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7 NEW DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES TO AP

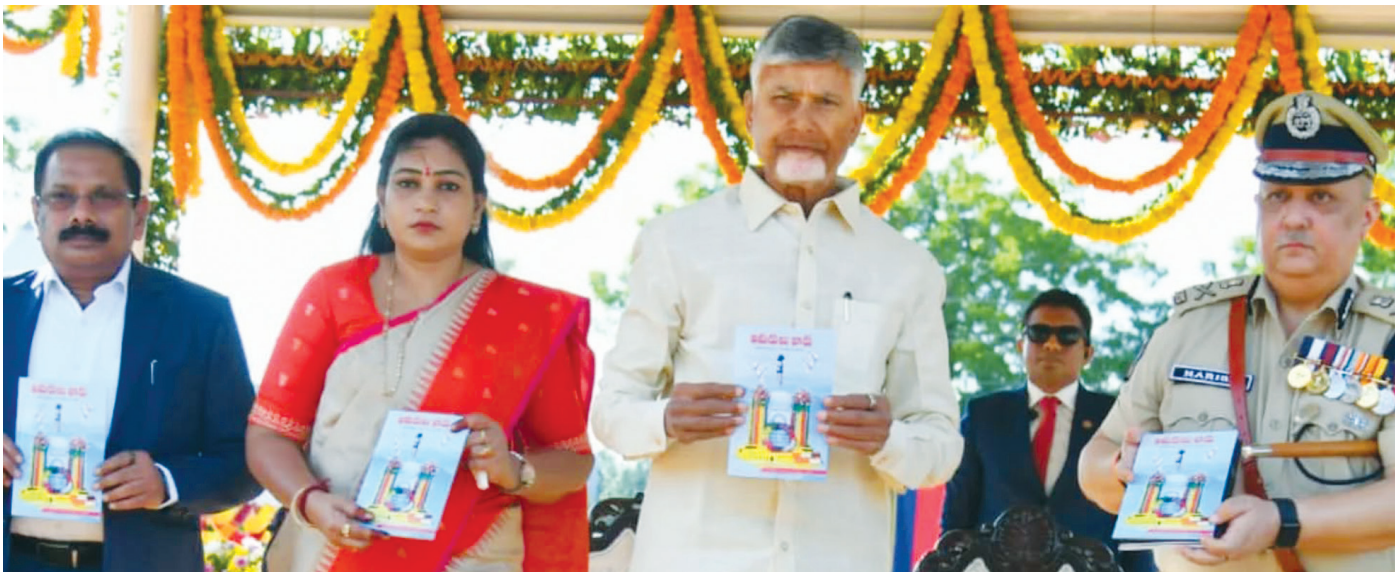
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LAW AND ORDER - PAVES GLOBAL INVESTMENTS - CM

In a strong assertion that peace and stability form the foundation of progress, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday emphasized that maintaining robust law and order was vital for attracting global investments and ensuring sustained development in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at the Police Commemoration Day held at the APSP 6th Battalion Grounds in Mangalagiri, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to 192 police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty across the country this year. "Development comes only when there is peace and stability. The police play a pivotal role in ensuring both," he remarked, applauding the selfless service of the police force in maintaining peace and public security.

Law and Order Key to Attracting Global Investments: CM Naidu

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 21: Recalling the state's recent strides in attracting global attention, the Chief Minister pointed out that Andhra Pradesh's peaceful environment has built strong investor confidence. He cited Google's decision to establish its largest Artificial Intelligence data center in Visakhapatnam as a testimony to the state's credibility and conducive environment for international investments. "The trust of global companies reflects the confidence that the world has in our

governance and policing standards," he said. Mr. Naidu also highlighted the dynamic challenges faced by the police in today's digital era, noting that criminals are increasingly misusing technology to commit sophisticated crimes.

He urged the police to constantly update their technical knowledge and enhance cyber-forensic capabilities to tackle these emerging threats effectively. The Chief Minister praised the efforts of the Eagle Force in curbing ganja cultivation and drug trafficking, commending their dedication to keeping the

youth free from the menace of narcotics. Sounding a note of caution, Mr. Naidu warned against individuals who misuse politics as a shield for unlawful activities or resort to spreading fake and provocative content on social media for political gains. He directed the police to act firmly and impartially against such attempts that disturb harmony and mislead the public.

"No one is above the law. Our government will not tolerate any attempt to create unrest or hinder developmental progress," he said. Reaffirming his

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PAWAN FIRES ON DSP, BHIMAVARAM



TPN Bureau,

Amravati, October 21: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has expressed serious displeasure over the conduct of Bhimavaram Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Jayasurya from West Godavari district. The Deputy Chief Minister reportedly took strong objection to allegations that the DSP has been promoting gambling activities and interfering in civil disputes

under his jurisdiction. According to reliable sources, complaints were submitted to Pawan Kalyan by several leaders from the ruling NDA alliance.

They alleged that the officer was ignoring public grievances, allowing illegal gambling camps to operate openly, and misusing his authority in local civil issues. The allegations quickly drew the attention of the Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds responsibility for Home Department affairs in

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LOKESH HAILS AUSTRALIA'S DECISION

Australia Lifts Ban on Unpeeled Indian Prawns: Lokesh Hails Breakthrough for Seafood Exporters.

TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 21: Sydney In a landmark decision for India's seafood sector, Australia has lifted its long-standing ban on the import of unpeeled Indian prawns, reopening a crucial market that was closed for years due to biosecurity concerns. Announced during Andhra Pradesh Minister for IT, HRD and RTGS Nara Lokesh's visit to Australia, the move is being hailed as a major breakthrough that promises to boost India's aquaculture exports and revitalise the livelihoods of coastal



farmers across Andhra Pradesh.

Australia had imposed the restriction years ago following the detection of the white spot virus in earlier shipments of unpeeled

prawns from India. The ban hampered the growth of India's seafood export industry, already under pressure from increased tariffs and market access barriers in the United

States. Andhra Pradesh, which contributes nearly 60-80 per cent of India's seafood exports worth over ₹66,000 crore annually,

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CBN TO VISIT UAE TO INVITE BUSINESS LEADERS

CM Chandrababu to Visit UAE to Invite Global Industry Leaders for Visakhapatnam Partnership Summit

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is set to embark on a three-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) beginning Wednesday, October 22, to invite international business leaders to the CII Partnership Summit 2025 scheduled in Visakhapatnam on November 14-15. The visit marks a key step in the state government's mission to project Andhra Pradesh as a global investment hub and attract large-scale industrial, infrastructural, and technological investments.



TPN Bureau,

Vijayawada, Oct 21: According to the official program, the Chief Minister will depart from Hyderabad on Wednesday morning and



land in Dubai, where he will be received and briefed by A. Amarnath, Charge d'Affaires at the Embassy of India. Soon after, he is expected to hold a series of one-on-one strategic meetings with some

of the UAE's leading industrial and business figures. Among those scheduled to meet Naidu are PNC Menon, Chairman of Sobha Group, for discussions on infra

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Nara Lokesh's Day 3 in Australia Strengthens Seafood, Agri-Tech, and Urban Innovation Ties.



TPN/VIJAYAWADA/ SYDNEY, Oct 21: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics Nara Lokesh continued to accelerate multi-sector collaborations on the third day of his Australia tour, forging strong partnerships in the fields of seafood trade, agricultural technology, urban innovation, and government-to-govern-

ment cooperation. His engagements across Sydney and Parramatta have opened fresh avenues for trade, investment, and knowledge exchange between Andhra Pradesh and New South Wales (NSW).

Boosting Seafood Trade and Sustainability

In a high-level interaction with leaders of

Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) at Parramatta, Lokesh underscored Andhra Pradesh's leadership as India's largest seafood-exporting state. He called for structured trade missions and dedicated export platforms connecting Andhra Pradesh's seafood producers with global buyers. Emphasizing product quality, value

addition, and environmental responsibility, he proposed joint initiatives to enhance processing standards, packaging, and cold-chain logistics to meet international compliance and extend shelf life.

