIM sees significant potential in regions like Seemanchal, where Owaisi recently campaigned.

While AIMIM accuses mainstream parties of neglecting Muslims, critics allege Owaisi acts as a "B team of the BJP," dividing secular votes and indirectly aiding the saf-ron party.

'Miyas' Will Be Largest Community In Assam In Next Census: Himanta Sarma

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday claimed that Bengali-speaking Muslims, often referred to as 'Miya-Muslims,' will emerge as the largest community in the state, making up 38% of the population in the next census. Speaking to reporters, Sarma said this demographic shift is the "reality of Assam now."

The term 'Miya' has historically been used as a pejorative for Bengali-speaking Muslims in Assam, often labeled as Bangladeshi immigrants by non-Bengali communities. However, in recent years, members of this community have embraced the term as a symbol of defiance.

Sarma said the BJP-led government is working to protect "our people" and will introduce

two significant legislations in the upcoming Assembly session aimed at safeguarding "jati, mati, bheti" — community, land, and home. He did not disclose details but emphasized the government's commitment to securing the future of indigenous populations.

The Chief Minister added, "The situation would not have come to such a pass if the work being done in the last

five years had been initiated 30 years ago." He further asserted that sustained pressure on the Miya community would improve the demographic situation.

Sarma has previously expressed concerns over what he describes as an 'invasion' by people of "one religion" allegedly encroaching on land to alter Assam's demography. This claim has been echoed by Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi, who recently said the state is facing demographic challenges due to Congress's alleged support for illegal settlers.

The issue of demographic change in Assam remains highly sensitive and politically charged, with debates over citizenship, migration, and indigenous rights continuing to dominate state politics.



Trump Imposes 100% Tariff on China After Rare-Earth Export Controls

TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump announced a sharp escalation in the ongoing trade conflict with China by imposing a 100% tariff on all Chinese goods starting November 1. The move comes in direct response to China's recent export restrictions on rare-earth minerals, essential components in semiconductors, fighter jets, and other advanced technologies critical to America's industrial and defense sectors.

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump called China's actions "extraordinarily aggressive" and labeled them "a moral disgrace in international trade." He warned that

tariffs could be imposed earlier if Beijing takes further aggressive steps.

US officials view China's export controls as a strategic effort to gain leverage ahead of the upcoming APEC summit in South Korea, where Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping were expected to meet. However, with tensions rising, the meeting now appears uncertain. Trump has stated he sees no need to meet Xi but has not officially canceled.

The tariff surge serves multiple purposes: retaliation against China's direct hit on US supply chains, political signaling to Trump's base by showcasing toughness on trade, and a tactical attempt to pressure China

back into negotiations on America's terms. Despite a \$400 million investment to boost domestic rare-earth production, the US remains heavily reliant on Chinese supplies.

The announcement coincided with Trump promoting a Middle East peace breakthrough, aiming to balance diplomacy with economic assertiveness on the global stage.

Markets reacted sharply, with the Dow dropping nearly 900 points, the S&P 500 falling 2.7%, and the Nasdaq sliding 3.5%, driven by major tech and retail stocks. Analysts warn this renewed trade conflict could disrupt global supply chains just before the crucial holiday season.

The standoff signals a



tense phase in US-China relations, blending political maneuvering and economic pressure with significant global trade implications.



Mongolian President Khurelsukh to Visit India from October 13-16

TPN Correspondent | Sidoarjo

At the invitation of Indian President Droupadi Murmu, Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa will undertake a state visit to India from October 13 to 16, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Friday. This will be Ukhnaa's first visit to India as Mongolia's Head of State.

President Khurelsukh will be accompanied by a high-level delegation including Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, senior officials, business leaders, and cultural representatives, highlighting the significance of the visit.

During the visit, President Murmu will hold a meeting with President Ukhnaa and host a banquet in his honour. The Mongolian President is also scheduled to hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review and deepen the bilateral relationship between the two nations. Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar are

expected to receive the visiting dignitary.

India and Mongolia established diplomatic relations in 1955 and have since developed a strong and multifaceted partnership rooted in shared cultural, spiritual, and democratic values. The collaboration covers various sectors, including defence and security, parliamentary exchanges, development projects, energy, mining, information technology, education, healthcare, and cultural cooperation.

The upcoming visit is expected to further strengthen these ties and explore new avenues for cooperation in trade, infrastructure, and people-to-people exchanges. It also comes at a time when both countries are looking to enhance their strategic partnership amid evolving regional dynamics.

This visit underscores India's commitment to fostering close relations with Mongolia and highlights the importance of sustained diplomatic engagement to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.



Taliban Minister Sends Message to Pakistan on Terrorism From Indian Soil

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

In a significant diplomatic development, Afghanistan's Taliban-appointed Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, during his first official visit to India, made a strong statement urging Pakistan to follow Afghanistan's example in eliminating terror groups operating on its soil.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Muttaqi declared that no terrorist groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba or Jaish-e-Mohammad are currently active in Afghanistan. "Not an inch of land is controlled by them. The Afghanistan you knew in 2021 has changed," he said, responding to concerns over past terror activities linked to Afghan territory.

He delivered a pointed message to Pakistan from Indian soil — a country that has long suffered from cross-border terrorism. "Just as Afghanistan has taken action for peace, other countries should do the same," he said.

Muttaqi also accused Pakistan of orchestrating a recent blast in Kabul, stating, "We consider this act of Paki-

stan wrong... Afghanistan is now peaceful and independent. Why should that trouble anyone?"

India marked the visit by announcing the restoration of full diplomatic ties with Afghanistan. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar confirmed the upgradation of India's Technical Mission in Kabul to an embassy, indicating New Delhi's deeper engagement with the Taliban regime.

Muttaqi, praising India as a "close friend," acknowledged New Delhi's swift humanitarian response during the recent earthquake in Afghanistan. He also called for mutual respect, trade, and stronger people-to-people ties.

Sending a veiled warning, the Taliban minister remarked, "Those who wish to create problems for Afghanistan should ask the Soviet Union, America, and NATO how that ended."

The visit signifies a new chapter in India-Afghanistan relations while exposing continuing tensions between Kabul and Islamabad.

