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DON'T FALL PREY TO BROKERS - BR. NAIDU

TPN / Tirumala, Oct 18: Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu has issued a stern appeal to all devotees visiting the holy shrine of Lord Venkateswara, urging them not to fall prey to middlemen or brokers who promise special services in exchange for money. He emphasized that all bookings for Srivari Darshan, Arjitha Sevas, and accommodation must be made only through the official channels provided by TTD. Naidu revealed that in recent months, the temple administration has received several reports of fraud, where brokers and fake agents have deceived unsuspecting devotees.

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AP GETS 106 MORE MEDICAL SEATS - SATYA KUMAR YADAV

Andhra Pradesh Secures 106 Additional PG Medical Seats: Major Leap in Medical Education

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 18: In a major stride toward strengthening the state's medical education infrastructure, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved 106 additional postgraduate (PG) medical seats across government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh. The expansion, announced by State Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav, marks one of the largest single-year increases in PG medical capacity in recent years. According to Minister Satya Kumar, the new allotment comprises 60 seats for newly established government medical colleges and 46 seats for existing institutions.

With this latest approval, the total number of PG broad specialty seats in the state's government medical colleges now rises to 1,763, alongside four diploma courses being offered across various colleges.



The Minister stated that the coalition government had earlier submitted detailed proposals to the NMC seeking enhancement of PG capacity in key disciplines, keeping in view the rising need for specialized medical professionals. "This approval reflects both the efficiency of our government and the seamless coordination between the State and Central authorities," he said.

He added that the move would not only bol-

ster healthcare services but also create greater learning opportunities for aspiring doctors within the state. The newly sanctioned seats span across several critical medical disciplines — including General Medicine, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Anaesthesiology, Radiology, and other specialties. Among them, 20 seats each have been allotted to General Medicine and Gynaecology, 26 to Paediatrics, 12 to

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KONDAPALLI'S FOREIGN TRIP CONCLUDES TO SUCCESS

TPN / Vijayawada, Oct 18: Andhra Pradesh Minister for MSMEs, Rural Poverty Alleviation, and NRI Empowerment, Kondapalli Srinivas, has successfully concluded a five-day official tour of Switzerland and Germany, aimed at strengthening industrial collaboration, attracting global investments, and positioning Andhra Pradesh as a centre for technology-driven manufacturing and entrepreneurship. During the final phase of his visit in Frankfurt, the Minister held extensive discussions with senior representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Frankfurt.

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Deepavali Bonanza for Govt Employees: CM Announces DA, Leave, Promotions and Tax Relief

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced Dearness Allowance (DA) from November 1, besides a host of benefits and financial incentives for government employees as part of the Deepavali festival celebrations. Speaking at a media briefing at the CM Camp Office here on Saturday, he outlined measures aimed at employee welfare, streamlining benefits and improving overall working conditions in the state.

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 18: The Chief Minister announced the release of Dearness Allowance (DA) from November 1, with the state government allocating Rs 160 crore per month for this purpose. Police personnel will also benefit as earned leave will be cleared in two installments of Rs 105 crore each, providing much-needed relief.

Highlighting employee health initiatives, CM Chandrababu said that the state's health scheme will be streamlined within 60 days, ena-

bling real-time monitoring of healthcare services for employees. He also addressed childcare leave, announcing that employees will be able to utilize up to 180 days of leave before retirement, with no age restrictions, ensuring work-life balance and family support.

As part of the festival bonanza, the Chief Minister waived property tax for buildings owned by employee associations and announced the clearance of pending promotions for RTC staff, making Deepavali a significant occasion

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LOKESH TO VISIT AUSTRALIA - MEETS AUSIS GOVT OFFICIALS



Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh will embark on an official visit to Australia from October 19 to 24, 2025, as part of the Australian Government's prestigious Special Visits Program. The trip, extended by Australian High Commissioner Philip Green, recognizes Andhra Pradesh's leadership in human resources, technology, and economic development and aims to strengthen bilateral ties while exploring advanced educational models and investment opportunities for the state. During his six-day visit, Minister Lokesh will engage with prominent Australian universities, government officials, business leaders, and members of the large Telugu diaspora community.



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MARAVATI Oct 18: His itinerary highlights a comprehensive study of Australia's advanced teaching and learning practices at institutions like the University of New South Wales, Western Sydney University, Griffith University, the



University of Melbourne, and TAFE NSW Ultimo campus. This educational exchange is expected to help Andhra Pradesh enhance its own education systems by adopting successful international methodologies. Moreover, Minister Lokesh will lead strategic roadshows in Sydney and Melbourne to

promote the upcoming Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2025, scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14-15. The summit is a high-profile event aimed at attracting global investors and fostering partnerships for Andhra Pradesh's

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MASSIVE RESPONSE TO AP SURAKSHA APP

Andhra Pradesh Excise Department Tightens Vigil on Spurious Liquor; Suraksha App Sees Massive Public Response

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 18: The Andhra Pradesh Prohibition and Excise Department has intensified its crackdown on spurious liquor, achieving remarkable progress through technology-driven enforcement. The department's newly introduced "AP Excise Suraksha" mobile application has gained tre-

mendous public traction within just a few days of its launch, marking a transformative step in consumer protection and liquor regulation. According to officials, the Suraksha app enables consumers to verify the authenticity of liquor bottles by scanning the QR code printed on each label.

Excise Commissioner has issued strict orders making QR code verifica-

tion mandatory before any liquor sale transaction. From October 13 to 18, the app recorded over 79,000 downloads and facilitated 1,81,738 scans across the state. Of these, 1,74,687 labels were confirmed genuine, while 3,152 bottles were flagged due to damaged labels or incorrect alphanumeric codes. The department immediately removed such

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INDIA'S PRIDE UPHELD IN ARCHERY - MINISTER RAMPRASAD

Jyothi Surekha Vennam Creates History with Bronze at Archery World Cup Finals; Minister Ramprasad Hails Achievement

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 18: In a moment of national pride and sporting glory, India's ace compound archer and Arjuna Awardee Jyothi Surekha Vennam etched her name in history by clinching the bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Finals held in Nanjing, China, on Saturday. Her incredible performance, marked by absolute precision and nerves of steel, earned her the distinction of being the first Indian woman to win an indi-



vidual compound medal at an Archery World Cup Final. The 29-year-old from Vijayawada displayed remarkable composure as she defeated Ella Gibson of Great Britain in a thrilling bronze-medal match. Jyothi fired a flaw-



less string of 15 perfect arrows, achieving a score of 150/150, while her opponent managed 145. The victory not only secured her a podium finish but also elevated India's stature in global archery. Known for her consistency, Jyothi has long

been a trailblazer in Indian compound archery. Her bronze in Nanjing comes as another proud moment in her illustrious career, which already includes multiple gold medals at World Championships, Asian

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MARATHON MEETING ON ISSUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

GoM Holds Marathon Meeting on Employees' Pending Issue

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 18: In a major move aimed at addressing long-standing issues of state government employees, the Group of Ministers (GoM) held a marathon meeting at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Block-5, on Saturday. The crucial session focused on unresolved matters including pending Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears, service benefits, promotions, and other welfare concerns that have been awaiting government action for a considerable time. The meeting, which



stretched for several hours, was chaired by Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Civil Supplies Minister Nandendla Manohar, and Health & Family Welfare Minister Satya Kumar Yadav.

Recognized employees' union representatives and senior bu-

reaucrats were also in attendance, making it one of the most comprehensive discussions held in recent times on employee-related issues. Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, addressing the gathering, emphasized that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has shown

deep concern for the welfare of government employees and is personally monitoring the progress of all pending issues. "Despite financial constraints, the Chief Minister firmly believes that employees are key partners in governance."

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for employees. In addition, certain posts will be redesignated to enhance the dignity and recognition of employees. The CM urged employee associations to allow the government to handle the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) issue, noting that an official announcement on PRC is imminent.

Addressing financial matters, the CM stressed the government's commitment to employee welfare despite fiscal challenges. "We have re-

leased Rs 15,921 crore in dues to employees and uploaded Rs 23,556 crore of pending dues from the previous government's regime into the system," he said. He also pointed out that the state spends Rs 51,452 crore on establishment expenses, accounting for 91% of total expenditure, while neighbouring states like Telangana (38%), Tamil Nadu (42%) and Karnataka (39%) have significantly reduced such costs.

CM Chandrababu reconfirmed that salaries are

being paid on the first day of every month despite the financial crunch and assured that a cabinet subcommittee will meet to discuss and resolve employee-related issues.

Ministers Payyavula Kesav, Nadendla Manohar, Satya Kumar Yadav and leaders from various employees' associations were present during the announcement, reflecting the government's collaborative approach towards employee welfare.

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bottles from circulation to prevent their sale. Excise Department sources revealed that the app's automated system generates real-time alerts whenever counterfeit or invalid codes are detected, helping officers trace the movement of fake liquor swiftly. This proactive measure is being hailed as a major breakthrough in enhancing transparency and empowering consumers to verify product authenticity on their own. As part of the statewide operation, the department tested nearly 5,000 liquor samples, with most conforming to prescribed standards. However, 45 samples collected from

Molakalcheruvu and Ibrahimpatnam were referred to the Guntur laboratory for detailed chemical analysis. Subsequent reports indicated that a few samples failed to meet quality and alcohol content standards.

Officials confirmed that investigations are ongoing and assured stringent action against the manufacturers responsible for these violations. Meanwhile, the department has appealed to citizens to purchase only properly sealed bottles and verify every purchase through the Suraksha app before consumption. Consumers have been advised to immediately report any detec-

tion of fake or invalid labels. Authorities warned that those involved in producing, storing, or selling adulterated liquor would face severe legal consequences under relevant laws.

Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra clarified that the QR-based authentication system applies exclusively to liquor bottles and not to beers. He explained that QR codes on beer bottles are provided by the manufacturing companies themselves and not by the Excise Department. The Minister emphasized that spurious beer manufacturing is extremely unlikely, negating the need for similar monitoring.

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The government is committed to resolving their concerns in a positive and humane manner," Keshav remarked, assuring that each representation will be carefully examined.

Minister Nadendla Manohar echoed these sentiments, pointing out that the Chief Minister had personally reviewed the employees' issues for over three hours earlier in the day, along with ministers and senior officials. "The Chief Minister's proactive approach reflects his genuine intent to find workable solutions to long-pending grievances," Manohar said. Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav added that the government, under Naidu's leadership, is giving special attention to employee welfare despite the ongoing economic challenges. "Every employee plays a vital

role in the efficient functioning of the administration. We aim to reinforce trust between the government and staff by resolving issues at the earliest," he stated.

Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand highlighted that the administrative machinery is already engaged in formulating practical solutions based on the feedback gathered from employees and unions. He said that a Joint Staff Council (JSC) meeting had been conducted earlier, and the GoM's latest deliberations further deepened understanding of the employees' grievances. "The Chief Minister will review the meeting's outcomes later this evening at his camp office, where concrete decisions are expected," he noted.

Several high-ranking officials participated in the meeting, including SS Rawat (Special Chief Secretary, Services),

Peeyush Kumar (Finance), Shashi Bhushan Kumar (PR & RD), Dwaraka Tirumala Rao (RTC MD), K. Bhaskar (IT), and Veerapandian (Health). Representatives from major employee associations such as the AP NGOs Association, Secretariat Employees Association, Revenue Services Association, Teachers' Unions, Drivers' Associations, and Pensioners' Associations also made their submissions.

The extensive interaction is seen as part of the state government's renewed efforts to rebuild confidence among employees and restore administrative efficiency. The meeting concluded with assurances that the GoM will prepare a consolidated report to be presented to the Chief Minister, outlining possible actionable measures to address the pending issues comprehensively.

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economic growth. These roadshows will provide a platform for engaging with Australian business councils, members of the Australia India Business Council, and key political figures, including state ministers responsible for innovation, science, technology, skills, and trade. The visit also includes focused meetings on sectors such as seafood exports, laying the groundwork for exploring new markets following recent US tariff changes that affect exporters. Lokesh tweeted about his participation, emphasizing the importance of these discussions for opening new opportunities for Andhra Pradesh's youth and exporters.

He described the trip as a 'Diwali on the move,' hoping for successful outcomes from the CII roadshows that would serve as festive gifts for the state's people. Throughout the visit, Lokesh will meet with notable personalities, including Australian ministers Andrew Giles (Skills and Training), Ben Carroll and Danny Pearson (Victorian Ministers), and key figures in the global wine industry at Yarra Valley. He will also visit the Melbourne Cricket Ground to review sports technology and infrastructure, reflecting Andhra Pradesh's growing interest in sports development.

The Australian government's invitation to Minister Lokesh through the Special Visits Programme is a rare distinction that underscores Andhra Pradesh's progress in education, technology, and economic development. The program has featured visits by prominent global leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021, further attesting to its significance. Minister Lokesh's visit aligns with Andhra Pradesh's broader strategy to attract investment and

foster international collaborations, especially in education and technology sectors. The CII Partnership Summit 2025 in Visakhapatnam is poised to be a landmark event, bringing together global policymakers, investors, educators, and industry leaders to discuss opportunities and forge partnerships centered on technology, trust, and trade in a new geo-economic order.