Lokesh also discussed sustainable aquaculture practices, marine biodiversity protection, and the

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potential for culinary tourism that celebrates Andhra Pradesh's sea-food heritage on global platforms. Both sides expressed mutual interest in exploring a long-term framework for improving seafood trade efficiency and sustainability. Urban Development and City Innovation Meeting with Parramatta Lord Mayor Martin Zaiter, Lokesh praised the city's achievements in sustainable urban growth, modern public trans-

port systems, and people-centric green spaces. He invited Parramatta to collaborate with Andhra Pradesh's key cities Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, and Tirupati to replicate global best practices in smart governance and urban renewal. During his visit to Harris Park's "Little India" riverside precinct, Lokesh highlighted the area as a vibrant symbol of India-Australia friendship and expressed his vision for developing similar tourism-led local business ecosystems in Andhra

Pradesh. He also extended an invitation to Parramatta's civic authorities to participate in the Visakhapatnam Partnership Summit 2025, slated for November 14-15th. AI-Driven Agri-Tech Collaboration At Western Sydney University (WSU), Lokesh outlined an ambitious plan to establish AI-driven Agricultural Innovation Hubs in Andhra Pradesh. These hubs aim to advance precision farming, smart irrigation systems, and climate-resil-



ient crops, supported by joint research between WSU and Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. WSU leaders responded positively, ex-

pressing willingness to collaborate on farmer training, soil health programs, and sustainable water management. The partnership is ex-

pected to support Andhra Pradesh's long-term agricultural modernization goals through technology-enabled solutions. AP-NSW

Innovation and Industry Partnership. Lokesh's meetings with NSW government officials culminated in a proposal for launching an Andhra Pradesh-NSW Innovation and Industry Partnership, covering emerging areas such as advanced manufacturing, meditech, green technology, logistics, and AI-powered infrastructure. He formally invited NSW to send a minister-led business delegation to the Visakhapatnam Summit and suggested linking its innovation

clusters with industrial hubs in Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, and Anantapur. He further proposed integrating the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APE-DB) with NSW's Asia-Pacific trade networks, aiming to streamline market access and attract investment. Lokesh reiterated that Andhra Pradesh is ready to play a pivotal role in Australia's Indo-Pacific growth strategy, turning bilateral goodwill into tangible economic outcomes.

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structure and IT park development; Sharafuddin Sharaf, Founder of Sharaf Group, to explore logistics and warehousing collaborations; and Ramesh Ramakrishna, Chairman of Transworld Group, focusing on port development, ship management, and maritime logistics. These meetings are expected to strengthen the groundwork for partnerships that could significantly contribute to Andhra Pradesh's economic development and employment generation. In the evening, the Chief Minister will tour the Dubai Future Museum, symbolizing Andhra Pradesh's commitment to innovation and emerging technologies. Later, he will participate in the CII Partnership Summit Roadshow, an event anticipated to attract a high-profile audience of investors, business magnates, and global industry representatives keen on exploring investment op-

portunities in Andhra Pradesh. On October 23, Naidu will pay a visit to the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, accompanied by Minister of Investments Al Suwaidi, before engaging in another round of business and diplomatic meetings. His scheduled interactions include discussions with Nasser Al Muhairi (Executive Vice President of ADNOC and Chairman of Ruwais LNG), Mansoor Al Mansoori (CEO, G42 International), Yusuf Ali (Chairman and MD, Lulu Group), Salmeen Al Ameri (MD, Agthia Group), and executives from Binance led by Chief Marketing Officer Rachel. The meetings will focus on energy investments, digital innovation, retail expansion, food processing, and blockchain technology. Later in the day, the Chief Minister is slated to visit Yas Island, home to major attractions like Ferrari World, Warner Bros World, Yas Waterworld, and SeaWorld

Abu Dhabi, as part of a cultural and tourism outreach aimed at positioning Visakhapatnam as a future international destination. On the final day of the visit, Naidu will hold meetings with Dr. Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of Foreign Trade, and Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, to discuss bilateral trade expansion, economic collaboration, and investment avenues. He will then return to Hyderabad in the evening. Accompanying the Chief Minister are BC Janardhana Reddy, Minister for Investments, and TG Bharath, Minister for Industries, along with senior officials Kartikeya Misra, N. Yuvaraj, CM Saikanth Varma, and Dhatri Reddy from the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub. This visit is expected to further solidify Andhra Pradesh's position as India's gateway for global investors and strengthen international confidence ahead of the Visakhapatnam Partnership Summit.

Pawan Kalyan Expresses Anger Over Bhimavaram DSP's Conduct

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coordination with the state's senior leadership. Following the complaints, Pawan Kalyan is said to have contacted the West Godavari District Superintendent of Police (SP) directly. He enquired about the DSP's alleged misconduct and instructed the SP to submit a detailed report explaining Jayasurya's actions and past conduct. The Deputy CM emphasized that the government will not tolerate any misuse of power or behaviour that damages the credibility of the police force. Further, Pawan Kalyan directed his office officials to inform both the State Home Minister and the Director General of Police (DGP) about the allegations raised against the Bhimavaram DSP. He reportedly made it clear that immediate internal inquiry procedures should be initiated to verify the truth behind the accusations.

Officials have been advised to ensure transparency and fairness during the investigation. Political circles in West Godavari have reacted strongly to the development. Local NDA leaders have welcomed Pawan Kalyan's swift action, saying it reflects his commitment to good governance and accountability within the police administration. They noted that illegal gambling has been a recurring issue in several coastal towns, often operating under political or administrative protection. Sources at the Home Department said that the Deputy CM's directives demonstrate the government's renewed emphasis on maintaining discipline within law enforcement agencies. A preliminary report from the district SP is expected within the next few days. Appropriate action against the DSP will depend on the findings of that report.

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bore the brunt of these challenges. Announcing the development on X (formerly Twitter), Minister Lokesh said, "A long-standing hurdle for Indian seafood exporters has been Australia's restrictions on unpeeled prawns due to white spot virus detection. Today, the first import approval for Indian prawns has been granted." He expressed deep gratitude to both the Indian and Australian governments for their coordinated efforts to reopen the trade channel. The decision is expected to create substantial opportunities for Indian exporters and aquaculture workers, especially in coastal districts such as Godavari, Nellore, and Krishna. With this lifting, a conditional approval has been granted initially for two years, valid until October 2027, subject to strict sanitary compliance and inspection protocols set by Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and For-

estry. During his visit, Lokesh held extensive deliberations with Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) leadership, including CEO Veronica Papacosta and Engagement Manager Jasmin Kelleher. The discussions focused on strengthening trade ties, improving sustainability in aquaculture practices, and exploring collaborative ventures in seafood marketing and value addition. He noted that Australia had developed a strong seafood brand identity "Great Australian Seafood" and suggested that India and Andhra Pradesh could adopt similar branding efforts to enhance market reach. Welcoming Australia's decision, Lokesh emphasized the importance of diversifying India's seafood export markets to reduce dependency on a single country. "We should continue to open new markets to de-risk ourselves from too much dependence on one market," he remarked, refer-

ring to the US tariffs that have adversely affected Andhra's aqua industry. Industry experts believe this policy reversal will not only reinvigorate exports but also encourage new investments in India's seafood processing, packaging, and logistics infrastructure. It could restore confidence among shrimp and prawn farmers, creating thousands of new employment opportunities along the coastal belt. As part of his Australian tour, Lokesh has also been promoting the upcoming CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, highlighting Andhra's potential as a global aquaculture hub. "This is a victory for India's seafood exporters and Andhra's farmers who have been waiting for this opportunity," Lokesh said. The agreement, he added, marks the start of a new chapter in Indo-Australian trade cooperation one rooted in trust, biosecurity, and mutual prosperity.