TPN Correspondent | Washington

US President Donald Trump reacted strongly after Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts promoting democracy in Venezuela.

Speaking to reporters at the White House on Friday, Trump claimed that Machado called him and accepted the prize "in honour" of him. "The person who got the Nobel Prize called me today and said, 'I am accepting this in honour of you because you really deserved it... I didn't say, 'Give it to me', though. I think she might have," Trump said.

He also highlighted his own claims of peacemaking, insisting he should have won for his role in ending conflicts. "I said, 'Well, what about the seven others? I should get a Nobel Prize for each one'... I said I stopped seven wars," Trump said, naming conflicts in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo, Serbia, Israel, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Congo.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also expressed support



for Trump's Nobel credentials, posting on social media: "Give @realDonaldTrump the Nobel Peace Prize — he deserves it!"

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Machado the prize for her courageous fight for democracy and peaceful transition in Venezuela. They de-

scribed her as a "brave and committed champion of peace" and praised her for "keeping the flame of democracy burning amid a growing darkness."

The Committee highlighted the global rise of authoritarian regimes suppressing democracy, emphasizing that Machado's efforts reflect the

link between democracy and lasting peace. They noted that she fulfills Alfred Nobel's criteria for the prize by working for freedom, democracy, and peace in a region marked by repression.

Machado's win underscores ongoing struggles for democratic rights in Venezuela and worldwide.

Pakistan Warns Afghanistan Over Cross-Border Terrorism

TPN Correspondent | Gaza City

Tens of thousands of Palestinians began returning to northern Gaza on Friday as a U.S.-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect, raising hopes for an end to a devastating two-year war. The truce comes alongside a deal to release the remaining 48 hostages, expected by Monday.

Though the fighting has largely ceased, uncertainty looms over who will govern Gaza as Israeli forces gradually pull back, still holding nearly 50% of the territory. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned that Hamas



must disarm or face renewed military action.

The war, sparked by

Hamas' October 2023 attack on Israel that killed 1,200 and led to 251 hos-

tages, has claimed over 67,000 Palestinian lives and displaced nearly

90% of Gaza's population. Returning families are now greeted by rubble and ruins in once-thriving neighbourhoods like Zeitoun and Khan Younis.

In parallel, international aid is set to ramp up. The United Nations confirmed aid convoys carrying fuel, medicine, and food will begin entering Gaza on Sunday, with 170,000 metric tons pre-positioned in Jordan and Egypt. However, only 20% of required aid has reached Gaza in recent months due to Israeli restrictions.

Meanwhile, prisoner-hostage exchanges are expected to begin soon. Israel will reportedly release 2,000 Palestinian

prisoners, though high-profile detainees like Marwan Barghouti are excluded.

The ceasefire is part of former U.S. President Donald Trump's peace plan, which includes a continued Israeli military presence in Gaza and proposes an international security force led by Arab and Muslim nations. The plan envisions a long-term role for the Palestinian Authority, though it lacks clarity on Palestinian statehood — something Netanyahu firmly opposes.

Despite fragile hopes, many Palestinians return to find nothing left of their homes, facing a future still shaped by war.



Maruti Suzuki Cuts Car Prices by Up to Rs 1.3 Lakh After GST Reduction

Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday announced a price reduction across its entire model range by up to Rs 1,29,600, effective from September 22, to pass on the benefit of the recent GST rate cut to customers. The country's largest carmaker said the move is aimed at making vehicles more affordable and encouraging two-wheeler users to upgrade to cars.

Entry-level models will see significant price drops, with S-Presso reduced by up to Rs 1,29,600, Alto K10 by Rs 1,07,600, Celerio by Rs 94,100, Wagon-R by Rs 79,600, and Ignis by Rs 71,300. Premium hatchbacks and sedans are also included, with Swift down by Rs 84,600, Baleno by Rs 86,100, Dzire by Rs 87,700, Fronx and Brezza by over Rs 1.1 lakh, Grand Vitara by Rs 1.07 lakh, Jimny by Rs 51,900, Ertiga by Rs 46,400, and XL6 by Rs 52,000. Commercial vehicles like Invicto, Eeco, and Super Carry LCV will see reductions of up to Rs 68,000.

Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) at Maruti Suzuki India, said the company is reducing prices of small cars over and above the 8.5% GST cut to boost motorisation in India, noting the low car penetration of 34 vehicles per 1,000 people. He added that the move would stabilise the entry-level segment after years of volume decline and that GST rate cuts on car parts will also reduce overall maintenance costs.

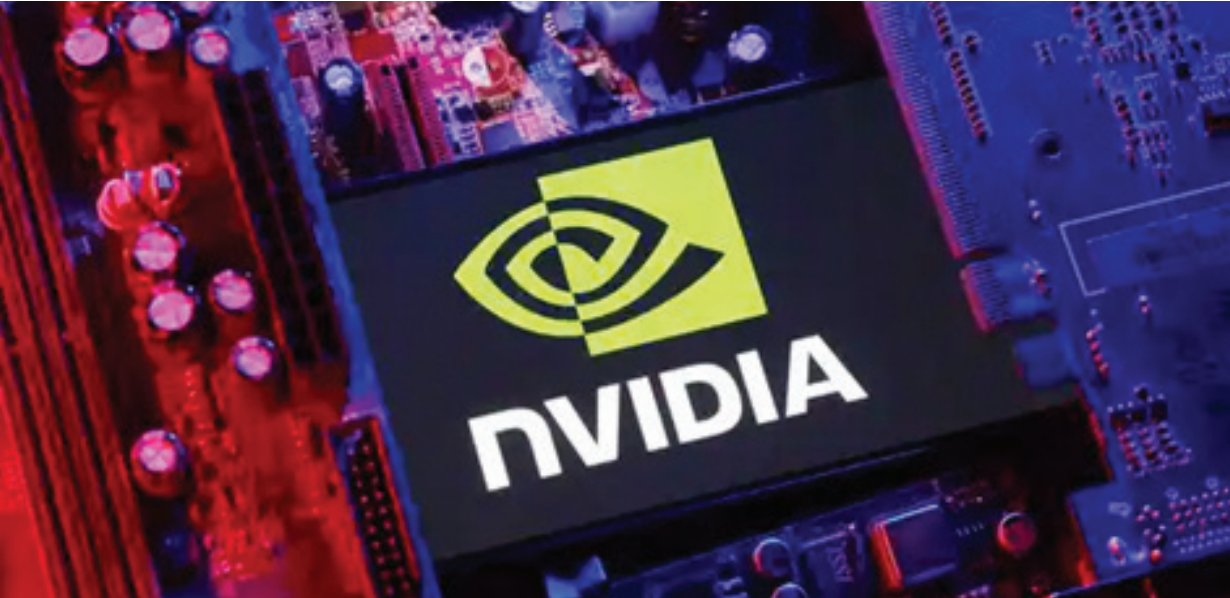
The company will compensate its channel partners for this "strategic pricing" initiative. Banerjee projected that the passenger vehicle market is expected to re-