In conclusion, Minister Nara Lokesh's Australia trip is a proactive and strategic initiative combining educational learning, diaspora engagement, and investor relations. It reflects Andhra Pradesh's ambi-

tion to scale new heights in human resource development and economic prosperity by leveraging global partnerships and advanced knowledge-sharing platforms. This visit is expected to yield long-term benefits, setting a foundation for stronger ties between Andhra Pradesh and Australia, fostering innovation in education, and boosting the state's profile as a prime destination for global investment and collaboration. The outcomes of this engagement will play a crucial role in shaping Andhra Pradesh's future roadmap, making this visit a critical milestone in the state's development journey.

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Games, and World Cups. With this achievement, she continues to reinforce India's rising influence in international archery circuits. Reacting to her achievement, Andhra Pradesh Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy extended heartfelt congratulations to Jyothi Surekha, lauding her exceptional skill and perseverance. "Jyothi's bronze medal at the World Cup Finals is not just a personal victory but a historic milestone for Indian archery," he said, describing her achievement as a moment of immense pride for Andhra Pradesh and a reflection of the state's expanding sports excellence. The Minister observed that Jyothi Surekha's triumph has inspired countless young athletes across the country.

"Her discipline, determination, and focus are what every aspiring sportsperson should emulate," Ramprasad Reddy remarked. He also emphasized that her performance highlights the growing potential of Indian archers on the world stage. In his statement, the Minister expressed deep appreciation for the people behind the athlete's success. "Behind every champion stands strong guidance and unwavering family support. Jyothi's parents and coaches have played a pivotal role in nurturing her talent and helping her reach this position," he noted.

He further stated that their combined effort exemplifies how dedication and teamwork can produce world-beaters from India. Sports analysts have hailed Jyothi's 150-out-of-150 perfection as one of the finest performances ever seen in a medal match. Her accuracy, mental strength, and ability to perform under pressure set new benchmarks for upcoming athletes. As Indian archery continues to evolve, Jyothi Surekha's bronze at Nanjing is expected to inspire a new generation of young women to pursue excellence in the sport.

Minister Ramprasad Reddy reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting sports infrastructure and athlete support in Andhra Pradesh. "We will continue to back talented individuals like Jyothi with full resources and encouragement," he stated, expressing confidence that she will achieve even greater heights in future international tournaments. With her unwavering focus and record-breaking performance, Jyothi Surekha Vennam has once again brought glory to India, proving that precision, patience, and perseverance can indeed turn dreams into history.

DON'T FALL PREY TO BROKERS - BR. NAIDU

Do Not Fall Victim to Middlemen for Darshan or Accommodation: TTD Chairman Naidu

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These individuals allegedly pose as senior TTD officials or influential persons, luring pilgrims with false promises of arranging Break Darshans, special sevas, or priority accommodation. In many cases, devotees have lost substantial amounts of money, believing these imposters could help them bypass official procedures. Expressing concern over such incidents, the Chairman stated that TTD Vigilance teams have already identified several of these fraudulent agents and initiated legal action against them. "It is our collective responsibility to pre-

serve the sanctity, transparency, and reputation of Tirumala," Naidu stressed.

He further clarified that the only legitimate platforms for booking Darshan, Arjitha Sevas, and lodging are through the TTD's official website — <https://tdevasthanams.ap.gov.in> — or the TTD Devasthanams Mobile App. Devotees can complete all bookings securely using their Aadhaar card for identity verification. For any inquiries or assistance, pilgrims are advised to contact the official TTD toll-free helpline at 155257. The administration has also provided a 24-hour vigilance contact

number (0877-2263828) for reporting any suspicious middlemen or fraudulent practices.

Chairman Naidu reiterated that devotees must remain vigilant and refrain from trusting individuals who claim to have influence or access to special privileges. "Let us all work together to safeguard the sanctity and security of Tirumala by discouraging and reporting such deceitful activities," he appealed. The TTD administration continues to enhance its technological measures to ensure a transparent, hassle-free, and divine experience for every devotee visiting the sacred hill temple.

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The meetings focused on Germany's evolving industrial ecosystem, technological advancements, and workforce challenges, highlighting the increasing demand for skilled professionals from rapidly developing nations like India. Minister Srinivas outlined Andhra Pradesh's proactive industrial policies, world-class infrastructure, and transparent governance, assuring potential investors of a supportive business environment. In response, the Chamber expressed keen interest in forming long-term partnerships with Andhra Pradesh.

The Minister proposed establishing an Andhra Pradesh chapter of the German Chamber of Commerce in Vijayawada to promote continuous engagement, joint ventures, and knowledge exchange between industries. As part of the visit,

the delegation also held consultations with senior officials from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) regarding the creation of a Centre of Excellence for Industry 4.0 in Andhra Pradesh. The proposed centre would focus on advanced manufacturing technologies, smart factories, deep-tech innovation, and sustainable industrialization practices to empower the state's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

At Accenture's Frankfurt campus, Minister Srinivas interacted with a delegation of 30 global business leaders and presented investment opportunities in emerging sectors such as electronics, green energy, and industrial innovation. Several executives expressed strong interest in exploring collaborations and making investments in

Andhra Pradesh's growing industrial clusters. In another engagement at the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt, the Minister addressed an audience of 20 Indo-German entrepreneurs and invited them to participate in the Partnership Summit 2025, scheduled to take place in Visakhapatnam on November 14-15. Emphasizing the state government's commitment to inclusive development and global partnership, he noted that German investors had shown readiness to invest in Andhra Pradesh, recognizing its investor-friendly policies and forward-looking leadership.

Minister Srinivas described the European outreach as a resounding success, reaffirming the state's resolve to become a preferred investment destination and a hub for innovation and modern manufacturing.

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Anaesthesiology, and 4 to Radiology, with the remaining distributed across multiple branches.

For the first time, newly established government medical colleges are receiving allocations under the PG category. Among these, the medical colleges at Nandyal and Rajamahendravaram have each been allotted 16 seats, while Machilipatnam and Vizianagaram colleges received 12 seats each. Eluru Government Medical College gained approval for 13 more seats in key specialties such as Anaesthesia, ENT, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, and Paediatrics.

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GST REDUCTION BROUGHT MANY BENEFITS - NIMMALA RAMANAIDU

Farmers Benefiting from GST Reduction and Reforms: Nimmala Ramanaidu TPN BUREAU, Palakollu (West Godavari), October 18: Agriculture Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said that every farming family in Andhra Pradesh is witnessing a direct financial benefit of 25,000 to 40,000 due to the reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) on agricultural goods and machinery. He made these remarks while participating in the oath-taking ceremony of the Agricultural Market Committee held in Palakollu on Saturday, which was attended by Ministers Atchenaidu and other senior officials. The event began with a massive bike rally organized by the ministers and farmers, symbolizing unity and new energy in the agricultural sector. Hundreds of farmers from across the West Godavari district joined the rally, expressing gratitude for the government's latest reforms aimed at making farming more profitable and sustainable. Addressing the gathering, Minister Ramanaidu elaborated that the reduction in GST on agricultural machinery and related items has

significantly cut down farmers' expenses. "Farmers are now able to purchase tools and machinery at much lower prices, which has directly boosted productivity and savings. Over the last one year, our reforms have started to yield visible results in the field," he said. Highlighting the government's commitment to fulfilling its election promises, Ramanaidu asserted that the coalition government led by the NDA has successfully implemented the Super Six guarantees within a year of coming to power. He mentioned that Rs. 7,000 was credited as the first installment to each farmer under the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme. The minister emphasized that the initiative has brought relief to thousands of farmers struggling due to previous financial mismanagement. Pointing to the government's swift action in clearing arrears, Nimmala Ramanaidu stated that the administration had settled Rs. 1,640 crore worth of grain dues that were pending from the previous government. "We ensured that every farmer



received cash within 48 hours of selling their produce. This transparency and efficiency are what we promised during elections, and we are delivering it without delay," he noted. The minister also outlined several welfare measures initiated to strengthen the agricultural ecosystem, including providing seeds at an 80 percent subsidy, modernizing market yards, and ensuring the availability of farm inputs at affordable prices. In a sharp criticism of the previous YSRCP regime, Ramanaidu accused former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy of neglecting the agriculture sector. "Jagan completely dismantled the agriculture department during his five-year rule and betrayed the farming community. He destroyed the very system of agricultural market committees that supported farmers for decades," Ramanaidu alleged. Minister Atchenaidu, who also spoke at the event, reiterated the government's focus on empowering farmers through policy reforms, timely support, and transparent administration. He said the new initiatives are designed to make agriculture profitable and attractive for the younger generation as well. The ceremony concluded with the newly appointed members of the Agricultural Market Committee taking their oaths, pledging to work for the welfare of farmers and the development of rural markets across West Godavari district.

BJP BELIEVES IN PLURALISM - PVN MADHAV

TPN BUREAU, Amravati, October 18, 2025: P.V.N. Madhav: BJP Upholds 'Sarvadharmam Samabhavana' for Social Harmony. P.V.N. Madhav, the BJP state president, has clarified the party's position regarding religion and social inclusion, emphasizing that it is not appropriate to attach a single religion to the BJP. Speaking to the media in Tirupati today, Madhav underlined the party's slogan "Sarvadharmam Samabhavana, Hindu Dharma Nityanutana," which translates to equal respect for all religions and the eternal nature of Hindu Dharma. Madhav elaborated that the BJP aims to foster social harmony through inclusive spiritual activities. To achieve this, the party plans to organize Yagam, sacred fire rituals across the country that cater to the welfare of people from all communities.



focused on enhancing the identity and respect of marginalized groups in society where such discrimination prevails. He highlighted the example of the Nai Brahmins community, whose members are often overlooked or looked down upon socially. According to him, Nai Brahmins are strong and skilled, and the party recognizes their cultural contributions. As part of this recognition, the BJP is organizing a "Swaram" program statewide, showcasing the talents of the Nai Brahmin community. Madhav pointed out that Nai Brahmins are knowledgeable in traditional arts like Nadaswaram, a classical wind instrument—and Dhanvantari Ayurveda, the ancient Indian system of medicine. This initiative seeks to honor their cultural heritage and strengthen their social standing. Madhav's statements come amid broader discussions on the BJP's identity and its role in representing diverse religious and social groups in India. By emphasizing "Sarvadharmam Samabhavana," the BJP articulates a vision of

pluralism whereby respect for all religions coexists with reverence for Hindu tradition. The planned Yagamas and cultural programs across states aim to manifest this vision into social welfare practices that uplift various communities irrespective of caste or creed. The BJP's stance reflects an attempt to counteract accusations of religious exclusivism and caste-centric politics by promoting a narrative of unity, inclusiveness, and cultural pride. Through such efforts, the party seeks to address historical social inequalities and foster an environment of mutual respect among different groups across the country, strengthening the social fabric in line with its ideological commitments. This approach by the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, as articulated by P.V.N. Madhav, underscores the party's ongoing political and cultural strategy to build broader social coalitions while reaffirming the significance of Hindu Dharma as a living, dynamic tradition that values inclusiveness and welfare for all.



VIZAG NOT YOUR BACKYARD CBN - VASUPALLI GANESH

TPN BUREAU, ASILMETTA, OCT 18: Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar Slams Chandrababu: "Is Visakhapatnam Your Backyard?" Former MLA and YSRCP South Coordinator Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar strongly criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over the proposed Google AI Data Center project in Visakhapatnam. Speaking at a media conference held at Asilmetta with South YSRCP cadres, Ganesh Kumar accused Chandrababu and Minister Nara Lokesh of misleading the public and risking the city's natural resources for corporate interests. Ganesh questioned the government's motives, alleging that the proposed data center would destroy Visakhapat-

nam's peaceful environment, exploiting the region's land, water, and natural wealth. "Is Visakhapatnam your personal backyard, Chandrababu?" he asked sharply. He stated that if real employment opportunities are created for local youth, YSRCP would even be ready for sacrifice but not at the cost of environmental devastation. Ganesh Kumar alleged that western countries themselves rejected such massive energy-consuming data centers, yet the state government is inviting one that would require around 2,500 megawatts of power — equal to the city's total daily demand. "How will this benefit locals if any technical issues are remotely han-

dled by staff from other states or nations?" he questioned, calling Lokesh's claim of creating 1.8 lakh jobs "a blatant lie." He demanded a white paper on the employment figures and urged Google's representative Sundaram Pitchai to declare the actual numbers transparently. The YSRCP leader criticized the government's move to grant 22,000 crore in subsidies to the project, calling it absurd. He questioned where the 20% wastewater generated by the center would be released and warned that the project could release over 50 crore kilograms of carbon dioxide annually comparable to emissions from ten billion cars. Controlling such pollution, he said, would require at least 6

million trees. Ganesh also pointed out that YSRCP, during Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure, had ensured transparency in 23,000 recruitment approvals—something Chandrababu's administration has failed to maintain. "If your claim of providing 1.90 lakh jobs is genuine, we are ready to give our lives for it," he declared. Concluding his remarks, Ganesh said YSRCP is not against development but opposes policies that destroy the green ecosystem and public welfare. Several YSRCP state officials and district leaders, including Konda Rajeev Gandhi, Sanapala Ravindra Bharat, Pachiripalli Ramu, Arugula Raju, and others, participated in the event.