DON'T POLITICISE TRAGIC INCIDENTS - AP HOME MINISTER

Home Minister Warns Against Politicizing Tragic Incidents; Promises Swift Justice in Kandukur Murder Case

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Amaravati, October 21: Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha cautioned against attempts to exploit unfortunate incidents for political gain, asserting that such efforts would never succeed. Speaking to the media after Chief Minister's review meeting on law and order, the Minister emphasized that the state government is fully

committed to maintaining peace and communal harmony across all districts. Anitha condemned the alleged murder of Tirumalaseti Lakshmi Naidu in Kandukur, describing the act as "brutal and inhuman." She clarified that preliminary investigations revealed the crime was not motivated by caste but was linked to financial transactions and personal disputes among friends. What began as a minor alterca-



tion reportedly escalated into a serious feud culminating in the fatal incident. Rejecting any insinuations of caste-based violence, the

ishment for the guilty, caste or community will never be considered a factor," she asserted, warning that the government would not tolerate any attempt to incite caste tensions. She commended the police for their prompt action, stating that officers responded immediately after the incident and apprehended the accused within hours. The Home Minister said Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had held a detailed discussion with top offi-

cials soon after being informed of the case and directed them to take decisive measures to ensure speedy justice. Anitha announced that the government would prosecute the accused through a Fast Track Court to deliver punishment at the earliest possible time. She added that mechanisms are being strengthened to prevent the recurrence of such violent incidents across the state, emphasizing continuous monitoring and better coordination

between law enforcement agencies. Appealing to political parties to act responsibly, the Home Minister said. "No one should take advantage of such tragedies to fuel hatred or division. Our collective duty is to maintain peace and deliver justice swiftly." She reaffirmed that the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy remains steadfast in its commitment to public safety, social harmony, and equal justice.

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Government's unwavering commitment to police welfare, the Chief Minister announced that ₹33 crore had been allocated towards medical and health facilities for police personnel over the past 16 months. Additionally, ₹23 crore was disbursed to the families of 171 police martyrs under various insurance and welfare schemes. He also assured that surrendered leave payments would be cleared in two instalments and revealed that recruitment for 6,100 constable posts had been successfully completed, further strengthening the force's manpower and efficiency. Earlier, Mr. Naidu paid floral tributes at the police memorial, contributed to the Police Flag Fund, and visited a specially arranged photo gallery depicting the courage and service of police personnel. Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, and other senior officials were present on the occasion, standing in solemn remembrance of the martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

7 NEW DIALYTIC CENTRES TO AP

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AP Government to Establish Seven New Dialysis Centers Across State to Enhance Healthcare Access

VIJAYAWADA Oct 21: The Andhra Pradesh government announced plans to establish seven new dialysis centers across the state, significantly expanding healthcare infrastructure for kidney patients. Health and Medical Minister Satya Kumar Yadav revealed the initiative on Tuesday, emphasizing the government's commitment to providing accessible medical care to citizens. The new dialysis centers will be strategically located in S Kota (Vizianagaram district), Bhimavaram (West Godavari), Pileru (Chittoor), Seethampeta (Parvathipuram Manyam),

Venkatagiri (SPSR Nellore), Addanki (Bapatla), and Sunnippenta Community Health Center (Nandyal district). This expansion will increase the state's total dialysis facilities from 232 to 239 centers. **Advanced Infrastructure and Technology** Each new center will operate with state-of-the-art equipment, including five advanced dialysis machines and dedicated reverse osmosis (RO) water plants to ensure pure water supply for treatments. The facilities are designed to conduct

three sessions daily, accommodating approximately 15 patients per day at each location. The centers will be established under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP), with each facility receiving an investment of approximately ₹75 lakh for equipment and infrastructure. This substantial investment demonstrates the government's dedication to providing quality healthcare services to rural and semi-urban populations. **Public-Private Partnership Model** Two centers in S Kota

and Seethampeta are already operational, with their management transferred to private organizations under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The Andhra Pradesh Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) has been instructed to invite tenders for operating the remaining five centers through similar partnerships. Currently, 173 of the existing 232 dialysis centers operate under the PPP model through the Dr NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, including 153 located in private hospitals. This collaborative

approach ensures efficient service delivery while maintaining government oversight of quality standards. **Significant Impact on Patient Care** Minister Satya Kumar highlighted that these new centers would eliminate the need for patients to travel long distances for dialysis treatment, ensuring timely medical intervention and reducing health complications. The strategic placement of centers across different districts will provide better geographic coverage and accessibility. During the 2024-25 financial year, the state conducted an impressive 10.62 lakh dialysis sessions through

the NTR Trust, while an additional 4.95 lakh sessions were performed in 59 centers under PMNDP. These statistics reflect the high demand for dialysis services and justify the expansion initiative. **Financial Commitment** The coalition government allocated ₹164 crore for free dialysis services in the previous fiscal year, with ₹110 crore channeled through the NTR Trust and ₹54 crore under PMNDP. This substantial financial commitment has benefited thousands of economically disadvantaged kidney patients across Andhra Pradesh. The establishment of these sev-

en new dialysis centers represents a significant step toward achieving universal healthcare access in Andhra Pradesh. By combining advanced technology, strategic location planning, and the proven PPP model, the government aims to provide comprehensive kidney care services to citizens while reducing the financial burden on patients and their families. This healthcare infrastructure expansion aligns with the state's broader vision of ensuring quality medical services reach every corner of Andhra Pradesh, particularly benefiting rural populations who previously faced challenges accessing specialized treatments.

AP JAC THANKS CM FOR DA ARREARS

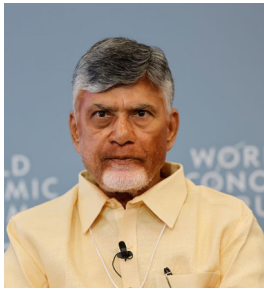
APJAC Amaravati Thanks CM Chandrababu Naidu for Resolving DA Arrears Confusion

A day after confusion arose among Andhra Pradesh government employees over the payment of Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears, the Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (AP JAC) Amaravati

has extended its heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for swiftly addressing the issue and ensuring a fair and transparent solution. In a joint statement issued on Tuesday, AP JAC Amaravati Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and Secretary-General Palishetti Da

modara Rao expressed appreciation to the Chief Minister for his prompt intervention in rectifying the error caused by a recent government order. According to the JAC leaders, the Finance Department's initial government order, issued on Monday as a "Diwali gift" to emp

loyees, had unintentionally led to widespread confusion. The DA arrears order stated that serving employees would receive arrears upon their retirement, whereas retired pensioners would get the same in twelve instalments. This inconsistency created concern among both serving



staff and pensioners, who expected uniform treatment regarding arrear disbursement. Recognizing the unrest among employees, the AP JAC leadership immediately approached senior officials at the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). Chairman Venkateswarlu personally presented the concerns to the authorities, who in turn brought the matter to the direct att

ention of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Responding promptly to the issue, the Chief Minister directed the Finance Department to make suitable amendments. Following his instructions, the government issued a revised order—GO No. 62, Finance (HR-VI-PC & TA) Department, dated October 21, 2025, which clarified that DA arrears would be paid uniformly to all categories, including regular employees, CPS staff, and pensioners. As per the revised directive, the arrears will now be disbursed in three equal instalments scheduled for August 2026, November 2026, and February 2027. The AP JAC leaders praised

the Chief Minister's responsiveness and administrative sensitivity, calling his decision "a thoughtful move that brought relief to thousands of employees and pensioners across the state." They emphasized that such timely action reflected the government's commitment to the welfare of its workforce. "This decision by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has prevented unnecessary confusion among employees and restored confidence in the administration's fairness," the JAC leaders said in their statement. "We extend our sincere thanks on behalf of the state committee of AP JAC Amaravati for considering our ap

peal and ensuring justice to all categories of employees and pensioners alike." The leaders also appealed to all employees and pensioners to acknowledge the government's efforts and maintain cooperation as the revised disbursement process takes effect in the coming months. The JAC officials concluded their statement by reiterating their continued support to the employees' welfare and expressing confidence that under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, long-pending issues related to service benefits and financial entitlements would be resolved efficiently and transparently.