bound to a CAGR of 6-7% in the next financial year. Maruti Suzuki shares closed almost flat at Rs 15,802 per share on the BSE following the announcement.

This initiative underscores Maruti Suzuki's commitment to making cars more accessible while stimulating growth in India's passenger vehicle market.

Nvidia Invests \$5 Billion in Intel to Boost AI Infrastructure and PCs



Leading chipmaker Nvidia announced on Thursday that it will invest \$5 billion in Intel to develop AI infrastructure and personal computing solutions. The investment involves purchasing Intel common stock at \$23.28 per share, slightly below Intel's Wednesday closing price

of \$24.90. Upon completion, Nvidia will become one of Intel's largest shareholders, holding roughly 4% or more of the company. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals.

This move follows increased interest in Intel from ma-

jor investors, including the US government, which acquired a roughly 10% stake in August, and Japan's Soft-Bank, which invested \$2 billion. Intel has also been raising funds by selling assets to support heavy investments required for advanced semiconductor development amid declining market share.

The collaboration will integrate Nvidia's AI infrastructure and accelerated computing with Intel's leading CPU technologies and x86 ecosystem. Intel will develop Nvidia-custom x86 CPUs for data centers, which will be incorporated into Nvidia's AI platforms. For personal computing, Intel will create x86 system-on-chips (SOCs) integrating Nvidia RTX GPU chiplets, enabling high-performance PCs combining top-tier CPUs and GPUs.

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang highlighted the significance of the collaboration, stating, "AI is powering a new industrial revolution and reinventing every layer of the computing stack — from silicon to systems to software. This historic collaboration tightly couples Nvidia's AI and accelerated computing stack with Intel's CPUs and the vast x86 ecosystem — a fusion of two world-class platforms. Together, we will expand our ecosystems and lay the foundation for the next era of computing."

The partnership is seen as a major step in advancing AI capabilities, bridging Nvidia's GPU leadership with Intel's CPU expertise, and strengthening the overall AI and PC ecosystem, signaling a new era of integrated high-performance computing solutions.

SEBI Mulls Allowing FPIs in Non-Cash, Non-Agri Commodity Derivatives

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is reviewing a proposal to allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to trade in non-cash settled, non-agricultural commodity derivative contracts, SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Wednesday. The move is aimed at strengthening India's domestic commodity markets and attracting greater foreign participation.

Speaking at the MCX Metals and Energy Summit 2025 in Mumbai, Pandey highlighted that SEBI has already set up a committee to suggest measures for deepening the agricultural commodities segment. "We are actively looking at ways to develop the non-agricultural commodity space, including metals, and a dedicated working group will be constituted for this purpose," he added.

The proposed change would enable FPIs to participate in derivative contracts beyond cash-settled agricultural commodities, potentially enhancing market liquidity and offering international investors broader avenues in India's commodities market. Currently, FPI participation in commodity derivatives is largely restricted, limiting foreign inflows and investment opportunities.

Pandey emphasized that expanding FPI access to non-agri commodity derivatives aligns with SEBI's broader goal of deepening financial markets while maintaining robust regulatory oversight. The regulator is also exploring other measures to improve transparency, risk management, and market participation across commodity segments.

Market participants expect the potential approval to provide a boost to metals and energy derivatives trading, attracting foreign capital and increasing competitiveness. Analysts say this could also help Indian commodity mar-



kets integrate better with global commodity flows, while giving domestic investors more hedging and investment options.

The SEBI chairman reiterated that the proposals are under review and would be implemented with appropriate safeguards to protect market integ-

egrity, risk management, and investor interests, signaling SEBI's ongoing efforts to modernize India's commodity derivatives ecosystem.

GST Inversion Eases, But Input-Output Rate Gaps Worry Industry



The recent GST rate rationalisation in India has eased the inverted duty structure (IDS) across many sectors, but wide gaps between input and output tax rates continue to raise concerns for industry, particularly regarding working capital and refund processes. The removal of the 12 per cent slab and consolidation into two main rates of 5 per cent and 18 per cent has addressed most anomalies, yet items such as bicycles, tractors, fertilisers, and certain textiles still face inversion. For example, steel inputs attract 18 per cent GST, while final products like bicycles and e-bicycles are taxed at 5 per cent, creating potential capital blockage.

In the textile sector, GST cuts on manmade fibres and yarn have largely corrected inversion, with about 80 per cent of the value chain now aligned. However, minor inversions remain in polyester fibre raw materials and textile machinery, where input tax at 18 per cent exceeds the final product's 5 per cent rate. A textile industry executive noted that the wide rate difference, though smaller than before,

continues to pose working capital challenges and highlighted the importance of a smooth refund mechanism.

Similarly, in the fertiliser sector, GST on key inputs such as sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and ammonia has been reduced from 18 per cent to 5 per cent. Yet packaging costs and government subsidies can still result in inversion, as final product prices may fall below input costs. Officials involved in GST rationalisation acknowledged these transitional issues but emphasized that majority of IDS cases have been corrected, with expected savings for the fertiliser sector reaching Rs 5,000 crore annually due to lower refund outgo.

Industry experts caution that while progress has been made, residual inversions could incentivize evasion if refunds are delayed or capital remains blocked, underscoring the need for efficient implementation and monitoring. The government continues to refine rates and streamline processes to minimise such bottlenecks and support industrial liquidity.