CASE REGISTERED AGAINST RGV

Kambalacheruvu (Rajamahendravaram), October 18: Case Filed Against Director Ram Gopal Varma in Rajamahendravaram. Controversy has once again surrounded filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma, as police in Rajamahendravaram have registered a case against him for allegedly making derogatory and misleading comments during a recent interview. The case was filed following a formal complaint lodged by Rashtriya Praja Congress (RPC) President Meda Srinivas at the Rajamahendravaram Third Town Police Station. According to officials, Meda Srinivas accused Varma of making statements that could negatively influence or mislead the youth. He claimed that the comments not only displayed a lack of social responsibility from a public figure but also had the potential to



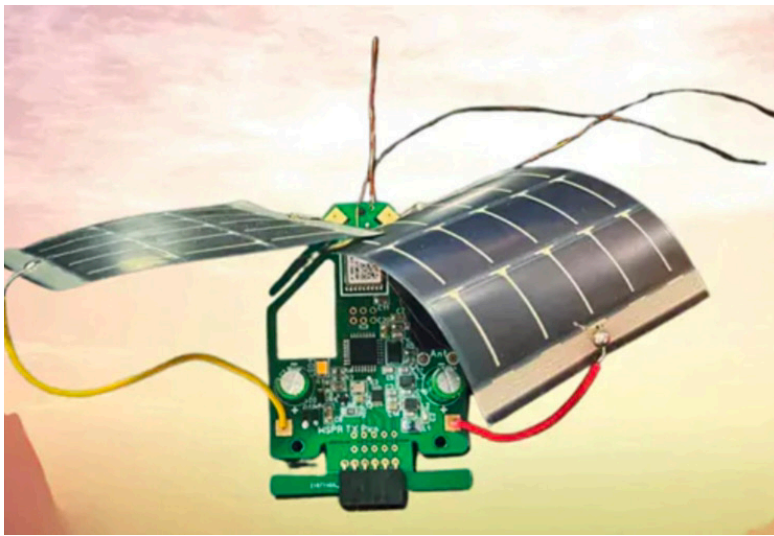
cause unrest and confusion among young people. In his complaint, Srinivas urged the police to take stringent legal action against the director and ensure that such remarks are not repeated by influential personalities in the media. Responding to the complaint, the Rajamahendravaram Third Town Police booked a case against

Ram Gopal Varma and a commentator who was part of the interview. Police sources said that the charges would be investigated based on the content of the video and its wider social impact. The investigation will include verification of the interview clips circulated on social media platforms, statements from witnesses, and the intent behind the remarks made. Police officials

stated that appropriate action would be taken after assessing whether the statements violated existing laws related to promoting enmity, spreading misinformation, or disturbing public peace. They further added that the investigation would also explore whether the remarks constituted a breach of ethical media conduct. The incident has sparked

a wave of responses both online and offline. Supporters of the Rashtriya Praja Congress have expressed approval of the complaint, emphasizing the need for accountability among celebrities who command large public followings. Meanwhile, Varma's fans argue that his statements were taken out of context and that the film maker has the right to express his opinions freely.

Ram Gopal Varma, known for his outspoken personality and bold takes on political and social issues, has not officially responded to the latest allegations. However, sources close to him suggest that he might issue a clarification soon. The Rajamahendravaram police have stated that the investigation is underway, and further details will be released after initial findings.



SATELLITES FROM KL UNIVERSITY

TPN BUREAU, Amaravati, October 18: Three Student-Built Satellites Successfully Launched from KL University, Amaravati. In an inspiring step for India's youth-driven space innovation, three student-developed satellites were successfully launched into near-space from KL University, Vaddeswaram, near Tadepalli in Guntur district, on Saturday morning. The launch marked a major milestone for the university's Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), where a 34-member student team designed and assembled the satellites under the guidance of faculty coordinators CH Kavya and K. Sarathkumar.

The launch drew national attention as Union Minister Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma attended the event, commending the efforts of the young engineers and emphasizing the government's commitment to promoting innovation through the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. The minister described the project as an excellent example of academia aligning with national priorities in science and technology. The university's Greenfield campus cricket ground was transformed into a makeshift launchpad for the event, drawing large crowds of faculty, students, and researchers eager to witness the

time environmental insights while promoting sustainable research methodologies. CONSAT: A Step Toward Self-Reliant Space ScienceThe third and most advanced of the trio, CONSAT, has been developed under the InSpice competition, jointly organized by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Astronautical Society of India (ASI). The contest, themed around "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat," empowers students nationwide to design mini-satellites addressing societal and environmental challenges. CONSAT has been tasked with studying weather patterns, air pollution, and climate variations, contributing to data that supports localized climate resilience strategies.

As the satellites begin their missions, KL University's leadership praised the students for their innovative spirit and dedication. The launch not only reinforces the institution's position as a hub for research and innovation but also strengthens India's growing reputation in student-led space technology development. Union Minister Varma concluded, "These young engineers are shaping the future of India's space research ecosystem. Their work embodies the Prime Minister's vision for self-reliant innovation."

It serves as a cost-effective and educational platform for atmospheric research and experimental communication studies. KL Sat-2: A Drone-Launched VTOL Hybrid The second project, KL Sat-2, showcases hybrid aerial technology. Equipped with an Aeroswift VTOL (Vertical Take-off and Landing) flight module, it combines drone mobility with satellite communication capabilities. Launched via drone assistance, KL Sat-2's core mission is to collect environmental and atmospheric data using a high-precision spectrometer. This design reflects an innovative fusion of aeronautics and space engineering principles, providing real-

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within the central office complex should include dedicated training halls, a well-equipped library, and accommodation facilities for party cadre and leaders traveling from different districts.

He noted that the training facilities should be designed to host regular workshops, skill development sessions, and leadership training programs for TDP workers. These programs, he said, will play a crucial role in strengthening grassroots communication and promoting good governance ideologies championed by the party. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for the central office to become a hub of knowledge and coordination that reflects the TDP's commitment to modernization and efficiency. He instructed officials to create digital information centers and library spaces where party members can access policy documents, historical archives, and government reports.

He also reviewed plans for setting up an auditorium for seminars and press conferences. Senior TDP leaders accompanying the Chief Minister said that the renovated NTR Bhavan will symbolize the party's vision for the future, combining tradition with technology. They added that Naidu's focus on structured training and resource-based learning demonstrates his long-standing approach to organized political functioning and cadre empowerment. Party sources revealed that the new office facilities will adopt eco-friendly designs and smart infrastructure such as energy-efficient lighting, rainwater harvesting, and digital meeting rooms.

The planned dormitories and guest houses are aimed at accommodating party workers who arrive from distant districts for meetings and workshops. Naidu remarked that the TDP's organizational strength lies in its disciplined cadre and policy-driven leadership, and the modernization of NTR Bhavan will further boost these qualities. He urged all party staff to maintain high standards of professionalism in managing the facility once operational. The Chief Minister's visit also included a review session with project coordinators where he sought updates on construction timelines and expenditures.

He directed them to ensure transparency, adherence to quality benchmarks, and timely completion of all works. With the new look NTR Bhavan underway, TDP leaders and activists expressed enthusiasm over the project, seeing it as a sign of renewed energy and preparedness as the party gears up for future political challenges and governance responsibilities in Andhra Pradesh.

WAITING HALL FOR PSOs UNVEILED



Visakhapatnam Commissioner Unveils Dedicated Waiting Hall for PSOs and Police Escorts TPN BUREAU, Visakhapatnam, October 18, 2025 - In a notable initiative aimed at improving working conditions for police support staff, Police Commissioner Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi, IPS, inaugurated a dedicated waiting hall for Personal Security Officers (PSOs), gunmen, escort staff, and PSOs of other police officials at the Commissioner's Office premises today. Previously, PSOs and escorts tasked with providing protection to

senior officers in Visakhapatnam faced considerable inconvenience due to the lack of a proper facility to wait during duty hours. Forced to stand in verandahs or open spaces, these personnel encountered discomfort and operational challenges, especially during long and unpredictable waiting periods. Observing their difficulties, Commissioner Dr. Bagchi took proactive steps to design and construct a formal waiting hall, reflecting a commitment to the welfare and dignity of all police staff. The newly opened hall is

equipped with seating arrangements and safety provisions tailored to the unique needs of security and escort teams stationed at the Commissioner's Office. This facility not only shields the personnel from the vagaries of weather but also provides them a comfortable and functional space, thereby reducing occupational stress and enhancing overall efficiency. The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of DCP-02 Srimati Mary Prashanthi, IPS, Additional DCPs, officials from the Armed Reserve division, PSOs,

and other supporting staff from the city police department. The gathering highlighted the importance of recognising the often overlooked hardships faced by support and security personnel. Senior officers expressed appreciation for Commissioner Dr. Bagchi's sensitivity to ground-level realities, noting that such welfare measures boost morale and reinforce the collaborative spirit within the department. Speaking at the event, DCP Srimati Mary Prashanthi emphasised the department's ongoing commitment to

the well-being of its personnel, mentioning that similar initiatives may soon be rolled out at other police offices in the city. Officials reiterated the significance of creating staff-friendly facilities as part of wider reforms aimed at professionalising the police force and fostering a healthier work environment. With this new addition, Visakhapatnam City Police hopes to set an example for police units across the state, demonstrating that meaningful change begins with attention to the needs of those who safeguard others.

JOGI RAMESH ONCE AGAIN CAUGHT

TPN BUREAU, Amaravati Oct 18: YSRCP Leader Jogi Ramesh Caught in Fake Liquor Controversy Amaravati has once again become the epicenter of a major political scandal involving YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Jogi Ramesh. Photos have surfaced showing Jogi Ramesh celebrating with the A-1 accused Janardhan Rao and his brother Jagan Mohan Rao, both deeply implicated in the ongoing fake liquor case. This revelation comes on the heels of strong evidence including Janardhan Rao's recent statements and WhatsApp chats that hint at a close nexus between these individuals in orchestrating a spurious liquor racket that has rocked Andhra Pradesh.

The scandal centers around the manufacturing and distribution of fake liquor across the state, which was supplied to bars, wine shops, and belt shops without adhering to any quality standards. Tests conducted by the Guntur laboratory confirmed the presence of fake liquor in 45 samples collected, all containing harmful chemicals blended with water, spirit, colorants, and flavoring agents. The health risk posed to thousands of unsuspecting consumers has triggered widespread outrage. Janardhan Rao, the main accused, reportedly confessed that he was forced to implicate Jogi Ramesh, whereas in a recent statement, Jogi Ramesh admitted to an excise police inquiry that he had created fake liquor with force but claimed it was done to politically damage the current government. The fake liquor racket reportedly thrived near Mulakalacheruvu, Annamayya district, under the supervision of Janardhan Rao's gang and has links to several political figures. The excise department's seizure of fake liquor worth over 1.75 crore, along with

bottling machinery, adds weight to the accusations. This controversy has escalated into a major political showdown with statewide protests staged by the YSRCP against the spurious liquor sales and alleged political interference. The party has accused the TDP-JSP-BJP coalition government of running a protected liquor mafia that endangers public health for political and financial gains. The fake liquor case continues to dominate headlines, sparking demands for transparency, accountability, and justice from the government and police. As investigations deepen, the political rift between YSRCP and TDP sharpens with both sides trading accusations and legal challenges. The people of Andhra Pradesh now wait anxiously to see how this scandal unfolds and whether truth and justice will prevail over political vendettas and illegal enterprises.



HOME MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION FOR KEY PROJECTS

TPN BUREAU, PAYAKARAOPET, OCT 18: Home Minister Anitha Tours Payakaraopeta, Lays Foundations for Key Projects and Announces Anna Canteen Soon Payakaraopeta, TPN: Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha conducted an extensive tour of the Payakaraopeta constituency in Anakapalli district on Saturday, where she received a warm and grand welcome from the local residents.

Women lined the roads to greet her with flowers and traditional aarti, showcasing their happiness over her visit and the government's ongoing welfare initiatives. The Minister began her tour by offering special prayers at the historic Goddess Durga Devi Temple in Rajagopalapuram village, invoking blessings for the prosperity and well-being of the people. Following the temple visit, she inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several development works designed to strengthen infrastructure and improve con-



nectivity across the constituency.

Among the major projects launched under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) funding were the Rajagopalapuram-Kandipudi Road with an outlay of 60 lakh, Pentakota-Payakaraopeta Road costing 1 crore, NH-16-Guntapalli via Ondimetla Road sanctioned with 85 lakh, Lingapuram-Neeligunta Road in Kota Uratla mandal at 145 lakh, and the Endapalli-Vemulapudi via Annavaram Road worth 135 lakh. In addition to the road projects, Home Minister Anitha inaugurated

a Rythu Seva Kendra constructed under MGN-REGS at a cost of 21.80 lakh, and a Village Secretariat building worth 25 lakh at Guntapalli village.