YARAPATHINENI SLAMS YSRCP



Yarapathineni Slams YSRCP, Says People Celebrated Diwali with New Hope for Andhra Pradesh

TPN, BUREAU Amaravati, Oct 21: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA Yarapathineni Srinivasa Rao launched a sharp attack on the Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) leadership on Tuesday, asserting that the people of Andhra Pradesh are celebrating this Diwali with double enthusiasm as the "ghost" that haunted the state for five years is finally gone. Speaking at a press conference at the TDP central office in Amaravati, Yarapathineni stated that the people have regained faith in development and good governance under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He claimed that no matter how many conspiracies the YSRCP tries, the progress of Andhra Pradesh can no longer

be stopped. "The worry is clear in the words of YSRCP leaders that neither the party nor they themselves have any political future left," Yarapathineni remarked. He reminded that the public had given a stern lesson to the ruling party in the elections, reducing its strength from 151 seats to just 11. "If they continue their arrogance and deception, even those 11 seats will disappear in the next election," he warned. The TDP YARAPATHINENI legislator accused YSRCP of running what he called a "gang of looters" instead of a political party.

He alleged that former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's conspiracies had been exposed, and the people had buried the party in "53-grade cement," ensuring it could never rise again. "Destruction is embedded in Jagan's DNA," he said, adding that no scientist or doctor could ever find a cure for this poison. "Only the

people, as doctors during elections, can ensure that this toxic leadership never returns to the state," he said.

Yarapathineni also criticized YSRCP leaders for allegedly spreading negativity about the establishment of the Google Data Center, a project he said would benefit even the children of YSRCP members. He accused the former government of creating a "fake liquor" controversy to divert attention from the multi-crore liquor scam that occurred during their rule. He further charged that Jagan Reddy would go to any extent "even sowing discord within families, among mothers and sisters" for power and money.

Concluding his remarks with a stern warning, Yarapathineni said, "If YSRCP and Jagan continue to spread venom against Andhra Pradesh and Amaravati, they will meet their final political downfall."



TIRUPATI POLICE ISSUES NOTICE TO BHUMANA

Tirupati Police Issues Notice to Former TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy Over Allegations on Cow Deaths

TPN, Tirupati, October 21, 2025: The political and social circles of Tirupati stirred on Tuesday after the city police issued formal notices to senior YSR Congress Party leader and former Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman, Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. The notice directs him to appear before the Varasity Police Station for questioning in connection with the recent controversy over alleged cow deaths at the Sri Venkateswara Goshala. According to sources, the police action follows comments made by Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, who had recently accused individuals associated with the management of the revered Sri Venkateswara Goshala of negligence that allegedly led to the death of several cows.

His statements, widely circulated across local media and social platforms, prompted public concern and political debate, especially given the sensitivity surrounding the management of the TTD institutions and related entities. In the notice served to Reddy, police officials have instructed him to produce evidence supporting his allegations. The notice specifically stated that he must substantiate his claims with factual proof and attend the inquiry in person. Police officials confirmed that the questioning would aim to verify the authenticity of his statements and determine whether there was any breach of law or spread of misinformation related to a religious or charitable institution.

Sri Venkateswara Goshala, run under the supervision of TTD, holds immense spiritual and public significance as it supports the protection and care of cows offered by devotees. In light of the accusations, the Goshala author

ities had earlier refuted the claims, asserting that all animals receive proper care and veterinary supervision. However, the issue has ignited a political storm, with opposition groups demanding transparency in the investigation and accountability from both sides. Meanwhile, supporters of Bhumana Karunakar Reddy argue that his allegations were made in the larger interest of public accountability and transparency in temple-affiliated operations.

They allege that the notice is politically motivated and an attempt to silence a vocal critic. The Tirupati police have maintained that the investigation will proceed impartially and that all statements and evidence will be examined according to law. Bhumana Karunakar Reddy is expected to appear before the investigating officers later this week.

RAYUDUGARI THALOOKA MOVIE COMPLETES SHOOTING

TPN BUREAU, VIJAYAWADA OCT 21: "Rayudu Gari Thalooka" Wraps Up Shooting Under Ulishsetti Banner

The much-anticipated Telugu feature film Rayudu Gari Thalooka has successfully completed its full shooting schedule under the Ulishsetti Movie Banner. The production team wrapped up the filming process in an impressive span of 32 days, marking an essential milestone in this ambitious project. Directed by Korrapati Naveen Sri, the film is headlined by Srinivas Ulishsetti, best known for his performance in Enthra Panichesaav Chanti, alongside talented actress Satya Esha playing the female lead.

Speaking about the film's completion, hero and story writer Srinivas Ulishsetti expressed



strong confidence in the movie's reception. He stated that Rayudu Gari Thalooka carries a powerful narrative with unexpected twists and an emotional depth that will connect with audiences across all sections. "The story has multiple layers, and the screenplay is designed to keep the viewers engaged till the very end," said

Ulishsetti. Director Naveen Sri echoed this enthusiasm, revealing that the team worked tirelessly to maintain high production standards throughout the 32-day shooting period. He praised the cast and crew for their dedication and teamwork that made it possible to complete the schedule ahead of time. The film is

jointly produced by Ulishsetti Nithyashree, Punarvika Vedashree, Korrapati Naveen Sri, P.J. Devi, and Karamam Peri Naidu. The technical crew features a strong lineup of talents: cinematography by Gautam Vylad, music by Nagesh Gaurish, dialogues penned by Gurubilli Jagadish, and crisp editing and DI handled by M.J.

Surya. The creative backbone of the film its story and screenplay is credited to Srinivas Ulishsetti, who collaborated closely with director Naveen Sri to ensure narrative coherence and visual appeal. Supporting the direction team are Co-Director P.S.N. Raju, Assistant Directors Tony and Karthik, who contributed to the

film's seamless shooting process. Music plays a vital role in Rayudu Gari Thalooka, and the soundtrack is expected to be one of its major highlights. Lyricists Thumbani Shivaji and Gurubilli Jagadish have written the film's songs, while playback singers Jaya Sri Pallem, Sai Sandeep Pakki, Vinayak, and

Nagesh Gaurish lent their voices. On the visual side, the film benefits from detailed art direction by Eshwar, makeup by Sanju Baby, and lively choreography by Palava lasa Suren (Sanju Master). Kanchi Elaman chili managed the casting, assembling an ensemble cast featuring Karanam Srihari, Ulishsetti Nagaraju, M.T. Raju, Amma

raju, Ravi Shetty, Potti Paidiraju, Phaniswaami, Nani, Srujana, Sravanthi, Ramakant, Ratnakant, Saleem Khan, Nagamani, Nimesh, Akhil, Sanmukh, and others.

Publicity for the project is overseen by K. Dattatreya, ensuring the film reaches audiences across various platforms before its release. With production now fully complete, Rayudu Gari Thalooka enters the post-production phase. The filmmakers plan to release the teaser soon, followed by an official trailer and audio launch. Fans and cine enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting this drama filled with surprise twists, strong emotions, and rural authenticity a project that promises to make a lasting impression in Tollywood's upcoming release lineup.

CYBER CRIMINAL FOOLED

Cyber Fraudsters Foiled: Trader Outsmarts Scammers in Bapatla

TPN BUREAU, Bapatla, Oct 21: A cunning cyber fraud attempt was smartly foiled by a small-time trader who kept his composure and saw through a sophisticated scam in Bapatla district. The incident, which recently came to light, stands as a strong reminder to the public about the growing menace of cybercrime and the importance of alertness in dealing with unknown phone calls. According to sources, Srinivas Rao, a small businessman from a nearby village, received a shocking phone call one evening. The caller introduced himself as an

officer from a police station in Bengaluru. In a stern tone, the caller informed Srinivas that his daughter who indeed works as a software engineer in Bengaluru was currently under police custody.

The voice on the other end claimed that she was involved in a criminal case and could be released only if a payment of 5 lakh was made immediately via an online transfer. The scam was carefully designed, as the fraudsters had already collected enough background information about Srinivas and his daughter to make the call sound authentic. They even mentioned her workplace details and other personal information to make the situation appear legitimate.