Sensex, Nifty Rise on US Fed Rate Cut; IT Stocks Lead Gains



Indian equity markets extended their positive run on Thursday following global cues after the US Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25 basis points, bringing the benchmark rate to 4-4.25%. The S&P BSE Sensex surged over 350 points to trade above 83,000, while the NSE Nifty50 crossed 25,400 in early trade. Broader market indices also recorded gains, with volatility remaining stable.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, described the Fed's 25 bp rate cut as a "risk management cut," highlighting uncertainties around economic activity, unemployment, and inflation. He added that with the US labor market cooling and GDP growth projected at 1.6% for 2025, further rate cuts are possible, creating a favourable environment for global and domestic markets. Despite this, Indian stocks are largely driven by expectations of corporate earnings revival and positive developments

in India-US trade negotiations.

On the domestic front, Nifty50 closed Wednesday at 25,330, marking gains in 11 of the last 13 sessions and recovering over 900 points from its recent low of 24,404 on August 29. Analysts noted that the Nifty remains in an uptrend, with support near 25,150 and resistance levels at 25,550 and 25,670.

IT stocks led the gains, with Infosys and Wipro seeing notable increases, while investor activity included major insider purchases in Jindal Steel (Rs 997 crore), Indus Towers (Rs 708 crore), Jindal Stainless (Rs 352 crore), Tourism Finance Corporation (Rs 161 crore), and Paisalo Digital (Rs 126 crore).

With both global and domestic factors providing momentum, market analysts expect Indian equities to maintain their bullish trajectory in the near term, driven by earnings optimism, policy support, and sustained foreign investor interest.

Gold Prices Soar in Pakistan: 10 Grams Cost Over Rs 4.3 Lakh



Gold has long held cultural and financial significance across South Asia, but in Pakistan, its price has recently surged to record-breaking levels. According to the latest reports, the cost of 10 grams of 24-carat gold in Pakistan has skyrocketed to PKR 430,500, making it significantly more expensive than in neighbouring India.

The sharp rise in gold prices is primarily due to a government-imposed 60-day ban on gold imports, aimed at stabilizing the country's struggling economy. This ban, however, created a severe supply crunch, sending gold prices soaring.

In comparison, the Indian gold market remains relatively stable, with a notable price difference of nearly INR 13,000 per 10 grams when compared to Pakistan (after currency conversion). This widening gap has sparked interest among traders and entrepreneurs on both sides of the border.

"Buying gold in India and selling it in Pakistan sounds like a lucrative business

opportunity," some have speculated online. The massive price differential may present arbitrage possibilities, though cross-border trade in gold remains heavily regulated and legally complex.

The Pakistani rupee's weakening against the US dollar has also played a key role in driving up gold prices. As global gold is priced in dollars, local currency depreciation directly impacts affordability for Pakistani consumers.

With gold being central to weddings, religious events, and investment in Pakistan, the current pricing surge makes it difficult for many families to afford the precious metal. Analysts believe that unless the import restrictions are lifted and the rupee stabilizes, gold will remain out of reach for the average Pakistani household.

As Diwali and wedding season approach, many in Pakistan are watching the gold market closely, hoping for relief — but for now, the glittering metal remains a luxury few can afford.

Google Doodle Celebrates Idli: A South Indian Classic



Google Doodle paid tribute to one of India's most iconic and beloved breakfast dishes — idli. Soft, steamed, and often paired with spicy sambar and fresh coconut chutney, idlis are a staple in South Indian homes and a comfort food enjoyed across the country.

The special Google Doodle artwork creatively depicts the making and serving of idlis. The first "G" is filled with rice grains, a key ingredient in idli batter. The two "O"s show a bowl of white batter and a traditional steamer. The second "G" is made up of several cooked idlis, while the "L" is shaped with chutneys, and the final "E" resembles a flavorful side dish — possibly sambar. The doodle sits on a banana leaf, a traditional serving plate in South Indian cuisine.

Despite its popularity, the origin of idli remains uncertain. Food historian K.T. Achaya once suggested that idli

may have roots in Indonesia, inspired by a similar fermented rice cake known as kedli. Ancient trade between South India and Southeast Asia could have helped the recipe travel across regions.

Another theory points to Arab traders on India's western coast. Seeking halal food, they may have adapted local ingredients into the now-familiar form of idlis paired with coconut chutney.

Food historian Kusrush Dalal added that since rice cultivation in South India dates back about 3,000 years, idlis cannot be older than that. He also noted that the process of fermenting rice and urad dal batter likely developed later, meaning the modern idli could be just a few centuries old.

While its exact origins are still debated, one thing is certain: idli continues to be a timeless dish — light, nutritious, and deeply rooted in Indian food culture.

Your computer mouse can listen to your conversations, suggests new study

Researchers have demonstrated that an ordinary computer mouse can be turned into a makeshift microphone capable of eavesdropping on nearby conversations.

A team at the University of California unveiled a technique called Mic E Mouse on October 11, 2025, showing how high precision optical and motion sensors in modern mice pick up tiny acoustic vibrations. By exploiting those vibrations, malware running on an infected computer can emulate a microphone and reconstruct speech recorded through the peripheral.

The researchers say the attack relies on a compromised host: an attacker must first install code on the victim's machine. Once installed, the code reads sensor outputs that respond to sound induced vibrations, applies denoising methods including a Wiener filter, and feeds the cleaned signal into an AI model to identify speech. According to the team, word recognition averaged about 61 percent accuracy in their tests, while numeric strings — such as credit card digits — were recovered with higher reliability, raising clear privacy and financial security concerns.