These facilities aim to enhance the accessibility of government schemes and agricultural services to rural farmers and citizens. During her visit, the Minister also paid floral tributes at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, reaffirming her commitment to the ideals of equality and social justice. Later, she visited the grieving family of Hemant Raju, a young resident who recently lost his life in a

tragic train accident, and consoled them personally. Speaking at a public gathering, Anitha emphasized that the government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to a balanced approach combining development and welfare. She announced that a new Anna Canteen will soon be established in Payakaraopeta town to provide affordable meals to the poor, continuing the state's policy of caring for the underprivileged.

Highlighting her government's commitment to rapid development, Anitha said the current administration is mak-

ing steady progress in rebuilding infrastructure neglected during the previous regime. "Under the YSRCP government, even basic amenities like proper roads in villages were ignored. Today, we are correcting that neglect and ensuring that every section of society benefits from our development mission," she stated. The Minister reaffirmed that the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh is implementing Chief Minister Naidu's vision of inclusive growth giving equal priority to development projects and welfare programs.

"We are not only building roads and public facilities but also building trust and opportunities for every family," she added. Residents of Payakaraopeta expressed their gratitude for the new projects and upcoming canteen facility, saying these developments would significantly improve their daily lives. The tour concluded with enthusiastic cheers from the gathering, marking another step forward in the region's path toward progress and prosperity.

ADVANCE DIWALI IN ANANTHALAKSHMI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Grand Diwali Celebrations Illuminate Ananthalakshmi International School

TPN BUREAU, Ananthapuram, Oct 18: The spirit of Diwali, the festival of lights, shone brightly at Ananthalakshmi International School, located near Itukalapalli in Ananthapuram, as students, teachers, and parents came together for a grand celebration filled with devotion, cultural performances, and tradition. The school premises were beautifully decorated with rows of earthen lamps, colorful rangolis, and vibrant lanterns that captured the true essence of Diwali. The program commenced with a prayer and lamp-lighting ceremony graced by Chairman Anantharam Garu, Vice Chairman Ramesh Naidu Garu, CEO Narasimha Rao, and Principal Shalini.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman Anantharam Garu explained that Diwali symbolizes the victory of good over evil and the triumph of light over darkness. He shared with students that the word "Deepavali" literally means a "row of lamps," and narrated the story of how people have been celebrating this festival since the times of Satyabhama, who defeated the demon Narakasura to free people from his torment. Vice Chairman Ramesh Naidu Garu enriched the celebration with another version of the festival's legend, linking it to the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after his victory

over Ravana.

He described how people of Ayodhya lit lamps across the city to welcome Rama, symbolizing hope, happiness, and the restoration of righteousness. His message encouraged students to follow the same virtues in life - truth, courage, and compassion. One of the highlights of the event was a vibrant theatrical performance by the students, who dressed up as Lord Krishna and Satyabhama to depict the epic scene of Narakasura's defeat. The skit was met with loud applause from the audience for its authenticity, expressions, and devotion. Students also performed traditional dances and devotional songs centered on the festival's themes of light, peace, and unity.

Principal Shalini appreciated the students and teachers for their enthusiastic participation and emphasized that festivals like Diwali teach values of togetherness, sharing, and respect for cultural heritage. CEO Narasimha Rao congratulated everyone for organizing the event with such creativity and teamwork, making the celebration both educational and enjoyable. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets, sparklers, and warm wishes among the attendees, filling the campus with joy and festive cheer. Ananthalakshmi International School's Diwali celebration truly became a glowing symbol of harmony, learning, and happiness for all.

Vision 2047 Office Inaugurated at Tuni Mandal Parishad Office

TPN BUREAU, Tuni, October 18: A new office under the banner of "Vision 2047" has been inaugurated at the Tuni Mandal Parishad Office, marking a fresh step towards comprehensive regional development and welfare-oriented governance. The event was graced by Government Whip Yanamala Divya, who attended as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the special office. Speaking at the media conference organized on the occasion, MLA Yanamala Divya expressed happiness over the establishment of the Vision 2047 office, describing it as a key initiative aligned with the coalition government's commitment to inclusive growth and sustainable development.

She said the govern-



ment, under the visionary leadership of N. Chandrababu Naidu, is moving forward with a clear strategy to achieve long-term developmental goals for the state by the year 2047. Highlighting the office's purpose, Yanamala Divya mentioned that a comprehensive action plan for the constituency has been prepared to support the Vision 2047 framework. The plan focuses on enhancing welfare programmes,

improving infrastructure, and promoting economic activities that directly benefit the local community. The office aims to serve as a coordination hub between elected representatives, government officials, and citizens to ensure effective implementation of policies.

The MLA further announced that monthly review meetings will be conducted with officials from various depart-

ments to discuss critical issues such as public welfare, local development, civic infrastructure, and ongoing government schemes. These interactions are expected to identify challenges at the grassroots level and devise practical solutions to accelerate progress. The event witnessed active participation from several dignitaries and officials, including Yanamala Rajesh, Surla

Lovaraju, Mothukuri Venkatesh, MPDO Sai Naveen, Mandal Parishad President Boppana Ramu, Inuganti Satyanarayana, Kumanchari Shobharani, and Narla Bhuvana Ratnaji, among others. Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit that the Vision 2047 initiative seeks to inspire at every administrative level.

By establishing this dedicated office, the government aims to bring policy execution closer to the people, ensuring that development is both participatory and accountable. The Tuni Vision 2047 office is expected to act as a model for other constituencies in the state, embodying a mission of progress with transparency, efficiency, and public engagement.

DATA CENTRE - A FEATHER IN THE CAP OF AP

'Google Data Center in Vizag is AP's Greatest Achievement': MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy.

TPN BUREAU, East Godavari Oct 18: Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy has hailed the establishment of the Google Data Center in Visakhapatnam as a moment of immense pride for Andhra Pradesh, calling it a Diwali gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the people of the state. He commended the visionary leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, crediting them for successfully bringing the global tech giant to Andhra Pradesh. Addressing a press conference at the Rajahmundry Press Club on Saturday,



MLA Ramakrishna Reddy described the project as the world's largest and indirect employment to nearly one million people and will further strengthen India's position in global technology infrastructure. Ramakrishna Reddy noted that in 1998, Chief

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Minister Chandrababu Naidu was instrumental in attracting Microsoft to Hyderabad, and now, under his and Lokesh's leadership, Google has chosen Visakhapatnam as its new hub. "Andhra Pradesh is set to become a world-class IT hub, and the international atten-

tion we're receiving proves our progress," he said, pointing out that both national and global media outlets have lauded the development.

Taking a dig at YSRCP leaders, he criticized their claims that the project posed environmental risks, stating that

their objections were politically motivated. "If Jagannathan Reddy doesn't hesitate to cut trees during his tours, how can they talk about environment protection now?" he questioned. He went on to say that the YSRCP chief fears Google because his entire history could be easily accessed through its searches. Reacting to the opposition's claim that the Google project was initiated during their regime, MLA Ramakrishna Reddy clarified that Google CEO Sundar Pichai himself had announced the investment in Andhra Pradesh, and that neighboring Tamil Nadu's opposition had even raised the issue in its assembly.

"This clearly shows that the project came under Chandrababu's lead-

ership," he said, describing the Chief Minister as an IT revolutionary and praising Lokesh for continuing his father's legacy with dedication. Addressing allegations made by former MLA Dr. Surya Narayana Reddy, the Anaparthi legislator said, "Those targeting me should come for an open public discussion. I have no role whatsoever in soil, liquor, or sand contracts." He added that he would resign immediately if any corruption charges against him were proven. Commenting on the Rayavaram fireworks accident, he assured that the government would soon announce compensation for the victims' families within two to three days. He criticized Suryanarayana Reddy for questioning the judicial inquiry into the inci-

dent, saying such comments only politicized the tragedy. MLA Ramakrishna Reddy also acknowledged challenges in setting up major industries in the Godavari districts due to land shortages, but promised to focus on developing agro-based industries to create employment opportunities locally. Several leaders including East Godavari District BJP President Pikki Nagendra, TDP General Secretary Alla Govind, Jana Sena Coordinator Rawada Nagu, AMC Chairperson Suryakumari, and BJP Media In-charge Veera Veeranjayulu attended the meeting, expressing solidarity and appreciation for the government's efforts to transform Andhra Pradesh into a global digital destination.



Fragile Peace Plan Undermines Palestinian Autonomy



The recently finalised peace plan between Israel and Hamas, celebrated at a high-profile summit in Sharm el-Sheikh on October 13, is already facing deep skepticism. Despite the release of 20 hostages by Hamas and nearly 2,000 Palestinians by Israel under the first phase, critics argue the celebrations are premature, given the repeated collapse of past agreements — including the January deal which Israel violated within two months.

Key voices, including former UN Human Rights Commission Chair Navi Pillay, have pointed out the glaring absence of both the United Nations and the Palestinian Authority in the negotiation process. Nei-

ther was consulted, despite their formal mandates over Gaza and the West Bank respectively. Pillay and others have questioned the legitimacy of a plan that excludes Palestinians from decisions about their own future.

The second phase of the plan — focusing on Hamas disarmament and governance of Gaza — remains in limbo. Hamas has not accepted the terms, viewing them as an erosion of Palestinian sovereignty. Israel’s far-right Likud party, led by Prime Minister Netanyahu, is seen as benefiting from this stalemate. Analysts suggest Netanyahu may exploit the situation to cling to power, especially with the Israeli Supreme Court poised to challenge his leadership.

Meanwhile, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed strong support for the peace plan, congratulating Netanyahu and former U.S. President Donald Trump. However, India’s shift away from its historic pro-Palestinian stance has drawn criticism. Once a vocal supporter of Palestinian statehood and self-determination, India’s current position marks a notable departure from its traditional decolonisation principles.

The Trump-brokered plan has been criticised as a top-down, imposed framework, serving geopolitical and capitalist interests rather than lasting peace. While Arab nations have endorsed the deal, many see it as a forced compromise, leaving no room for meaningful Palestinian participation in reconstruction or governance.

With over 67,000 lives lost and widespread destruction across Gaza, Hamas’s refusal to surrender its claim to represent Palestinian resistance is rooted in both history and trauma. As tensions reignite and aid is suspended, peace remains elusive.

Ultimately, as global voices warn, peace built through exclusion and force cannot endure the growing call for justice, sovereignty, and a truly autonomous Palestinian homeland.

Retail Inflation Softens, But Core Inflation Flags Long-Term Concerns



India’s retail inflation rate has continued to moderate, offering a short-term reprieve for policymakers and consumers alike. In September, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation fell below the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) comfort zone of 2-4% for the second time in this fiscal year, dropping from 0.52% in August to even lower levels. This decline is primarily attributed to a notable fall in food prices, especially vegetables and pulses, despite a marginal rise in vegetable oil costs. The Consumer Food Price Index saw a sharp drop of over 2%, contributing to lower rural inflation compared to urban areas. This food-driven moderation is welcome news, especially amid the festive season, when demand typically pushes prices higher.

However, the positive headline number may not present the full picture. Core inflation — which excludes volatile components such as food and fuel — remains elevated. It increased from 4.2% in August to 4.6% in September and has consistently stayed above 4% for the past eight months. The recent surge in gold prices has partly contributed to this rise, but even excluding gold, the underlying trend remains concerning.

Core inflation is seen as a more stable indicator of price trends, and its persistent elevation suggests underlying inflationary pressures in the economy. This could be reflective of structural price shifts rather than temporary market adjustments.

Despite these concerns, the overall decline in retail inflation provides room for policy manoeuvring. With the

RBI’s medium-term target of 4% being met or undershot for seven consecutive months, analysts expect the central bank to consider another interest rate cut in its December meeting. The RBI had earlier indicated that inflation would likely moderate further due to recent GST rate cuts and a favourable food price outlook.

Although the current festive season’s demand may temporarily mask inflation trends, the broader macroeconomic signals suggest that the RBI may shift focus toward stimulating growth over managing inflation in the near term.

Still, policymakers will need to remain vigilant. A deeper look at core inflation and its long-term trajectory will be crucial to ensure that temporary relief does not overshadow persistent economic challenges.

India Redefines Kabul Ties, Flips Taliban Script on Pakistan



India has executed a major strategic pivot in South Asia, transforming its engagement with the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan into a calculated geopolitical move that has upended Pakistan’s long-cherished idea of “strategic depth.” Four years after the Taliban’s return to power, New Delhi has not only normalised its relationship with Kabul but has now upgraded its diplomatic mission to a full-fledged embassy, signalling an era of unprecedented engagement.

This shift marks a new phase in India’s foreign policy, grounded in realpolitik rather than ideology. By maintaining active engagement with a Taliban regime once considered untouchable, India now holds significant strategic leverage in the region. This growing alignment with Kabul allows New Delhi to undercut Pakistan’s influence, maintain “eyes and ears” on the ground, and support efforts in counterterrorism and regional stability.