However, unknowingly to them, Srinivas' daughter had returned home for the Deepavali



holidays and was safe right there in front of him. As soon as Srinivas heard the accusation and

demand, he realized it was a fraudulent call. The impostors tried to create panic and urgency

common tactics in cyber extortion cases. Pretending to play along, Srinivas firmly replied that he

knew their game and threatened to file a police case against them. Embarrassed and caught off

guard, the scammer immediately disconnected the call.

Had his daughter truly been in Bengaluru at that moment, the panic and confusion could have been disastrous for the family. But her presence at home prevented the con from succeeding and possibly saved Srinivas from losing a large amount of money. The incident quickly spread across the neighborhood, prompting awareness about similar cyber traps. Responding to inquiries, Bapatla Sub-Inspector Bhargav confirmed the report and praised Srinivas for his presence of mind.

He warned residents to remain extremely cautious while dealing with calls from unknown numbers, especially those claiming to represent authorities. "Cyber criminals are becoming more creative by impersonating police officers,

government officials, or even bank executives," the SI said. "Never share personal or bank details over the phone. If you receive any suspicious or threatening call, inform your nearest police station immediately.

"Bhargav further added that police departments across Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have been coordinating to track such cybercriminal networks. Most of these scams originate from call centers operating illegally across different states and target unsuspecting citizens using fake caller IDs and forged credentials. The Bapatla incident thus serves as both a warning and a lesson in digital caution. In an era where online fraud is spreading rapidly, vigilance, awareness, and immediate reporting remain the strongest shields against cybercrime.

BR. NAIDU INSPECTS AMARAVATHI TEMPLE



TTD Chairman BR Naidu Inspects Amaravati Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple

TPN / Vijayawada, October 21: Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu on Monday paid a surprise visit to the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple located near Venkatapalem in Amaravati to personally review the facilities being extended to devotees. The inspection was aimed at ensuring that all amenities and services provided in the TTD-run temples meet the expectations of pilgrims and maintain the sanctity associated with the revered institution. Arriving without prior intimation, the TTD Chairman opted to go for darshan on foot, blending with the general devotees in the queue. His gesture was widely appreciated by worshippers present at the temple, who described it as a demonstration of his humility and commitment toward improving pilgrim comfort. During the visit, Chairman Naidu thoroughly inspected various sections within the temple premises including the queue lines, sanitation facilities, and devotional arrangements. He took note of few areas where improvements were required and directed the local temple staff to maintain cleanliness, ensure queue discipline, and enhance the

decoration standards of the presiding deity, Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Naidu instructed officials to adopt a proactive approach and cautioned against any negligence in performing duties, emphasizing that a non-chalant attitude would not be tolerated in matters related to temple maintenance and devotee services. He reiterated that every devotee visiting a TTD temple should experience comfort, devotion, and spiritual satisfaction without any inconvenience. Addressing the temple officials after his inspection, the Chairman announced that he would be visiting all TTD-managed Srivari temples across the country henceforth, conducting unannounced inspections to personally assess the conditions and quality of amenities provided to pilgrims.

This initiative, he said, would ensure accountability and uniform standards in TTD temples nationwide. Temple inspectors Sri Ramakrishna and Sandeep, along with the temple's religious staff, accompanied Chairman Naidu during his tour of the premises. After completing the inspection, Naidu had darshan of the Mula Virat and was offered Theertha Prasadam as per traditional ritual. The TTD Chairman emphasized that the board remains dedicated to improving the devotee experience across all temples under its jurisdiction, affirming that the comfort and satisfaction of devotees are the top priorities of the institution.

EESWARAIAH ELECTED STATE SECRETARY FOR CPI

Eeswaraiiah Elected as CPI Andhra Pradesh State Secretary. Party National Chief D Raja makes official announcement in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada, Oct 21: Gujjula Eeswaraiiah has been unanimously elected as the new State Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI) Andhra Pradesh unit. The announcement was made by CPI National General Secretary D Raja during the first meeting of the newly constituted State Council held at Dasari Bhavan in Vijayawada on Tuesday. The election took place in a democratic and cordial atmosphere, reflecting the unity and collective spirit of the party. The proposal to elect Eeswaraiiah was moved by CPI National



Secretary K Ramakrishna and seconded by senior leader Muppalla Nageswara Rao.

The meeting was presided over by P Durgabhavani. Prominent CPI leaders including Ramakrishna Panda, Ravula Venkaiah, and Akkineni Vanaja were also present and participated in the deliberations. Eeswaraiiah, who hails from Kadapa

district, has a long-standing association with the Communist movement in Andhra Pradesh. Actively involved in people's movements since his days in the All India Students' Federation (AISF) and All India Youth Federation (AIYF), he has dedicated several decades to championing the causes of the working class, farmers, and



marginalized sections of society.

Before assuming this new role, he served as a member of the CPI State Executive Committee and held the position of president of the Andhra Pradesh Rythu Sangham, where he spearheaded numerous agitations for farmers' rights and rural welfare. Congratulating Eeswaraiiah on his electi

on, D Raja and senior leaders expressed confidence that his leadership would give renewed energy to the CPI's organizational activities and intensify people's struggles in the state. Raja emphasized the need for Left unity and stronger grass roots mobilization to address growing inequality, unemployment, and agrarian distress.

He stated that under Eeswaraiiah's stewardship, the CPI would continue its commitment to protecting democratic values and advancing public welfare causes. The first meeting of the newly formed 102-member State Council marked a significant moment for the party. The council was constituted during the CPI's Andhra Pradesh State Conference held in Ongole from August 23 to 25. With Eeswaraiiah's election, the CPI leadership reiterated its resolve to strengthen the party base across all districts, expand its mass movements, and engage effectively with the issues affecting common people.

YSRCP SLAMS TDP FOR RESTRAINING AROGYASRI

YSRCP Accuses TDP Govt of Deliberately Destroying Aarogyasri Scheme

TPN / Vijayawada Oct 21: The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has launched a fierce attack on the TDP-led coalition government, alleging that it is deliberately dismantling the Aarogyasri health scheme one of Andhra Pradesh's most vital lifelines for the poor. YSRCP State Medical Wing Vice President and State Executive Committee Member Dr. Mehaboob Shaik accused the government of neglecting the healthcare needs of millions of underprivileged citizens and pushing network hospitals towards financial breakdown. Addressing the media in

Vijayawada on Tuesday, Dr. Mehaboob expressed deep concern over what he termed as the "worst crisis" in the 19-year history of Aarogyasri.

He stated that never before have empaneled hospitals faced such severe distress and alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's administration has shown "complete indifference" towards the state's healthcare obligations. "For the first time since the scheme's inception, hospitals that treat the poor are staging protests for their pending dues. It is shameful that a government which has borrowed over 2 lakh crore in just 16 months has failed to release even 3,000 crore for Aarogyasri," Dr. Mehaboob said. He emphasized that this apathy has crippled network hospitals, disrupted services, and placed immense hardship on poor patients who depend

on the scheme for free treatment.

Dr. Mehaboob further questioned the government's priorities, pointing out that despite spending nearly 5,000 crore, it has failed to complete construction of ten promised government medical colleges. He alleged that the coalition is deliberately weakening public health institutions while plotting to replace the Aarogyasri model with a private insurance-based alternative a move that he said would steer healthcare away from the needy.

Recalling a similar attempt by the previous TDP government between 2014 and 2019 to substitute Aarogyasri with an insurance scheme, he warned that repeating such a mistake would have disastrous consequences for the state's medical sector. "The government's selfish and anti-poor policies have



already left millions without proper medical care. Hospitals and medical staff are on the verge of collapse," he stated. Dr. Mehaboob demanded immediate clearance of the 2-5 crore in dues owed to each network hospital and urged the government to

hold consultations with hospital managements to restore Aarogyasri in its original, people-oriented form. He warned that continued neglect of the scheme would not only expose the government's failures but also carry serious political repercussions for the coalition.