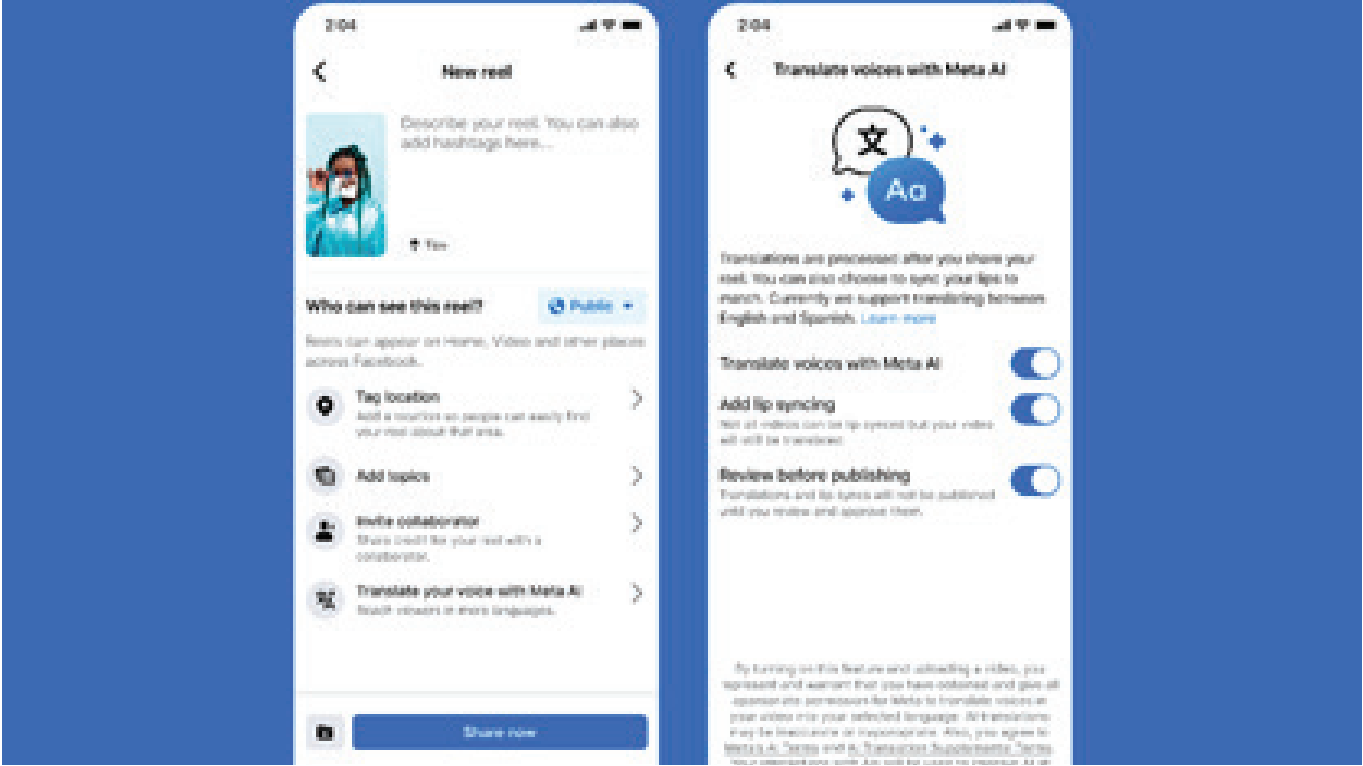
Mic E Mouse highlights a broader issue: many endpoint security tools focus on network traffic and common audio devices, while small peripherals are often less monitored and can be abused as covert sensors. The researchers stressed that the attack requires physical proximity sound and still presents practical challenges, but it is realistic enough to



warrant attention from manufacturers and security teams.

The paper's demonstration video and technical details accompany the release. Experts recommend treating peripherals as potential attack surfaces, applying strict device control policies, keeping systems patched, and using endpoint detection tools that monitor unusual device readings. For most users, switching to a sturdier surface for the mouse, repositioning it away from sensitive conversations, and maintaining good malware hygiene can reduce risk. Regulators and vendors will likely need to update standards and testing to address this emerging side channel threat promptly.

Meta Adds Hindi, Portuguese Auto Translation to Reels



Meta has expanded its AI-powered Reels translation feature on Instagram and Facebook to now support Hindi and Portuguese, the company announced on October 11, 2025. Initially launched in August this year, the tool automatically translates Reels using Meta's AI and is now available to all public Instagram accounts and Facebook creators with over 1,000 followers.

The translation feature uses AI voice synthesis that mimics the creator's original voice, preserving its tone and emotion. It also applies lip-syncing to ensure the translated audio matches the speaker's

er's mouth movements, making the experience more natural and engaging.

Instagram head Adam Mosseri demonstrated the tool in a video, explaining that many Reels are in languages users don't understand, but AI translation can help bridge that gap. In his demo, Mosseri spoke in Hindi, Spanish, and Portuguese to showcase the tool's accuracy and ease of use.

What sets Meta's translation apart from similar tools like YouTube's auto-dubbing is that both creators and viewers have control. While creators can enable or disable voice translation when uploading Reels, viewers can also choose whether or not to hear translated audio. This can be managed by tapping the three-dot menu on a Reel, going to "Audio and language settings," and selecting "Don't translate."

Creators also benefit from performance insights. Once a Reel is translated, Meta provides a breakdown of views by language, allowing creators to see which audiences are engaging with their content the most. The feature works best with face-to-camera videos where the speaker's mouth is clearly visible and supports up to two voices in a single clip. Meta says the feature is aimed at helping creators grow their audiences globally by removing language barriers, making Reels more inclusive and widely accessible across different regions.