Meanwhile, Pakistan finds itself in an unexpected crisis. The Taliban, once nurtured and backed by Islamabad, has turned hostile. A recent cross-border clash reportedly saw 58 Pakistani soldiers killed, as confirmed by Taliban spokes-

person Zabihullah Mujahid. Pakistan’s airstrikes and drone attacks on Afghan soil have only worsened tensions, creating a two-front challenge for Islamabad — one from India and another from a now-defiant Taliban-led Afghanistan.

Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi’s visit to New Delhi earlier this month underscored the warming ties. In a press statement, Muttaqi highlighted: “During the

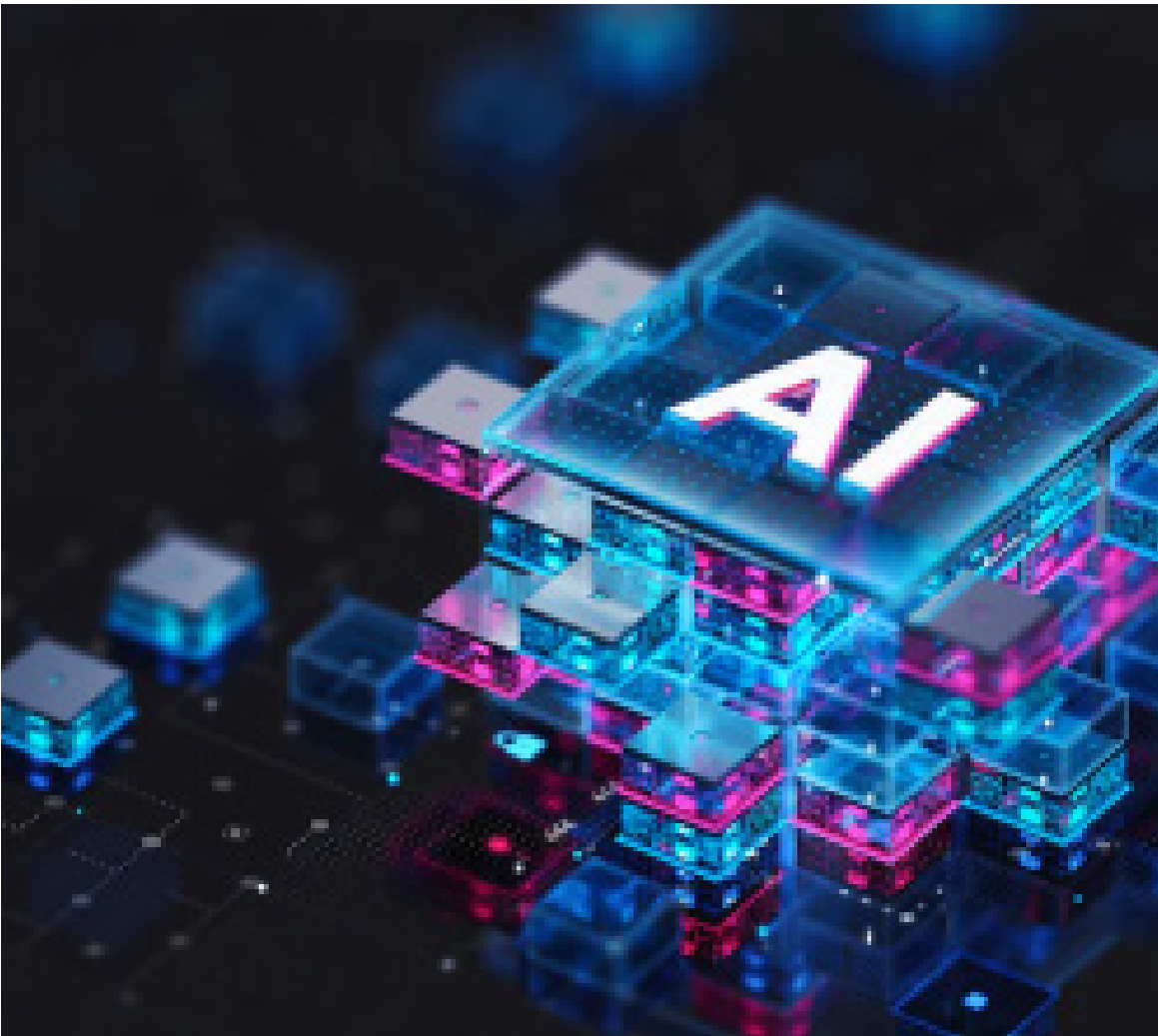
20-year struggle against US occupation, there were many ups and downs, but not once did we give a statement against India.” This rare endorsement from the Taliban signals a growing trust between Delhi and Kabul.

India has responded by offering humanitarian aid, help with Afghan refugee resettlement, and reconstruction support following recent earthquakes. Kabul, in turn, has assured India that its soil will

not be used to support terrorism against Indian interests.

As the US continues to push for reactivation of its Bagram base in Afghanistan, India’s alignment with Kabul becomes even more vital. By standing firm against external pressures and playing a proactive role in regional diplomacy, India has rewritten its role in Afghan affairs — and flipped the script on Pakistan’s long-standing regional ambitions.

India Uses AI to Bridge Language Divide and Boost Digital Inclusion



India is leveraging artificial intelligence to overcome one of its most persistent barriers to digital inclusion — language. In a country with over 22 official languages and hundreds of dialects, English-centric digital tools have long excluded large sections of the population. Now, that’s changing fast, thanks to a new generation of Indian-language AI platforms like Bhashini and BharatGPT.

Launched in 2022, Bhashini serves as the foundation of India’s linguistic AI push. It processes over 10 million translation requests daily and supports digital services in regional languages, including lesser-known ones like Khasi, Manipuri, and Bodo. Built with support from the Bhasha Daan initiative, it powers multilingual government portals from e-learning to telemedicine — bringing previously English-only services to vernacular users

across India.

Layered on top is BharatGPT, India’s first sovereign large language model, created with help from academic institutions and startups under the broader IndiaAI strategy. Unlike global AI models trained mostly in English, BharatGPT is designed specifically for Indian contexts, supporting text, voice, and video interactions in multiple languages. It is already being used in citizen services such as ticketing, insurance helplines, and government schemes.

These efforts are transforming access for rural citizens. Farmers can now ask questions in local dialects, women entrepreneurs use AI voice tools to apply for loans without middlemen, and patients in remote areas consult bots in their native tongues.

Private and academic players are also playing a vital role. AI4B-

harat at IIT Madras builds linguistic datasets, Sarvam AI develops conversational models, and Google Cloud hosts BharatGPT under Indian data sovereignty rules. Even NVIDIA has recognised BharatGPT as a model of efficient, culturally relevant AI.

However, challenges remain. More dialects need coverage, AI research talent must be retained, and frontline services like schools and clinics must adopt these tools. The government must also improve access to computing resources for smaller players to ensure equitable innovation.

Globally, India’s approach stands out. While the U.S. AI race is corporate-led and China’s monolingual, India is charting a pragmatic, public-first path, aiming to empower its citizens while preserving linguistic diversity — and potentially creating a model for the entire Global South to follow.

Day not far when India will be totally free of Maoism: PM Modi



TPN Bureau | Patna

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday expressed confidence that India's long struggle against Maoist terror is nearing its end. Speaking at an NDTV conclave in New Delhi, Modi highlighted recent successes in combating Left Wing Extremism (LWE), noting that 303 Maoist operatives surrendered in just the past 75 hours. He revealed that only three districts in the country remain affected by Maoist activity.

Modi assured the nation, saying it was his "guarantee" that LWE would soon be a thing of the past. "Areas that were affected by Naxalism will celebrate Diwali for the first time in 60-70 years," he added, emphasizing the transformation that the government's efforts have brought to these regions.

Reflecting on the past five decades, Modi recalled the severe toll Maoist terrorism took on the country. "In the last 50-55 years, thousands

were killed by Maoist terrorists. These Naxals would not allow schools or hospitals to be built... they would not let doctors enter clinics... they would bomb institutions," he said. "Maoist terrorism was an injustice to the young people," Modi noted, showing rare emotion as he shared his personal anguish over the violence.

The Prime Minister's remarks come amid a broader government push to eliminate Left Wing Extremism through security operations, development initiatives, and outreach programs in affected areas. His statement underlines the progress made in reclaiming regions once dominated by Maoists and restoring normalcy.

Modi's confidence signals a hopeful future for millions living in formerly conflict-ridden districts, promising peace and development after decades of hardship caused by the insurgency.

Every Inch of Pakistan Within BrahMos Range, Says Rajnath Singh



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh issued a stern warning to Pakistan on Saturday, declaring that every inch of Pakistani territory is now within the striking range of India's BrahMos missile. Speaking at the flag-off ceremony of the first batch of BrahMos missiles manufactured at the BrahMos Aerospace unit in Lucknow, Singh said that Operation Sindoor was merely a "trailer" of India's growing military capabilities.

Describing BrahMos as a symbol of India's rising strength and strategic confidence, Singh emphasized its critical role across the Army, Navy, and Air Force. "BrahMos is not just a

missile; it is proof of India's strategic confidence," he said.

Operation Sindoor, conducted in May, saw Indian forces target terror infrastructure and defense installations in Pakistan following a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 people in April. Singh hailed the operation as a demonstration that victory has become a habit for India, instilling new confidence among the Indian people and showcasing the effectiveness of BrahMos to the world.

"Every inch of Pakistan's territory lies within range of BrahMos. What happened during Operation Sindoor was just a trailer. It made Pakistan realize that if In-

dia could create Pakistan, then if the time comes... I need not say more," Singh remarked cryptically.

He called on the nation to maintain the confidence gained from such military successes, stressing that the entire world now acknowledges India's enhanced defense capabilities. "BrahMos has strengthened our belief that India can turn its dreams into reality," Singh added.

Also present at the event was Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who praised the indigenous missile production, underscoring India's growing self-reliance in defense technology.

All Gujarat Ministers Resign As CM Bhupendra Patel Set To Rejig Cabinet

TPN Correspondent | Patna

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav launched a sharp critique against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday, calling him a "star divider" instead of a "star campaigner" ahead of the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections.

Addressing the media at the SP headquarters, Akhilesh said that the people of Bihar would reject Adityanath's politics, accusing him of promoting communal divisions rather than unity. "He has gone to Bihar not as a star campaigner but as a star divider. The people of Bihar will not accept him. People can never accept communal figures," Yadav asserted.

The BJP had recently announced Adityanath as one of its star campaigners for the two-phase Bihar elections scheduled for November 6 and 11. However, Yadav claimed the BJP's campaign strategy was based on a "divide and rule" policy, motivated by fear of the PDA



alliance—an acronym coined by the SP for Pichhda (backward classes), Dalits, and Alapsankhyak (minorities).

Yadav also took a swipe at the Uttar Pradesh state government over worsening traffic congestion

and poor civic conditions in its cities. Criticizing the much-touted smart city project, he said, "Countless meetings were held at the chief minister's level, yet every city is stuck in traffic. Where is all the funding

for building smart cities going? Visit any city and you will see congestion everywhere."

The remarks come amid increasing political tension as parties gear up for the Bihar polls, where caste and

community dynamics remain pivotal. Akhilesh's comments underline the Samajwadi Party's focus on countering BJP's influence in Bihar and projecting itself as a secular alternative to divisive politics.

Maoist Commander Geeta with ₹5 Lakh Bounty Surrenders in Chhattisgarh

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

In a significant development in the ongoing fight against Left-Wing Extremism, Geeta, alias Kamli Salam, a senior female Maoist commander with a ₹5 lakh bounty on her head, surrendered to police authorities on Saturday. Geeta had been serving as the Tailor Team Commander of the Maoists in the East Bastar Division.

Her surrender comes amid a historic wave of defections, just a day after 210 Maoists, including senior leaders, laid down arms in Jagdalpur—the largest mass surrender in the state's history. The event, attended by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, saw the rebels hand over 153 weapons and was hailed as a milestone in Chhattisgarh's strategy emphasizing trust, dialogue, and development over violence.

Geeta surrendered before Superintendent of Police Akshay Kumar, citing her disillusionment with the insurgency and the inspiration drawn from recent mass



surrenders. Police sources attribute her decision to intensified anti-Naxal operations, internal conflicts within the Maoist ranks, and the symbolic acceptance of the Indian Constitution by former rebels during the Jagdalpur ceremony.

Under the Chhattisgarh Naxalism Eradication Policy, Geeta received an immediate incentive of ₹50,000, with further rehabilitation support underway to help her reintegrate into mainstream society. Authorities view her return as a hopeful sign

amid the unraveling grip of Maoist extremism in Bastar.

Over the past three days, 238 Maoists have surrendered, signaling a potential turning point in the region's decades-long conflict. Security forces remain optimistic that this momentum, support-

ed by both pressure tactics and rehabilitation efforts, will continue to weaken the insurgency.

Geeta's surrender is seen as a powerful example for others still engaged in the movement, marking a step closer to ending Maoist terror in the region.