TRIBUTES ON POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY PAID

Tribute Paid to Brave Police Martyrs at Raja mahendravaram Commemoration Day Ceremony

TPN Bureau, Rajahmundry, Oct 21, East GodavariThe “Police Commemoration Day” was observed with solemn respect and grandeur at the Rajamahendravaram Police Parade Grounds, honoring the supreme sacrifice of courageous police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The event reflected the spirit of service and dedication that defines the policing profession and their commitment to ensuring peace and security in society. The ceremony was attended by Andhra Pradesh Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh, East Godavari District Collector Dr. Keerthi Chekuri, and Superintendent of Police D. Narasimha Kishore,



along with several other dignitaries. They paid floral tributes at the martyrs’ memorial, remembering the devotion and valor of the fallen heroes. Minister Kandula Durgesh, while addressing the gathering, said that maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of citizens are sacred responsibilities carried out by the

police with courage and commitment. “It is a matter of pride to remember the heroic services of the 191 police martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The selfless service of police officers, who place public safety above personal well-being and family comfort, is invaluable. The state government stands firmly committed

to the welfare and support of the police force,” he stated. District Collector Dr. Keerthi Chekuri emphasized the historical significance of the day, recalling that Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on October 21, marking the 1959 incident in Ladakh where CRPF jawans heroically fought against Chinese aggression and laid down their lives.

“The day reminds us of their spirit of service and ultimate sacrifice. Every police officer must draw inspiration from their dedication and continue to work with integrity and devotion. The contribution of police families behind every committed officer is equally valuable and deserves recognition,” she noted. Superintendent of Police D. Narasimha Kishore, presiding over the event, stated that the commemoration serves as a source of inspiration for every member of the police department. “The bravery and sacrifice of our martyrs remind us of our duty to uphold national security and public peace.

The police must also intensify efforts to combat emerging social challenges such as narcotics, synthetic drugs, and related crimes,” he said. Prominent guests included MLC Somu Veerraju, ML As Gorantla Buchaiah Chowdary, Battula Balaramakrishna, and Nalla milli Ramakrishna Reddy, as well as Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop. Senior police officers, including Additional SPs N.B.M. Murali Krishna (Administration), A.V. Subbaraju (Law & Order), L. Chenchireddy (AR), and several DSPs participated in the ceremony. During the event, the names of the 191 police martyrs from across the nation were read aloud as a mark of deep respect, followed by the ceremonial salute.

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REVIEW ON N - 16 EXPANSION WORKS



Purandeswari Reviews NH-16 Expansion Works in East Godavari

Ch. Raju TPN BUREAU, Rajamahendravaram, Oct. 21: Member of Parliament Daggubati Purandeswari emphasized the need to accelerate the ongoing expansion works of the Anakapalli-Annaram-Diwan Cheruvu section of National Highway 16. She reviewed the six-lane partial access-controlled highway project at a meeting held on Tuesday at the East Godavari district collectorate in Raja mahendravaram. Purandeswari said that road infrastructure development reflects the nation’s economic progress and plays a vital role in improving citizens’ living standards.

Highlighting the importance of infrastructure ahead of the Godavari Pushkaralu in 2027, she directed officials to expedite all statutory clearances, land acquisition, and inter-departmental coordination to ensure timely completion of works. “Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government is implementing several key initiatives

to enhance the country’s road network capacity,” the MP stated, adding that the NH-16 six-lane expansion will boost industrial and commercial activities across East Godavari, Kakinada, and Anakapalli districts while reducing travel time and fueling economic growth. During the review, public representatives offered valuable suggestions to improve project execution.

Rajamahendravaram Rural MLA Gorantla Buchaiah Choudary proposed underpasses near Ava Road and JN Road and improvement works in Dhavale swaram. District Collector Keerthi Chekuri informed that 11 kilometers of the highway fall within East Godavari district. She assured that land acquisition and rehabilitation processes would be completed swiftly without causing inconvenience to the public. NHAI Project Director B. Krishnamurthy, in a PowerPoint presentation, explained that the total project spans 160.245 kilometers, covering villages such as East Ganugudem, Kalavacherla, Rajanagaram, Jagannadhapuram, Venkatapuram, Narendrapuram, and

Vela gubanda before ending at Diwan Cheruvu.

He said safety measures including vehicular underpasses, light vehicle crossings, and pedestrian facilities have been proposed at critical junctions. MLC Somu Veerraju and MLAs Battula Balaramakrishna and Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy suggested improved connectivity from Chakra dvarkhandam and Vela gubanda to Rajamahendravaram and stressed an alternate route linking Gaman Bridge traffic toward Rajanagaram and Rajamahendravaram. They also called for attention to zero points, block spots, culvert quality, Morampudi flyover lighting, and drainage facilities.

Purandeswari instructed officials to incorporate all feasible public suggestions, ensure high construction standards, and focus on completing necessary facilities before the 2027 Pushkaralu. Senior district officials, engineers, and representatives from various departments and agencies participated in the review meeting.



VIZAG, AP'S NEW INDUSTRIAL HUB - MADHAV

Visakhapatnam Emerging as AP’s New Industrial Hub: BJP State President Madhav

In Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh BJP President Daggubati Purandeswari Madhav highlighted the city’s rapid transformation into a major industrial and technology hub in the state. Speaking at an analytical session on the “Strategic Economic and Social Impact of Google’s Visakhapatnam Project” held on Tuesday, Madhav emphasized that the city has taken a decisive step forward through advancements like green hydrogen production and emerging high-tech ventures.

Madhav noted that Visakhapatnam’s inclusion in global investment networks marks a historic chapter in India’s economic direction. He pointed out that Google’s project in Visakhapatnam represents the largest investment by the tech giant outside the United States—a move that reinforces India’s growing importance in the global

digital ecosystem. This initiative, he stated, will bring technological innovation, high-value employment, and sustainable infrastructure to the region.

Highlighting the state’s evolving industrial landscape, Madhav said Andhra Pradesh is poised to become a hub for semiconductor manufacturing. According to him, the state government, in coordination with national leadership and global companies, has been building a supportive ecosystem for emerging technologies such as clean energy, semiconductor fabrication, and data connectivity. The arrival of the Sify Subsea Cable project in Visakhapatnam is another vital milestone, enabling faster digital connectivity and strengthening India’s role in the global information network.

Madhav expressed happiness that international firms are recognizing Visakhapatnam’s potential and choosing it as a strategic destination for expansion. He mentioned that

such projects not only contribute to economic growth but also inspire ancillary industries such as logistics, renewable energy, and skilled services, ultimately uplifting local communities. Taking a critical tone, he accused former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of being unable to tolerate the state’s rapid progress and the inflow of major investments under the current administration.

Madhav argued that rather than welcoming growth, the opposition continues to hinder developmental initiatives through unnecessary political criticism. The BJP leader reaffirmed that Visakhapatnam’s ongoing transformation is part of a broader national development vision aimed at making India a leader in future technologies, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing. With projects like Google’s data infrastructure and Sify’s subsea cable network, Visakhapatnam is now positioned as the gateway to South India’s digital and industrial era.

JC PRABHAKAR SLAMS ASP ROHITH

JC Prabhakar Reddy Launches Sharp Attack on Tadipatri ASP Rohit Kumar Chaudhary

TPN, Tadipatri, October 21: In a fiery outburst on Tuesday, Tadipatri Municipal Chairman and senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader JC Prabhakar Reddy levelled strong allegations and personal criticism against Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Rohit Kumar Chaudhary during the Police Martyrs’ Remembrance Day program in Tadipatri, Anantapur district. Speaking after paying floral tributes to police

martyrs, Prabhakar Reddy accused the Tadipatri ASP of inefficiency and arrogance, asserting that despite being well-educated, the officer “lacks wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence.”

His remarks quickly drew attention as the former MLA expressed outrage over what he described as the officer’s unprofessional conduct and unsatisfactory performance in maintaining law and order. The TDP leader alleged that ASP Rohit Kumar Chaudhary seldom appears in proper police uniform and questioned his suitability to continue in service. “He has education, but he has



neither wisdom nor practical understanding. He is completely unfit for this position,” Reddy said during his interaction with local journalists.