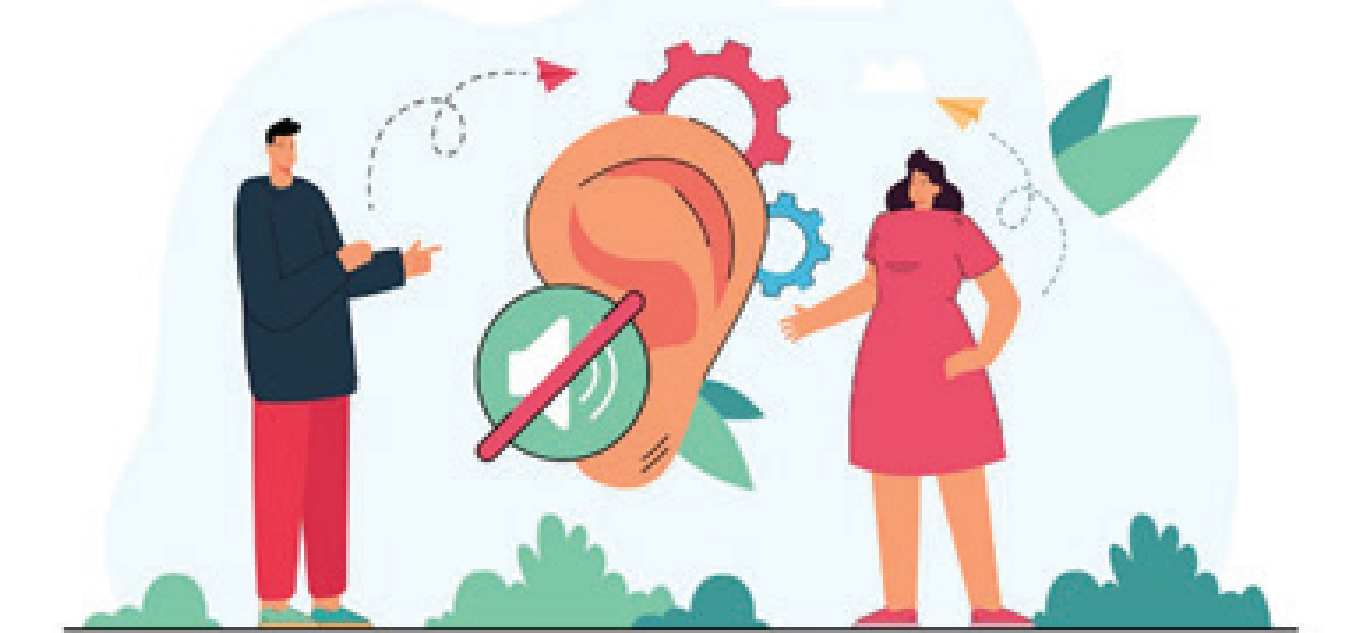
Why Some Sounds Hurt Your Ears

Most of us have winced at the high-pitched screech of chalk on a blackboard or cringed at the sound of nails scraping a surface. But why do some everyday sounds feel so irritating—or even painful?

The answer lies in the frequency of sound. Human ears can typically hear frequencies ranging from 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz (20 kHz). Sounds lower than 20 Hz are called infrasonic and are often felt as vibrations rather than heard. Sounds above 20 kHz are ultrasonic, and while humans can't usually hear them, very high-pitched noises within the upper end of our hearing range can feel extremely uncomfortable.

High-frequency sounds, like squeaking, screeching, or sudden metallic noises, are especially hard on our ears. These sounds stimulate a more intense response in the auditory system, triggering discomfort, and in some cases, even physical pain. This is why certain sounds, despite being low in volume, can still be intolerable.

Children and younger people tend to hear higher frequencies better than older adults. As people age, their ability to perceive high-pitched sounds often diminishes—a natural process



called presbycusis.

So how does hearing work? Sound is a form of energy that travels in waves. These waves enter the outer ear (the part you can see, called the pinna) and travel down the ear canal, where they

strike the eardrum (tympanic membrane). The vibrations are then passed through the middle and inner ear, eventually reaching the brain, where they are interpreted as sound.

Understanding sound sensitivity is

not just about discomfort—it can also help in designing better classrooms, devices, and public spaces that are more acoustically friendly, especially for people with sensory sensitivities.

India Dominate as Windies Reach 26/1 at Tea After Massive 518/5 Declaration

India took firm control of the second Test against West Indies as the visitors reached 26 for 1 at tea on Day 2, after India declared their first innings at a commanding 518/5 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Saturday.

At the break, Tagenarine Chanderpaul (13) and Alick Athanaze (2) were holding fort for the West Indies. India's only breakthrough came through Ravindra Jadeja, who struck early to keep pressure on the visitors.

Earlier, India's innings was powered by a dominant 129 from skipper Shubman Gill* and a brilliant 175 by Yashasvi Jaiswal, who unfortunately fell short of a double hundred after a mix-up with Gill led to a run-out.

Jaiswal's 258-ball knock included 17 boundaries and 3 sixes, setting the tone for India's huge total. Gill, who resumed the day with a steady mindset, shifted gears after Jaiswal's dismissal, finding boundaries

with ease against a struggling West Indies attack.

Nitish Kumar Reddy (43 off 54) provided quick runs in the morning session, sharing a fluent 91-run stand with Gill for the fourth wicket. He entertained with aggressive stroke play, including two sixes off left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican, who was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 98.

West Indies bowlers toiled hard on a flat pitch, with Jayden Seales and Anderson Phillip proving expensive and inconsistent.

India declared after 134.2 overs, giving themselves enough time to press for a series win. With the pitch expected to deteriorate, India's spinners will look to exploit conditions in the coming sessions.

Brief Scores:

India 1st innings: 518/5 dec (Jaiswal 175, Gill 129*, Sudharsan 87; Warrican 3/98)

West Indies 1st innings: 26/1 in 11 overs (Chanderpaul 13; Jadeja 1/5)



Simran Sharma Faces Medal Loss After Guide Fails Dope Test

India's top para-athlete Simran Sharma is facing the prospect of losing her medals from the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, after her guide runner, Umar Saifi, tested positive for a banned substance.

Saifi, who has been guiding Simran for over seven months, has tested positive for Drostanolone, an anabolic steroid known to enhance muscle mass and strength. The dope test was reportedly conducted during the Delhi State Open meet on September 7, where Saifi won gold in the 200m event.

He now features on the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)'s updated list of provisionally suspended athletes released on Friday. Saifi can contest the finding and request a 'B' sample analysis, but his provisional suspension has already raised serious implications for Simran's medals.

Simran clinched gold in the 100m T12 and silver in the 200m at the recently concluded World Championships held in New Delhi from September 27 to October 5. The event marked India's first time hosting the global para athletics showpiece.

However, according to International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules, if a guide is found guilty of doping, the athlete may also be stripped of their medal, as the guide is considered an essential part of the performance.

"Yes, there is a big chance of Simran and India losing both medals. The guide is also considered an athlete. Though only the athlete's medal counts, both receive medals and certificates," confirmed Indian Para Athletics Chairman Satyanarayana.