Massive Fire Erupts at Rajya Sabha MPs' Apartments in Delhi



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

A massive fire broke out this afternoon at Brahmaputra Apartments, a residential complex allotted to Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament, located on Bishambhar Das Marg in the capital. Thick plumes of smoke were seen billowing from the building, raising alarm among residents and passersby.

The Delhi Fire Department received the distress call at around 1:20 pm and promptly dispatched six fire engines to the scene. Firefighters worked swiftly to bring the blaze under control, and the fire has now been extinguished. Fortunately, no immediate reports of casualties have emerged.

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

However, eyewitnesses present at the scene expressed serious concerns about the building's fire safety measures. Several witnesses claimed that the fire hydrant system within the apartments was non-functional during the incident. According to them, there was no water in the tanks or pipelines, which hindered immediate firefighting efforts.

"We checked the fire extinguishing facility after spotting the fire, but there was no water. The fire hydrant was not working," said one resident who witnessed the situation. This revelation has raised questions about the maintenance and preparedness of safety infrastructure in government-provided

residential complexes.

The incident has triggered an urgent demand for a thorough inspection of fire safety protocols in government accommodations, especially those housing lawmakers.

Authorities are continuing their probe into the cause of the fire, while fire safety experts stress the need for regular maintenance and stringent adherence to safety standards to prevent such incidents in the future.

The quick response of the fire department helped contain what could have been a devastating fire in a sensitive government residential area. The safety of residents and officials remains a top priority as investigations continue.

Pakistan, Afghanistan to Hold Talks in Qatar After Border Strikes



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Pakistan announced that its Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and intelligence chief General Asim Malik will travel to Doha on Saturday for talks with the Afghan Taliban, aiming to ease tensions following recent cross-border violence.

The talks come just a day after Pakistan broke a fragile ceasefire by launching air strikes on Afghan territory, which killed at least 10 civilians. The ceasefire had brought two days of relative calm along the tense Pakistan-Afghanistan border before the sudden escalation.

According to Pakistan state television, the high-level delegation will meet Afghan counterparts in Qatar's capital to discuss ways to stabilize the border and restore peace. This diplomatic engagement signals Islamabad's intention to address the fallout from the recent violence despite the breach.

The border region between the two neighbours has long been volatile, with frequent clashes and militant ac-

tivity complicating relations. The ceasefire, brokered earlier this week, had raised hopes for a de-escalation, but the air strikes abruptly disrupted the fragile truce.

Pakistan's strikes were reportedly aimed at militant hideouts near the border, but the action resulted in civilian casualties, drawing condemnation from Kabul and raising fears of renewed conflict.

The upcoming talks in Doha are seen as a critical opportunity for both sides to prevent further deterioration and to find a diplomatic path forward amid ongoing security challenges.

This meeting follows a series of complex interactions between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban since the latter took control of Afghanistan in 2021, with Pakistan playing a key regional role in attempts to promote stability.

Observers will closely watch the outcomes of these discussions as the region faces continued uncertainty and risks of escalated violence along the porous and contentious border.

China Expels Top General, Eight Military Officials Over Corruptio



TPN Correspondent | Beijing

China's second-highest ranking general, He Weidong, along with eight other senior military officials, has been expelled from the Communist Party and the People's Liberation Army over serious corruption allegations, the Defence Ministry announced Friday.

He Weidong, vice-chair of the Central Military Commission (CMC) and a Politburo member, is the most senior official caught in President Xi Jinping's ongoing anti-graft campaign targeting top military leaders. The nine officials are suspected of grave crimes involving large sums of money, according to Defence Ministry spokesperson Zhang Xiaogang, who added their cases have been forwarded to military prosecutors for review.

He, appointed to the CMC in 2022, has not been seen publicly for months, fueling speculation about his fate. Before his fall, he led the Eastern Theater Command, the military region responsi-

ble for operations against Taiwan in case of conflict.

Among the other dismissed officials is Miao Hua, director of the CMC's political work department, who has been under investigation since last November. Eight of the nine officials were Central Committee members, and their removal ahead of a key party meeting next week opens the door for new appointments.

Analysts say the purge serves as both a political show of strength and a means to tighten Xi's grip on the military and party. Neil Thomas, a China expert, noted that this move will allow non-voting alternates to become full committee members, consolidating loyal leadership.

Since 2012, Xi's anti-corruption campaign has purged thousands of officials, blending public support with political control. The recent expulsion of top generals like former Defense Minister Li Shangfu highlights the ongoing crack-down at the highest levels of China's military and government.

Trump Refiles \$15 Billion Defamation Lawsuit Against New York Times

TPN Bureau | United States

US President Donald Trump has refiled his \$15 billion defamation lawsuit against The New York Times, weeks after a federal judge dismissed the original complaint for being "improper." The lawsuit, filed in Florida on October 16, 2025, is now half the length of the previous 85-page complaint, trimmed down to 40 pages.

The original suit was thrown out in September by District Judge Steven Merryday, who criticized its florid language, repetitive and overly laudatory praise of Trump, and excessive length. The new filing aims to address those issues while maintaining the core allegations.

Trump's lawsuit accuses The New York Times, three of its reporters, and publisher Penguin Random House of publishing "false, defamatory, and malicious" statements against him "with actual malice." It centers on claims that the defendants damaged Trump's professional reputation, which he built over decades prior to his presidency.

The suit demands at least \$15 billion in compensatory dam-



ages, with additional punitive damages to be determined during the trial.

Since returning to the White House, Trump has intensified his long-standing feud with the media, targeting news outlets he perceives as biased against

him through lawsuits and public criticism. This latest legal action is part of a series of high-profile suits against media organizations.

Earlier this year, Trump filed a \$10 billion suit against media mogul Rupert Murdoch and The

Wall Street Journal, related to reports about a book and a letter linked to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. In July, Paramount agreed to pay Trump \$16 million to settle a defamation lawsuit over CBS's "60 Minutes" coverage, which

Trump claimed unfairly edited an interview with his 2024 election rival Kamala Harris.

Trump's aggressive legal strategy continues to fuel debate over press freedom and the limits of defamation claims involving public figures.

India and Brazil to Foster Economic Complementarity, Says Brazil VP

TPN Correspondent | ANTANANARIVO

Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin emphasized that India and Brazil's economic cooperation is based on complementarity rather than competition, highlighting the vast potential for mutual growth between the two democracies.

Responding to questions about the positioning of India and Brazil as alternative markets amid ongoing US tariffs, Alckmin clarified that the two countries do not view each other as competitors. Instead, he stressed that their relationship is grounded in economic complementarity, with both nations poised to benefit from increased trade and investment.

"We are not going to compete on product, we are going to have economic complementarity," Alckmin said during an interview with ANI. He pointed out that despite global trade tensions, India and Brazil offer significant opportunities for collaboration across various sectors.

Alckmin highlighted that



both India and Brazil are large democracies committed to multilateralism and possess continental scale economies. He noted that India remains one of the fastest-growing economies globally, with growth rates surpassing 7%, while Brazil is experiencing an exceptional agricultural harvest this year, exceeding last year's output by 16%.

"There is a lot of possibility for complementarity: in the area of technology, industrial area, mining, agro... We are not going to compete on product, we are going to have economic complementarity," he added.

The Brazilian Vice President underscored that independent of the US tariffs, both countries have robust investment climates, with room for expanded bilateral trade and cooperation.

This outlook sets a positive tone for future India-Brazil relations, reinforcing their shared goals of fostering sustainable growth, strengthening democratic values, and enhancing economic ties to benefit both nations.

"Make A Deal With Russia": Trump Tells Zelensky As Ukraine War Drags On

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US President Donald Trump has called on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to negotiate a peace deal with Russia, dampening Kyiv's hopes of receiving US-made Tomahawk cruise missiles. The remarks come amid renewed efforts by Trump to push for an end to the ongoing conflict.

After meeting Zelensky at the White House, Trump described their discussions as "very interesting and cordial," but urged both sides to halt fighting and "make a DEAL!" In a social media post, Trump suggested that Ukraine and Russia should "stop where they are," allowing each to claim victory and let history judge the outcome.

On arrival at his Florida estate, Trump told reporters, "They should stop right now at the battle line. Go by the battle line wherever it is or else it gets too complicated." This stance marks a shift from his position last month when he expressed confidence that Ukraine could reclaim all its lost territory.

Zelensky responded cautiously, telling NBC that while Trump did not give a definitive yes to supplying Tomahawk missiles, the door was not



closed either. The Ukrainian president noted that Russia fears the US long-range weapons but admitted he was "realistic" about the challenges of receiving them.

The developments reflect ongoing tensions in US policy toward the Ukraine conflict, with Trump's call for negotiation contrasting with other Western support for Kyiv's military ef-

forts. Zelensky's meeting with Trump highlighted the complexity of international diplomacy as Ukraine balances urgent defense needs with the possibility of peace talks.

As the conflict continues, the global community watches closely to see whether diplomatic efforts can reduce violence or if military aid will escalate the standoff further.

A Year of Ups and Downs: The Performance of the Indian Stock

Investors are looking back on a year that tried their patience and conviction as the country welcomes another season of lights and prosperity. Between the 2024 and 2025 Diwali Muhurat trading sessions, India's stock markets told a tale of stark contrasts: while blue chips stabilized portfolios, precious metals glittered, and a few smallcaps made modest sums into fortunes. Some obscure stocks increased by more than 10,000% over the course of the year, turning every ₹1 lakh into ₹1 crore, while gold and silver reached all-time highs.

Gold & Silver: The Silent Superstars

If equities wavered, precious metals shone brighter than ever. Gold jumped 57%, from ₹80,913 per 10g in November 2024 to ₹1,26,930 in October 2025, while silver outpaced it with a 68% rally, climbing from ₹87,755 to ₹1,47,575 per kg. Analysts say the rise is due to uncertainty in the world, continued buying by central banks, and demand from the renewable energy and electric vehicle sectors. Experts think that silver is still undervalued and could keep attracting investors because the gold-silver ratio is still off. **The Winners: Defying Gravity** Even though most stocks were stable, a few stood out and gave investors huge returns.

Market from Diwali 2024 to Diwali 2025

Muted Returns Amid Global Headwinds

- Benchmark indices did not move much between Diwali 2024 and Diwali 2025. The Sensex increased by a moderate 1.17%, while the Nifty 50 increased by just 3.5%, from 24,304 to 25,145. - The broader market	remained muted due to stretched valuations, foreign investor withdrawals, and global geopolitical tensions. Ahead of significant international elections and changes in policy, analysts also pointed to weak	corporate earnings and investor hesitancy. According to Ventura Securities, the Nifty 500 saw a 2.15% increase while the Nifty Smallcap index fell 3.68%. IT, Energy, and FMCG all saw declines of	11%, 10.75%, and 7.9%, respectively. But with gains of 13% and 12%, respectively, Public Sector Banks (PSU) and Financial Services stood out, offering much-needed hope in an otherwise cautious year.
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Midcap and Small Stars:

A handful of lesser-known athletes made headlines with remarkable returns: • RDB Metals Ltd. — Up 1,050% due to strategic alliances and the surge in demand for specialty metals. Vardhman Textiles Ltd.: Up 620% due to capacity expansion and export growth. Glenmark Life Sciences Ltd. — Up 480% thanks to strong earnings and API exports. Lumax Auto Technologies Ltd. - Up 365%, thanks to sales of EV components.	Aster DM Healthcare Ltd.: Up 250%, thanks to operations in Dubai and South India. VST Industries Ltd.: Up 220%, indicating a recovery in margins and robust domestic sales. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. - Up 200%, thanks to rural penetration and the expansion of microloans. Neogen Chemicals Ltd. - Up 180% on new product launches and turnaround. GMM Pfaudler Ltd. - Export orders and process engineering solutions drove a 165% increase.
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deal wins have caused an 8% decline. ■ HCL Technologies Ltd.: A 7% decline due to cautious discretionary spending. Weaknesses in Infrastructure and Energy ■ Reliance Industries Ltd.: A 5% decline due to pressure on the refining margin. ■ Adani Green Energy Ltd.: Down 12% as a result of policy delays and increased project costs. ■ Britannia Industries Ltd.: Inflation of input costs caused a 6% decline. ■ Nestle India Ltd.: Affected by the slowdown in rural areas, the company is down 5%. Newage technology and fintech. ■ Paytm (One97 Communications) — Down 15%, amid regulatory scrutiny. ■ Zomato Ltd — Down 8%, following profit-taking post a strong run. ■ Paytm (One97 Communications): 15% lower due to regulatory scrutiny. ■ Zomato Ltd.: After a strong run, profit-taking caused an 8% decline. **Investor Takeaway:** Striking a Balance Between Strategy and Shine The previous year was a reminder that no one asset class will ever be in control. Even though metals produced dazzling returns, stocks remained the foundation for long-term wealth accumulation. “Diversification, not devotion, is the key—each asset class has its cycle,” stated analysts at Arihant Capital. They added that stability and growth during volatile times are guaranteed by a well-balanced mix of gold, silver, and stocks. Experts advise investors to maintain discipline, avoid speculative frenzy, and invest with a long-term perspective rather than just following last year's winners as markets prepare for Muhurat trading in 2025.