Further intensifying his accusations, Prabhakar Reddy claimed that the ASP avoids direct engagement with the public and shies away from tense situations. Referring to his previous protest in front of the ASP’s office, he mocked that the officer “hid inside his house” instead of confronting issues

head-on. “Whenever clashes or stone-pelting occur in Tadipatri, he runs away out of fear,” the TDP leader alleged. While pointing out that the town’s crime rate has not improved since the officer’s appointment, Prabhakar Reddy argued

that crime had notably decreased after the TDP returned to power. He called for accountability in the local police administration, suggesting that lack of leadership and inexperience in handling sensitive law and order situations harmed Tadipatri’s peace.

“He was brought here from Uttar Pradesh, but what kind of benefit did that bring?” Reddy asked sharply. “The people of Uttar Pradesh themselves may not have such people with sense or wisdom,” he added, stirring controversy with his remarks against the northern state officer. Expressing his strong

displeasure, Prabhakar Reddy announced plans to organize a public signature campaign involving around 10,000 residents, demanding ASP Rohit Kumar Chaudhary’s transfer back to Uttar Pradesh.

“We will collect signatures from thousands of citizens and ensure he is sent back,” he warned. In a more constructive tone, Reddy advised the ASP to learn from lower-level officers such as constables, sub-inspectors, and circle inspectors who, he said, show greater dedication and understanding of local policing dynamics. “The police system has deteri-

orated over the past five years due to the negligent attitude of some IAS and IPS officers,” the municipal chairman reflected.

He urged the state government to ensure that officers posted in sensitive areas like Tadipatri possess both administrative discipline and cultural sensitivity toward local communities. As his comments continue to circulate in political and police circles, the controversy has brought renewed attention to tensions between local leadership and the police administration in Tadipatri, an area that has frequently witnessed law and order disputes in recent years.

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



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

The image is symbolic—not of changing

global alignments—but of Pakistan’s enduring “military-first” governance model. Munir, a deeply ideological army chief and a Hafiz-e-Quran, is seen now not just as the power behind the throne, but effectively sharing it. His presence alongside the elected PM in multiple foreign visits—Tianjin, Riyadh, Doha, and now this high-visibility moment in the U.S.—shows how far civilian authority has been sidelined in Islamabad.

For India, this photog

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

The U.S. values India’s

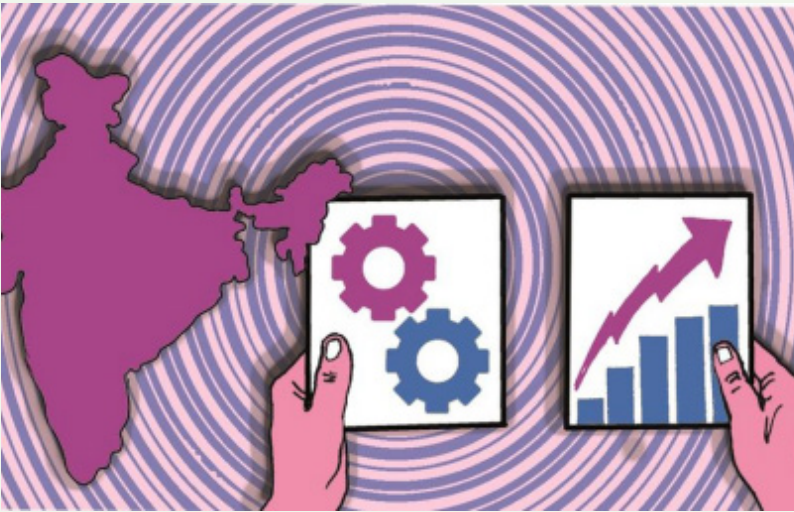
rising power but knows New Delhi will never be a client state. That limits the transactional, control-based engagement Washington often prefers. Meanwhile, Pakistan’s military remains its most reliable interlocutor.

Munir’s presence also represents a renewed extremism in Pakistan’s military leadership. He is not just another general—he believes in the eventual disintegration of India and views the

relationship through a deeply religious, almost apocalyptic lens. Peace with India is impossible under such leadership.

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

India Tops Innovation Efficiency, But Job Growth Lags Behind



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

economic progress, especially in a country like India where employment remains a critical concern.

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

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

To truly reflect progress, we need to rethink global innovation benchmarks. The real measure of growth is not just GDP or patents, but how many good jobs are created, how many lives are improved, and how inclusive the economic outcomes are.

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

Netanyahu Slams West Over Palestinian Statehood at UN

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

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

Despite facing an international arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes in Gaza—a charge Israel rejects—Netanyahu defiantly addressed the global assembly. As he began speaking, scores of delegates walked out, while others in the balcony gave him a standing ovation.

Netanyahu used the



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

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

families of hostages still held by Hamas.

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

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

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

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



Trump’s TikTok Deal Raises More Questions Than Answers

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

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

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

Chinese officials, who once drew a hard line against giving up TikTok’s “secret sauce,” have changed tone publicly. State-backed media now call the deal a “win-win.” But according to veteran observers, in China’s lexicon, that often means “China wins twice.”

While the U.S. claims a legal victory and avoids shutting down a platform with 170 million American users, Beijing appears to have used TikTok as a bargaining chip to push

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

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

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

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

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

PM Modi Celebrates Diwali Aboard INS Vikrant, Hails Armed Forces' Unity



TPN Bureau | Patna
Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with Indian Navy personnel aboard INS Vikrant on Monday (October 20), paying tribute to the valour, unity, and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces. Addressing sailors and officers, he hailed the indig-

enous aircraft carrier as a symbol of modern India's strength and commitment. "INS Vikrant is not just a warship, it's a testament to 21st-century India's hard work, talent, and resolve," said Modi, calling it a floating symbol of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. He

praised the Navy's capabilities and said that India's defence sector has entered a new era of indig-enous excellence. Highlighting the recent Operation Sindoor, Modi said, "It was the extraordinary coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force that led to Paki-

stan's surrender. This operation will be remembered for showcasing our forces' unity and swift precision." Though official details of Operation Sindoor remain classified, it is understood to be a high-stakes joint mission conducted earlier this

year in response to cross-border provocations. Modi also emphasised India's growing maritime power, stating that the Indo-Pacific region remains a key strategic focus. He underscored the government's commitment to strengthening the Navy through domestic ship-building and advanced defence technologies. During the Diwali celebrations, the Prime Minister interacted with officers and sailors, sharing sweets and festive greetings. He reiterated his longstanding tradition of spending Diwali with security forces, calling them "the real protectors of India's light and peace." In a symbolic gesture, Modi lit a ceremonial lamp aboard the carrier, marking the festival of lights with a message of strength, unity, and gratitude. This is the second consecutive year the Prime Minister has marked Diwali with naval personnel, underscoring the strategic importance of India's maritime security.

Prashant Kishor Alleges BJP Pressure Forced Jan Suraaj Candidates to Withdraw

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Jan Suraaj Party founder and political strategist Prashant Kishor on Tuesday alleged that three of his party's candidates in the ongoing Bihar Assembly elections were forced to withdraw their nominations under pressure from the BJP. Addressing a press conference in Patna, Kishor claimed that candidates fielded from Danapur, Brahampur, and Gopalganj constituencies were intimidated or coerced into exiting the electoral race. "The BJP and the ruling NDA are so afraid of the people's support shifting to the Jan Suraaj Party that they are using fear and force to eliminate competition," said Kishor. "This is not democracy. This is a blatant misuse of power to rig the elections before a single vote is cast." While Kishor did not provide specific evidence of the alleged coercion, he said that the candidates were "reluctant to speak publicly" due to fear of repercussions. He urged the



Election Commission of India (ECI) to investigate the matter and ensure a free and fair electoral process. The BJP has not officially responded to Kishor's allegations at the time of reporting. However, NDA sources dis-

missed the claims as "baseless" and "an attempt to gain sympathy." Kishor, a renowned election strategist who played a key role in BJP's 2014 national victory, launched Jan Suraaj as a people-centric political platform focusing on gov-

ernance reforms and clean politics in Bihar. The party is contesting the Assembly polls for the first time. Despite being a political newcomer, Kishor has drawn large crowds during his campaign and is seen as a disruptive force

in Bihar's traditional political landscape. With the first phase of polling approaching, tensions have escalated, and Kishor's accusations are likely to fuel further debate over electoral fairness and political intimidation in the state.