Simran had earlier gained recognition after winning a bronze at the Paris Paralympics in 2024, guided then by Abhay Singh.



The latest NADA list includes 30 new names, including high-profile athletes like wrestler Reetika Hooda and sprinter S Dhanalakshmi.

Alarmingly, five minors are also among the suspended athletes, raising fresh concerns over doping in Indian sports.

Mbappe Shines as France Beat Azerbaijan 3-0 in World Cup Qualifier



France continued their unbeaten run in the FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers with a comfortable 3-0 win over Azerbaijan on Friday

night, thanks to a standout performance by captain Kylian Mbappe.

Playing at home, the 26-year-old Paris Saint-Germain forward led by

example, scoring the opening goal just before halftime and assisting the second as Les Bleus overcame a slow start to secure all three points

in Group D.

Despite missing several key players due to injuries, France displayed their depth, with Mbappe's brilliance proving decisive once again. In the 45th minute, he slotted home a composed finish to break the deadlock after a cagey first half. Just minutes into the second half, Mbappe turned provider, setting up Adrien Rabiot who doubled France's lead with a powerful strike from the edge of the box.

Substitute Florian Thauvin sealed the win late in the game, finishing off a slick move to make it 3-0.

However, a moment of concern came late in the match when Mbappe took a knock on his ankle and had to be substituted as a precaution. Initial reports suggest it is not a serious injury, but the French camp will monitor him closely ahead of their next fixture.

With this victory, Didier Deschamps' men now sit on nine points from three games, maintaining their top spot in the group. They are now just one win away from officially sealing qualification for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, set to be hosted in the USA, Canada, and Mexico.

France will next face a crucial away fixture on Monday, where they could confirm their ticket to the tournament if results go in their favour.

India Settle for Bronze After Semifinal Loss to Indonesia at BWF World Juniors 2025



Guwahati (Assam): India's spirited run at the Yonex Sunrise BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships 2025 came to an end on Friday, as the hosts went down to defending champions Indonesia in the semifinals, securing a bronze medal finish.

India, who made history by reaching the semifinals and assuring their first-ever medal in the mixed-team category, lost the tie 35-45, 21-45 to a strong Indonesian side. Indonesia now moves on to the final to face the winner of the other semifinal between China and Japan.

India made one change to their lineup from the quarterfinal win over Korea, bringing in Vishakhya Toppo in place of Aanya Bisht for the mixed doubles match. The tie began on a promising note for the hosts as the boys' doubles pair Bhargav Ram Arigela and Viswa Tej Gobburu defeated Muhammad Rizki Mubarrok and Raihan Daffa

Pramono 9-5.

In the girls' singles, Unnati Hooda kept India marginally ahead at 18-16 against Thalita Wiryawan, but Indonesia's top-ranked boys' singles player Mohd Ubaidillah swung the momentum with an 11-5 win over Rounak Chouhan.

The mixed doubles pair Lalramsanga and Vishakhya Toppo brought India back into contention, leveling at 28-28 and briefly leading 9-3, but Ikhsan Pramudya and Rinjani Nastine surged late to take the match 10-9.

Nastine then partnered Riska Anggraini to defeat Reshika U and Vennala K 9-2, sealing the first set 45-35. Indonesia maintained dominance in the second set with consistent wins across all categories.

With the team event concluded, Indian players will now shift focus to the individual championships starting Monday.

PV Sindhu Reappointed to BWF Athletes' Commission for Third Term



India's badminton icon and two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu has been reappointed to the BWF Athletes' Commission for the 2026-2029 term, marking her third consecutive stint on the prestigious panel, as confirmed by Olympics.com.

Sindhu, who has also served as a BWF Integrity Ambassador since 2020, was previously part of the Athletes' Commission from 2017 to 2025, making her one of the longest-serving members in recent history. She continues to play a vital role in promoting athlete welfare, integrity, and inclusion within the badminton community.

Joining Sindhu on the newly appointed five-member Commission are An Se-young of South Korea, the reigning women's singles Olympic champion, and Jia Yifan of China, the women's doubles gold medallist at the Paris 2024 Olympics. Doha Hany of Egypt and Debora Jille of the Netherlands complete the lineup. All five nominees were confirmed automatically as they were the only candidates put

forward.

"Pusarla (PV Sindhu) is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where every athlete—regardless of background or career stage—feels supported, respected, and empowered to thrive," the BWF said in an official statement.

The Athletes' Commission serves as a bridge between players and the BWF Council, advising on vital areas such as tournament regulations, athlete welfare, competitive fairness, and integrity.

In the coming weeks, the Commission will elect a Chair and Deputy Chair, with the Chair gaining a full voting seat on the BWF Council—ensuring athletes' voices are heard at the highest level.

BWF President Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul congratulated the new members and emphasized the Commission's role in shaping the sport's future: "Athletes are the heart of our sport... their voices must be central to every decision we make."

Varun Sandesh’s Constable Fails to Impress Critics



Varun Sandesh’s latest film *Constable*, which released on October 10, 2025, has failed to strike a chord with audiences and critics alike. Directed by Aryan Subhan S.K., the crime thriller received a lukewarm response and managed to secure a low rating of 2.25/5 from 123telugu.com.

Set in the village of Shankarapalli, the film revolves around a series of brutal murders, including the killing of women. Constable Kasi (played by Varun Sandesh) is emotionally driven to solve the mystery after his niece becomes one of the victims. The plot unfolds as he attempts to uncover the killers and their motive.

While the concept holds promise and offers a slightly fresh take on the crime thriller genre, the execution leaves much to be desired. A few suspenseful moments and twists manage to hold some attention, but overall, the narrative lacks grip.

Varun Sandesh delivers a decent performance, especially in the

action scenes. Supporting actors like Madhulika and Bhavyasri contribute well, with the latter standing out in her role. However, unnecessary sequences, a misplaced item number, and a weakly written female lead hamper the film’s momentum.

Critics also pointed out logical loopholes, such as scenes that defy common sense — including the mishandling of a speech-impaired witness. The screenplay remains predictable, and emotional depth is not effectively translated on screen.

On the technical front, the cinematography by Hajarathaiha is competent, while the music by Subhash Anand and Gyani is average. The editing could have been tighter, especially with the removal of irrelevant scenes.