Atluri Ganesh, Founder: The Rupee Company

In just nine months, RRP Semiconductor Ltd became the face of India's smallcap mania, going from ₹10 to almost ₹9,000, a shocking 10,075% rise. Later, the company put out a statement saying that the rally wasn't based on its fundamentals and denying rumors that cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar owned a stake in the company. It's interesting that this surge started soon after the company changed its name from G D Trading & Agencies Ltd. to RRP Semiconductor Ltd. to match India's growing semiconductor goals. Financial services, pharmaceuticals, and a few infrastructure stocks stood out, but IT, and FMCG saw muted growth. As a result of steady deposit inflows and credit expansion, PSU banks such as Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank saw gains of 12–14%. Thanks to CDMO contracts and export demand, pharmaceutical companies such as Divi's Laboratories and Biocon reported consistent gains.

transformation. • Maruti Suzuki Ltd. - Up 15% thanks to a rebound in passenger car sales. ■ Dabur India Ltd: Up 14% due to demand for FMCG in rural areas. ■ Tata Steel Ltd.: Up 18% as a result of in- ■ India's markets mirrored a global mood that was both volatile and resilient, from the joyous optimism of Diwali 2024 to the more subdued celebration of Diwali 2025. When compared to the skyrocketing prices of gold and silver, the modest gains in benchmark indices highlighted how investor preferences were changing in the face of uncertainty. ■ The underlying narrative is still optimistic, though. Credit growth is robust, domestic demand is strong, and corporate India is still gaining ground. ■ As diyas light up homes all over the nation once more, investors are looking forward with newfound optimism, prepared to strike a balance between caution and conviction and allow their portfolios to shine as steadily as the market's timeless rhythm.

A Year of Lessons and Resilience creased demand for exports and steel prices. When the shine faded, underperformers Even though the economy was resilient overall, pressure was felt in a number of sectors: **Weakness in the IT Sector :** ■ Wipro Ltd.: Lower

RIL Q2 Net Profit Jumps 14.3% to ₹22,092 Crore

Mumbai — Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported a strong financial performance for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025, with consolidated net profit rising 14.3% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹22,092 crore. The growth was driven by robust results from its Oil to Chemicals (O2C), Jio, and retail segments. The company's gross revenue for the quarter grew 9.9% YoY, reaching ₹2,83,548 crore, reflecting steady demand across its diverse business lines. Despite the overall positive performance, the Oil and Gas segment experienced a 5.4% decline in EBITDA due to reduced gas volumes from the KG-D6 block and higher operating costs linked to



scheduled maintenance activities. RIL's Oil to Chemicals segment, a core driver of profitability, rebounded well in the quarter, helping to offset the challenges in the upstream gas business. The company's telecom arm, Jio, continued its strong momentum, contributing significantly to the earnings growth alongside the expanding retail business, which maintained healthy consumer demand. The company's diversified business model, spanning energy, telecommunications, and retail, helped it weather the mixed performance in oil and gas, reflecting RIL's strategic shift towards new economy sectors. Despite operational

challenges in some segments, Reliance's ability to sustain profit growth highlights its resilience and adaptability amid fluctuating market conditions. The company's focus on digital and consumer businesses remains a key growth driver as India's economy continues to evolve. As RIL looks ahead, analysts will closely watch its performance in the coming quarters, especially with global energy markets remaining volatile and digital and retail sectors growing rapidly. Overall, RIL's Q2 results demonstrate a balanced recovery and underscore the strength of its diversified portfolio, positioning it well for sustained growth.

Government Monitoring 54 Items To Ensure Benefits Reach Consumers: Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has confirmed that the government is closely monitoring the impact of GST rate cuts on 54 essential items to ensure that the benefits directly reach consumers. Speaking on October 18, 2025, Sitharaman emphasized that the recent tax reforms are not merely festive season measures but part of a broader effort to create a more efficient and consumer-friendly tax system. The GST rate reductions, implemented across a range of goods, aim to lower prices and ease inflationary pressures, thereby boosting consumer spending and economic activity. The government's active

monitoring mechanism involves regular checks on pricing at the retail level to prevent any unfair practices and ensure that savings from tax cuts translate into tangible relief for buyers. Sitharaman highlighted that the rate adjustments are designed to make essential products more affordable for the common citizen, reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusive growth. The move is expected to support sectors impacted by inflation and supply chain challenges while sustaining consumption momentum across the country. This initiative aligns with the government's broader reform agenda fo-

cused on simplifying indirect taxation and promoting transparency. Authorities have also urged businesses and state tax departments to cooperate fully in tracking compliance and preventing any price manipulation. The GST Council has been proactive in reviewing rates periodically to balance revenue needs with consumer welfare, and this latest round of cuts reflects that approach. As the government continues to oversee the impact, consumers and market watchers are optimistic that the tax relief will help stabilize prices and support economic resilience ahead of the upcoming festive season.

WhatsApp to Limit Spam Messages from Businesses and Strangers



WhatsApp is taking new steps to reduce spam messages flooding users' inboxes, especially those coming from businesses and unknown contacts. The Meta-owned messaging platform is reportedly testing limits on how many messages businesses and individuals can send daily without receiving a reply.

With over two billion users worldwide, WhatsApp remains the go-to app for instant messaging. However, recent updates—such as the introduction of communities, groups, and other features—have made the platform more complex. While these additions offer more ways to connect, they have also opened the door for unwanted spam messages, often overwhelming users' chats.

To address this, WhatsApp is experimenting with different messaging caps in various countries. The goal is to curb persistent spam by restricting the number of messages that can be sent by businesses or strangers who haven't received responses from users.

This measure aims to strike a balance between allowing businesses to communicate with customers and protecting users from being bombarded by unsolicited messages.

WhatsApp's new approach could improve user experience by making inboxes less cluttered and easier to manage. This is especially important as users often struggle to keep up with the volume of messages they receive, some of which are promotional or irrelevant.

This crackdown on spam is part of WhatsApp's broader effort to enhance privacy and user control. By limiting spammy behavior, the app hopes to maintain its reputation as a reliable and secure platform for personal communication.

As the feature is still in testing, it may be rolled out gradually across different regions depending on feedback and effectiveness. For now, WhatsApp users can look forward to a cleaner, less intrusive messaging experience in the near future.

Facebook's New AI Tool Can Access Your Unpublished Photos



Meta has introduced a new AI-powered feature for Facebook users in the United States and Canada that can view and analyse unpublished photos and videos stored on users' phone camera rolls. This AI tool aims to help users discover and enhance their "hidden gem" images that might otherwise be overlooked among screenshots, receipts, and random pictures.

If users opt in, the AI scans the camera roll, uploads the photos to Meta's cloud servers, and suggests creative edits, collages, or other ways to make the photos more "shareworthy." However, the tool only accesses unpublished photos and does not look at content already posted on Facebook.

Meta has emphasized that these private images will not be used to train their AI models unless the user actively interacts with the AI's editing and sharing features. This is a key distinction aimed at addressing privacy concerns.

The company also acknowledged that its AI systems have already been trained on all public photos and text posted by adult users on Facebook and Instagram

since 2007. But this new feature marks a significant expansion, allowing AI to analyze private, unpublished content—albeit only with user consent.

Critics have raised privacy concerns about storing personal photos in the cloud and allowing AI access, but Meta insists it is taking steps to ensure users retain control over their data.

The AI tool promises to enhance user experience by bringing creativity and convenience to photo sharing, but it also raises important questions about the boundaries between private data and AI usage.

As AI becomes more integrated into social media, Meta's new feature could set a precedent for how personal media is managed and enhanced, balancing innovation with user privacy. As Indian cities grow denser and traffic issues worsen, such sustainable transit initiatives may become increasingly important—provided they can be effectively implemented and managed. Early responses suggest strong interest, especially from developers, tech enthusiasts, and enterprise users exploring immersive computing solutions.

Tech Giants Pump Millions Into AI Training for Teachers

Major tech companies like Microsoft, OpenAI, and Anthropic are investing millions of dollars to train US teachers in artificial intelligence, aiming to bring AI-powered tools into classrooms across the country. Partnering with teachers' unions such as the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), these initiatives seek to boost educators' AI literacy and prepare them to use new technologies effectively.

The training programs are designed to help teachers integrate AI tools like chatbots and automated grading systems into their teaching workflows. AI is already transforming classrooms by instantly grading assignments, converting lesson plans into podcasts or storybooks, and automating routine tasks—all easing teachers' workloads and allowing more personalised support for students.

Despite these benefits, questions remain about how AI will affect the future role of teachers. Critics worry that AI could diminish educators' influence in the classroom, but proponents argue that training programs will empower teachers



to use AI wisely and ethically, ensuring human oversight remains central to education.

AFT President Randi Weingarten expressed cautious optimism about the tech companies' involvement, recognising their deep financial resources but emphasizing the importance of teacher participation and control over AI tools. This collaboration aims to strike a balance where AI supports, rather than replaces, educators.

According to a July CNN report, this large-scale effort plans to train 400,000 K-12 teachers in AI over the next five years. The initiative is already underway and marks one of the most significant attempts to prepare educators for an AI-driven future.

As classrooms increasingly embrace AI, the success of these programs will depend on how well teachers are equipped to harness the technology—keeping students' learning experience personal, ethical, and effective.

Scientists Discover Most Powerful, Distant Odd Radio Circle



In a remarkable breakthrough, scientists have discovered the most powerful and distant Odd Radio Circle (ORC) ever detected in the universe. Named RAD J131346.9+500320, this extraordinary structure lies about 7.5 billion light-years from Earth and spans an astonishing 978,000 light-years—nearly ten times the diameter of our Milky Way galaxy. Notably, it is only the second known ORC with two distinct rings.

ORCs are faint, ring-shaped radio emissions that surround galaxies, and they represent a relatively recent cosmic mystery, first identified in 2019. These enormous structures have puzzled astronomers since their discovery, challenging existing ideas about galaxy evolution and black hole interactions.

The new ORC was detected with the help of citizen scientists involved in the RAD@home Astronomy Collabora-

tory in India, highlighting the growing role of public participation in space research. According to Ananda Hota from the University of Mumbai, who led the study, ORCs are "among the most bizarre and beautiful cosmic structures" and could hold critical insights into how galaxies and their central supermassive black holes evolve together.

Earlier theories suggested that ORCs might form from shockwaves generated by merging supermassive black holes or colliding galaxies. However, the latest research, published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, offers a fresh perspective. The study proposes that the rings of radio light are linked to superwind outflows—massive, high-speed ejections of gas—from spiral host radio galaxies.

These superwind outflows, driven by intense star formation or black hole activity, could create expanding shockwaves visible as the vast radio rings of the ORCs. This new understanding may reshape how astronomers interpret galaxy dynamics and the role of energetic feedback in cosmic evolution.

The discovery of RAD J131346.9+500320 marks a significant step forward in unraveling the mysteries of ORCs and their place in the universe's grand story.

Google DeepMind's AI Cracks Major Cancer Mystery

Google DeepMind, in collaboration with Yale University, has developed a groundbreaking AI model called C2S-Scale 27B that has made a significant breakthrough in cancer research. This advanced AI, with 27 billion parameters, is designed to decode the complex "language" of individual cells, enabling scientists to better understand cancer cell behavior.

Built on the open Gemma models, C2S-Scale 27B is a foundational AI system that analyses vast cellular data to uncover patterns previously hidden to researchers. According to Google, this model generated a novel hypothesis about cancer cells, which was then experimentally validated in living cells—marking a major milestone for AI applications in science.

The breakthrough has opened new pathways for cancer therapies by identifying key cellular processes that drive the disease. This improved understanding can accelerate the development of targeted drugs and personalized treatments, potentially revolutionizing how cancer is treated in the future.

Google's DeepMind division highlights that the C2S-Scale



27B model represents a step forward in combining artificial intelligence with biological research, emphasizing the AI's ability to assist scientists in making discoveries that would otherwise take years.

By leveraging AI to unlock the mysteries of cancer at the cellular level, the research paves the way for innovations not only in oncology but also in other fields where understanding cellular behavior is crucial.

As AI continues to evolve, collaborations like this between technology companies and research institutions demonstrate how machine learning can be a powerful tool for advancing healthcare, potentially saving millions of lives worldwide.

Rain Washes Out First T20I Between New Zealand and England



The opening Twenty20 International (T20I) between New Zealand and England at Hagley Oval in Christchurch was abandoned due to persistent rain on October 18, 2025.

New Zealand won the toss and elected to bowl first, with England posting a competitive total of 153 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs. Sam Curran was the standout performer for the visitors, remaining unbeaten on 49 runs and anchoring

the innings on a tricky, unpredictable pitch.

However, just as New Zealand began their chase, rain interrupted play and eventually led to the match being called off without a single ball being bowled in the second innings. The wet conditions left the pitch covered, and no further play was possible on the day. This washout was a disappointing start to the T20 series, which promises exciting contests between two strong

teams. England's innings showed resilience and skill despite challenging weather, with contributions from multiple batsmen helping reach a defendable total.

The abandonment means that both teams will have to regroup quickly for the upcoming matches in the series, as New Zealand will look to capitalize on home advantage while England aims to bounce back from a frustrating start.

Fans at Hagley Oval

and viewers worldwide were left hoping for better weather and more cricket in the remaining T20Is. The series is still wide open, and with both sides packed with talent, the upcoming games promise plenty of excitement.

The teams now turn their focus to the second T20I, where conditions and fortunes may well change to deliver the thrilling cricket both sides are capable of producing.



India Clinches Maiden AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup Qualification

In a thrilling comeback, India's U-17 women's football team secured their maiden qualification for the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup by defeating Uzbekistan 2-1 on Friday. The victory marked a historic first for India at this age group, with the tournament set to be held in China next year.

India fell behind early when Uzbekistan's Shakhzoda Alikhonova scored a stunning volley in the 38th minute, striking the underside of the

crossbar and putting the visitors ahead. The Indian team, needing only a draw to qualify, appeared rattled, struggling to find rhythm as Uzbekistan pressed hard on the left flank.

Head coach Joakim Alexandersson made a pivotal substitution just before halftime, bringing on Thandamoni Baskey for Bonifilia Shullai in the 40th minute. Though the change did not immediately alter the game's flow, it proved decisive after the break.

Thandamoni's quick

thinking helped India regain control. In the 55th minute, she equalised by capitalising on an aerial through ball over Uzbekistan's defence. Eleven minutes later, she assisted Anushka Kumari to score the winner, completing India's remarkable turnaround.

Earlier in the match, Alexandersson also swapped Valaina Fernandes for Taniya Devi Tonambam in the 21st minute, showing a readiness to make bold tacti-

cal changes. Despite a shaky start, the Young Tigresses' resilience shone through in the second half, demonstrating their growth on the continental stage.

With six points, India topped Group G and booked their spot in the AFC tournament, ending a long wait since their last appearance in 2005. This breakthrough signals a bright future for Indian women's football at the youth level and inspires hope for greater success on Asia's biggest stages.

East Bengal, Mohun Bagan Clash in Historic IFA Shield Final



The iconic Kolkata Derby is set for a fiery chapter as East Bengal and Mohun Bagan in the IFA Shield 2025 final at the Salt Lake Stadium. Both teams have been unbeaten and goalless in the tournament so far, making this an evenly poised clash for one of India's oldest football titles.

East Bengal are aiming for a record-extending 30th IFA Shield crown, first title since 2003. The final marks the 23rd time the two powerhouses are meeting in the IFA Shield final, with East Bengal his-

torically dominating the derby in this tournament — winning 13 finals to Bagan's 6.

Both sides topped their respective groups convincingly. East Bengal secured a 2-0 win over Namdhari FC to lead Group A, while Mohun Bagan defeated United SC 2-0 to dominate Group B. This sets up their third derby meeting in just three months, adding fuel to an already intense rivalry.

The teams announced their starting XI's hours before kick-off, building excitement among fans. With a packed Salt Lake Stadium expect-

ed and millions watching via live stream on the SSEN app, the stage is set for a dramatic finale.

East Bengal head into the match with confidence and form, while Mohun Bagan are determined to end their long title drought. Both teams have relied on solid defence throughout the tournament, meaning a single goal could decide the fate of this clash.

As Kolkata holds its breath, the IFA Shield final is more than just a match — it's a battle for legacy, pride, and history.

Satwik-Chirag Enter Denmark Open Semifinals; Lakshya Sen Exits in Quarters

Odense, Denmark — India's top men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the semifinals of the Denmark Open 2025 after a hard-fought victory over Indonesia's Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Rahmat Hidayat on Friday. The Indian duo triumphed 21-15, 18-21, 21-16 in a thrilling 65-minute match at the Jyske Bank Arena.

Satwik and Chirag took the opening game by pulling away from a tight 17-16 scoreline with four consecutive points. However, the Indonesian pair fought back strongly in the second game, leveling at 17-all after overcoming a mid-game deficit of 10-4. In the final game, the Indians regained control early and



maintained momentum to seal their place in the semifinals.

In their next match on Saturday, Satwik and Chirag will face Japan's

world No. 10 duo Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi. The Indian pair hold the upper hand in their head-to-head record, leading 4-1. Coming off back-to-back runner-

up finishes at the Hong Kong Open and China Masters, Satwik and Chirag are eager to capture the title at this prestigious BWF Super 750 event.

On the singles front, India's Lakshya Sen bowed out in the quarterfinals after a straight-game loss to France's world No. 7 Alex Lanier. Sen was defeated 21-9, 21-14 in just 44 minutes. Despite his impressive win over world No. 2 Anders Antonsen in the previous round, Lakshya struggled to recover after falling behind early in both games.

Earlier in the tournament, Indian mixed doubles pair Mohit Jaglan and Lakshita Jaglan were also eliminated following a 21-14, 21-11 loss to Indonesia's Adnan Maulana and Indah Cahya Sari Jamil.

India's focus now shifts to the doubles semifinal as Satwik and Chirag aim to clinch the Denmark Open title.

Tanvi Sharma Reaches Final of BWF World Junior Championships



India's top-seeded shuttler Tanvi Sharma stormed into the final of the BWF World Junior Championships with a commanding straight-game victory over China's Liu Si Ya on Saturday. The 16-year-old recorded a 15-11, 15-9 win to become only the third Indian female player to reach the final of the prestigious tournament, following in the footsteps of Saina Nehwal and Aparna Popat.

Tanvi, who has already assured India of its first medal in the event in 17 years, showcased a dominant all-court game against Liu. She started strong with a 7-3 lead in

the opening game and maintained control despite a brief comeback by her opponent. Finishing the first game in just 13 minutes, Tanvi didn't allow Liu to settle into any rhythm.

In the second game, the Indian teenager surged to a 12-4 lead with sharp net play, precise flicks, and deep smashes. Though she briefly faltered, she regained composure with a perfectly timed down-the-line smash to close out the match. "I was feeling very comfortable today. My coach advised me to keep the shuttle slightly inside the lines when I started making errors at

12-4, and it helped me refocus," Tanvi said after the match.

Tanvi will face second-seeded Anyapat Phichitpreechasa of Thailand in the final. Anyapat defeated compatriot Yat-aweemin Ketklieng in a tough three-game semifinal 10-15, 15-11, 15-5.

In the men's singles, Indonesia's Mohammad Zaki Ubaiddillah pulled off a thrilling win over China's Li Chi Hang 14-16, 16-14, 15-12 in a contest that lasted over an hour.

With a spot in the final secured, Tanvi Sharma stands one win away from making history at home in Guwahati.

Dude Dominates Diwali Box Office with Big Opening



Pradeep Ranganathan has once again proved his box office pull with his latest release **Dude**, which is off to a flying start. Released on October 17, the film has taken the lead among Diwali releases, registering impressive numbers both in India and overseas. Directed by Keerthiswaran and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, **Dude** sold over 2.35 lakh tickets on BookMyShow on its first day — a remarkable feat, especially considering the stiff competition from other festive releases. In North America, the film grossed over \$300,000 on Day 1, indicating strong overseas demand and the rising popularity of Telugu films abroad. The film benefits from multiple strong factors: Pradeep Ranganathan's growing popularity after hits like *Love Today* and *Dragon*, the presence of rising star Mamitha Baiju of *Premalu* fame, and positive word-of-mouth from early viewers.

Pragya Shines in Bold Yet Elegant Diwali Look



This Diwali, actress Pragya Jaiswal turned heads with a show-stopping appearance that perfectly balanced glamour and grace. The star opted for a bold silver strapless gown that shimmered like festive lights, capturing the spirit of the season with effortless charm. The gown, sleek in design and fitted to perfection, featured a deep neckline that added a touch of boldness to the otherwise elegant ensemble. The metallic shimmer of the fabric made the look festive without appearing overdone, highlighting Pragya's keen sense of style. The outfit hugged her figure gracefully, allowing her to make a strong style statement while maintaining her signature poise. What truly elevated the look was her minimal approach to accessories. She wore striking dark blue earrings that caught the light with every movement, complemented by a matching bracelet. This

Critics and audiences alike have praised **Dude** for its fresh storytelling, youthful energy, and engaging screenplay. Backed by the strong distribution and marketing power of Mythri Movie Makers, **Dude** has positioned itself as the top performer among the Diwali releases. Trade analysts expect the film to maintain momentum over the weekend and make the most of the extended festive holidays. With a strong opening and favorable audience reception, **Dude** is on track to become another blockbuster for Pradeep Ranganathan. If the trend continues, the film could surpass the performance of his previous hits and further cement his status as a youth favorite across the Telugu states and beyond. As Diwali festivities continue, **Dude** is clearly shining the brightest at the box office, making it the go-to entertainer of the season.

Kiran Abbavaram's K-Ramp Offers Energy but Limited Impact



Kiran Abbavaram returns to the big screen with **K-Ramp**, a commercial entertainer directed by debutant Jains Nani. Co-starring Yukti Thareja, the film hit theatres this week and aims to deliver a blend of fun and emotion. While the second half provides some engaging moments, the overall film ends up as a middling watch. The story revolves around Kumar Abbavaram (played by Kiran), a carefree millionaire's son sent to a Kerala college by his father (Sai Kumar) in hopes of instilling discipline. There, he meets Mersi Joy (Yukti Thareja), and a romance brews. The twist lies in Mersi's rare disorder, which changes the course of Kumar's life and forms the emotional core of the film. Kiran Abbavaram brings high energy and a lively presence to his role. Though similar to his past characters, his performance feels more refined. Yukti Thareja gets a meatier role than most commercial heroines, and she delivers a convincing act, portraying a character with a psychological condition. While the first half of **K-Ramp** struggles with predictable sequences and a flat romantic track, the second half improves with better comedy and more engaging moments. The chemistry between the leads works well, and the film picks up after the interval twist. However, the Kerala setting feels underused, and the emotional arc between father and son appears forced. Editing is inconsistent, and some scenes lack depth. Technically, the film scores decently with good visuals by Sateesh Reddy Masam and a catchy soundtrack from Chaitanya Bharadwaj, with "*Kalale Kalale*" standing out. In summary, **K-Ramp** delivers a few entertaining stretches, mainly in the latter half, but its impact is diluted by a routine setup and emotional beats that don't fully land. It's an okay watch for those looking for light-hearted fare.

Ranveer Singh, Srileela Team Up for ₹150 Cr Ad 'Agent Ching Attack'



In a groundbreaking move in the advertising world, Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and Tollywood sensation Srileela have come together for a massive action-packed ad film titled **Agent Ching Attack**. The teaser of this high-budget commercial has been released recently and is already generating massive buzz online. Produced by popular food brand Ching's Desi Chinese, the ad is said to have been made on a staggering budget of ₹150 crore, making it one of the most expensive advertisements ever produced in India. Ranveer Singh reprises his quirky and action-filled avatar as Agent Ching, while Srileela plays the fierce and stylish Agent Mirchi. The villain's role is portrayed by none other than Bobby Deol, who appears as the menacing Professor White Noise. The ad blends action, humor, and visual spectacle in typical big-screen style. What's more exciting is that the commercial is directed by none other than Atlee, the celebrated Kollywood filmmaker known for directing blockbusters like *Bigil*, *Theri*, and the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Jawan*. Atlee's signature high-energy storytelling style is evident in the trailer, making the ad feel more like a short film than a traditional commercial. The teaser features thrilling stunts, slick visuals, and larger-than-life action sequences, clearly showing that no expense was spared in bringing this unique campaign to life. With cinematic quality production and a star-studded cast, **Agent Ching Attack** is setting a new benchmark for brand storytelling in India. This high-voltage commercial is more than just an ad — it's an experience. Fans and netizens alike are eagerly awaiting the full version, which promises to deliver blockbuster-level entertainment in a matter of minutes.

Devi Sri Prasad to Make Acting Debut with Keerthy Suresh in Yellamma



Ace music director Devi Sri Prasad (DSP) is all set to step into a brand-new role — that of a lead actor. The hitmaker, known for composing chartbusters across Telugu cinema, will be making his acting debut in a film titled **Yellamma**, which is being directed by Balagam fame Venu Eldam D and produced by Dil Raju under his prestigious banner. The idea of DSP turning actor has been in discussions for quite some time. Though several directors approached him with scripts in the past, the composer stayed focused on music. However, it was the story of **Yellamma** that finally convinced him to take the leap into acting. The film is described as a social-emotional drama with strong character-driven storytelling. In an exciting casting update, National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh has been roped in as the female lead opposite Devi Sri Prasad. This marks a fresh and unexpected on-screen pairing, and driven storytelling. With Venu Eldam D at the helm, known for delivering emotional depth through films like *Balagam*, and DSP's own musical expertise likely to elevate the storytelling, **Yellamma** is shaping up to be a unique cinematic offering. If all goes as planned, audiences will soon witness the Devi Sri Prasad-Keerthy Suresh duo lighting up the big screen with a mix of music, drama, and fresh chemistry.