Overall, *Constable* is a missed opportunity. Despite a strong core idea and emotional potential, the film struggles with execution. Viewers looking for a gripping crime thriller may find this one skippable.

Sree Vishnu Unveils Energetic First Look of AmeerLog



Actor Sree Vishnu launched the vibrant first look of *AmeerLog*, the debut film from Awwal Number Productions, and it’s already creating buzz among movie lovers. Promising a fun-filled ride about friendship and everyday life, the poster has struck a chord with youth audiences.

Directed by Ramana Reddy Soma and produced by Madhavi Reddy Soma, with Manohar Reddy Manchuri co-producing, *AmeerLog* features MC Hari, Manoj, and Sasidhar in the lead roles. Vedashree, Raavan Nitturu, Vishwender Reddy, and Saiyogi will be seen in key supporting roles.

The first look poster paints a lively picture — three friends sharing a cheerful bike ride through the heart of Hyderabad. Iconic landmarks like Charminar and a playful nod to Irani chai culture add a rich local flavor, giving a hint of the film’s urban-yet-grounded setting.

AmeerLog aims to explore themes of friendship, youthful dreams, and the vibrancy of local life. With its fresh cast and colorful visuals, the film is expected to strike a relatable tone with younger audiences.

The technical crew features SVK as the cinematographer, while Smaran Sai handles the music department. Editing is by Rohit Penumatsa. The film also boasts a solid backend team with Shakti designing the posters, Swapnik Rao handling sync sound and mixing, and Sandeep Boreddy as executive producer.

The first look has already sparked curiosity with its bright, feel-good aesthetic and promises a refreshing take on urban friendships. More updates, including the teaser and release date, are expected soon. With its youthful energy and relatable theme, *AmeerLog* could emerge as a surprise package in the coming months.

Vijay Deverakonda’s Rowdy Janardhan Goes on Floors

Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda is all set to make a strong comeback with his latest project, *Rowdy Janardhan*, a rural mass action entertainer directed by Ravi Kiran Kola. The film was officially launched this morning with a formal pooja ceremony held at producer Dil Raju’s office in Hyderabad.

The launch event saw the presence of veteran producer Allu Arvind and acclaimed filmmaker Hanu Raghavapudi. This marks Vijay’s second collaboration with Dil Raju after *The Family Star*. For the first time, Keerthy Suresh will play the female lead opposite Vijay. Although they previously shared screen space in *Mahanati*, they were not paired romantically.

Rowdy Janardhan was first announced last year with a striking first-look poster featuring a bloodied hand gripping a machete. However, the film faced delays due to Vijay’s packed schedule. Now, with all hurdles cleared, the team is moving forward with full energy.

Adding a unique flavor to the film, *Dil Raju* has brought on board a talented team from the Malayalam industry. Cinematography will be handled by Anend C. Chandran of *Premam* fame. The music is composed by Christov Xavier, known for his impressive work in *Brahmayugam*, *Turbo*, and *Sooshmadarshini*. Dino Shankar will serve as the production designer, ensuring a strong visual appeal.

With a powerful team and a gripping rural backdrop, *Rowdy Janardhan* is expected to give Vijay the much-needed hit he’s aiming for. Fans are eagerly looking forward to seeing him in a mass avatar once again. More updates on the shoot and release schedule are expected soon.



Trisha Responds to Wedding Rumours with Witty Instagram Post



South Indian star Trisha Krishnan continues to stay in the limelight not just for her films but also for the constant buzz around her personal life. The actress, who has sustained a successful career for over two decades amidst fierce competition from younger stars, once again found herself at the center of wedding rumours.

Over the past few days, several media outlets speculated that Trisha is all set to marry a businessman from Chandigarh. The unverified reports spread quickly across social media, prompting fans and gossip circles to discuss the alleged wedding plans in detail.

However, Trisha was quick to shut down the rumours — and she did it in style. Taking to her Instagram, she posted a witty response that won the internet. “I love when people plan my life for me. Just waiting for them to plan the honeymoon too,” she wrote, adding a fed-up emoji for good measure.

Her humorous yet pointed comment made it clear that the viral wedding buzz is completely unfounded. The post has since been widely shared by fans and media, with many praising her graceful handling of the situation.

This isn’t the first time Trisha has had to deal with such rumours. As one of the most loved and followed actresses in South India, her personal life often becomes a topic of public curiosity. But with her signature charm and wit, Trisha continues to stay unbothered and focused on her career.

On the work front, she is busy with multiple big-banner projects across Tamil and Telugu cinema. While fans might be curious about her personal life, for now, Trisha has made it clear — any plans for her future will come from her, not the rumour mills.

RC17: Ram Charan-Sukumar Project – Shooting to Begin Soon?

A wave of excitement is building in Tollywood as a major update surfaces about RC17, the much-awaited collaboration between global star Ram Charan and director Sukumar. After delivering the blockbuster *Rangasthalam* in 2018, which became a career-defining film for Charan, the duo is all set to reunite, and fans couldn’t be more thrilled.

Currently, Ram Charan is occupied with the shooting of *Peddhi*, a rural emotional drama directed by Uppena fame Buchibabu Sana. The film is progressing at a brisk pace and is slated for a grand release in March 2026. With expectations already sky-high, fans are now looking ahead to what’s next — and RC17 is creating all the right noise.

As per industry insiders, the script for RC17 has been locked, and pre-production work is expected to kick off soon. The current buzz suggests that the first shooting schedule may begin in February 2025, with a formal launch planned around Sankranti 2025, in true festive style.

The Ram Charan-Sukumar combo holds a special place in the hearts of fans, thanks to *Rangasthalam*, where Charan’s portrayal of Chittibabu won critical acclaim and fan adoration. With Sukumar reportedly planning an emotionally charged, visually rich film, expectations for RC17 are sky-high.

Adding to the excitement, Janhvi Kapoor is said to be cast as the female lead, while AR Rahman is on board to compose the music — a combination that adds further buzz to the project.

While the official announcement is awaited, the hype surrounding RC17 is already building momentum. Will this film recreate the magic of *Rangasthalam*? Tollywood fans are eager to find out.