Heavy rain lashes in Kerala; IMD issues yellow alert for 10 districts

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A well-marked low-pressure area formed over the southwest Bay of Bengal on Tuesday (October 21), triggering widespread weather alerts across Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh. The system is likely to intensify into a depression over the central and west-central Bay within the next 24 hours, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Tamil Nadu is expected to bear the brunt of the system with widespread intense downpours along its coastal districts. The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, has issued orange and yellow alerts for several regions through the week. Thangachimadam in Ramanathapuram district has already recorded the highest rainfall so far. In Kerala, heavy rains have triggered yellow alerts in 11 districts, including Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Ernakulam, and Kozhikode. An orange alert was also issued for five districts on Tuesday. Flash floods struck Cheru-



puzha in Kannur, inundating homes and shops. A compound wall collapse in Prappoil caused damage but no casualties were reported. The IMD has also warned that the northeast monsoon is likely to intensify over Kerala in the

next 48 hours, with squally winds and thunderstorms forecast. Andhra Pradesh has been issued a seven-day weather warning, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall in parts of South Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema until October 23.

Winds may reach 55 kmph, accompanied by lightning. North Coastal Andhra and Yanam are expected to receive heavy rainfall on October 26 and 27. Meanwhile, in western India, the Gujarat government announced a 947

crore relief package for farmers in five rain-affected districts due to crop damage from August-September rains. The IMD continues to monitor the evolving weather systems over both the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

AIADMK Slams Stalin Over Google's \$15 Billion AI Hub Going to Andhra



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The opposition AIADMK has taken a sharp dig at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin after Google chose Andhra Pradesh for its massive \$15 billion Artificial Intelligence hub project, calling it a "historic missed opportunity" for the state. The AI hub, to be developed in Visakhapatnam over the next five years, has already triggered political friction in neighbouring Karnataka over Bengaluru's infrastructure. Now, it's become a talking point in Tamil Nadu politics, with the AIADMK accusing the DMK government of lacking foresight and initiative. Speaking to report-

ers, AIADMK leader RB Udayakumar said, "Despite Google CEO Sundar Pichai being a Tamil, born in Madurai, the DMK failed to leverage that connection. If they had shown proactive engagement, this landmark investment could have come to Tamil Nadu." "This isn't just about money. It's about positioning Tamil Nadu as a national leader in AI and digital innovation. The Stalin government has let the state down," he added. The criticism comes with Assembly elections due next year, and the AIADMK - in alliance with the BJP - has been attacking the DMK over rising crime and alleged misgovernance.

In response, Tamil Nadu Industries Minister TRB Raaja defended the DMK's track record, stating the state is attracting major global investments, including 15,000 crore from Foxconn, the Apple supplier. Raaja also denied claims that Tamil Nadu made no effort to woo Google. "We are engaging with all global tech leaders and continue to be a preferred destination for manufacturing and innovation," he said. With election season nearing, the Google investment row is likely to feature prominently in campaign debates, as both parties position themselves as champions of Tamil Nadu's development.

Delhi Sees Spike in Burn Injuries After Diwali Celebrations



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Hospitals across Delhi reported a significant rise in burn injuries following Diwali celebrations, with dozens of people injured due to firecracker-related accidents. Data from the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Burns Surgery at AIIMS revealed that 60 burn cases were recorded between October 19 and 21, including 33 cases on Diwali night alone. Most of the injured were between 10 and 40 years of age. Among these, 29 patients required hospitalisation, with 10 admitted to the ICU.

Alarmingly, 11 patients suffered life- or limb-threatening injuries, while 13 cases involved partial or complete loss of fingers or limbs. Additionally, 16 patients reported eye injuries, including three with damage to both eyes. No deaths were reported during the period. At Dr Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, 10 patients were admitted on Diwali for burn injuries, while 68 others visited the OPD with minor burn-related complaints. According to Dr Pulin Gupta, Director of Medicine at RML, one patient remains in critical condition and two

are being treated in the ICU. The youngest patient treated was 1 year and 6 months old, while the oldest was 52, Dr Gupta added. Meanwhile, the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) reported receiving 269 emergency calls on Diwali night, reflecting a 15% decrease compared to 318 calls last year, as per PTI. Despite continued awareness efforts and firecracker regulations, Delhi continues to see a spike in injuries post-Diwali, highlighting the need for stricter enforcement and public caution during festive celebrations.

“Keep Dreaming”: Khamenei Slams Trump Over Nuclear Sites “Obliterated” Claim



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Iran has rejected an offer from the United States to renew nuclear talks, while sharply criticizing former U.S. President Donald Trump’s recent comments about the alleged destruction of Iranian nuclear facilities. In a strongly worded statement, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused Washington of “bullying and imposition,” saying any deal proposed under such terms was illegitimate.

The remarks follow Trump’s claim before the Israeli parliament that U.S. and Israeli forces had bombed and destroyed Iran’s nuclear industry during a 12-day air war in June. Tehran confirmed the airstrikes but denied the facilities were destroyed.

“Trump says he is a dealmaker, but a deal accompanied by coercion is just bullying,” Khamenei wrote on X. He also mocked Trump’s assertion, saying, “Very well, keep dreaming!”

Khamenei accused Trump of trying to “boost the morale of

the disappointed Zionists” after what he called a severe blow dealt to Israel by Iran during the June conflict. He claimed Iranian missiles struck several key Israeli targets, leaving the Israeli military shocked and demoralized.

The Iranian leader further condemned U.S. support for Israel in the ongoing Gaza conflict, calling the U.S. a “terror state” and blaming it for enabling “war crimes” through military aid. He alleged over 20,000 children had been killed in Israeli attacks, saying, “Were these children terrorists? You’re the terrorists!”

Khamenei also accused the U.S. of creating and supporting the terrorist group Daesh (ISIS), stating that some of its fighters remain under American control, ready to be deployed.

As Iran denies pursuing nuclear weapons and insists its program is for civilian purposes, tensions remain high, with diplomacy between Tehran and Washington once again at a standstill.

Napoleonic Jewels Stolen From Louvre In Paris In Daring Sunday Heist



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In a brazen daylight robbery, priceless Napoleonic-era jewels were stolen from Paris’s iconic Louvre Museum on Sunday, prompting an emergency closure and a full-scale investigation.

The heist occurred around 9:30 am, with thieves using a hydraulic ladder to gain access through the under-construction Seine-facing side of the building. Once inside, they targeted the Apollo Gallery — home to a selection of the French Crown Jewels — and executed the theft in just seven minutes, according to France’s Interior Minister Laurent Nunez.

The robbers reportedly used a disc cutter to slice through the gallery’s windowpanes, suggesting thorough prior planning and possible surveillance of the museum’s layout and security systems. Nine pieces from the “Napoleon and the Empress” collection were stolen, though one jewel was later discovered abandoned just outside the museum.

The Louvre, the world’s most visited

museum and home to over 33,000 historical artefacts including the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and Winged Victory of Samothrace, cited “exceptional reasons” for its sudden closure on Sunday. Crowds gathered outside were met with barricades and heavy police presence, while traffic in the area was regulated.

France’s Culture Minister Rachida Dati confirmed the robbery and said no injuries were reported. She visited the scene alongside museum officials and police. The Paris prosecutor’s office has launched an investigation to assess the damage and identify the culprits.

The Louvre has a long history of thefts, most famously the 1911 theft of the Mona Lisa by Vincenzo Peruggia, a former worker, who smuggled it out under his coat. It was recovered two years later in Florence.

As authorities work to track down the missing jewels, the daring heist has once again raised questions about the security of the world’s most treasured artefacts.

Trump Eyes ‘Fantastic Deal’ with Xi Amid China Tensions



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U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday expressed confidence in securing a “fantastic deal” with Chinese President Xi Jinping during their upcoming meeting later this month at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. Trump’s remarks signal a potential thaw in U.S.-China relations after months of growing tensions.

Speaking at a White House event alongside Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Trump emphasized that the U.S. holds “great respect” from China and is in a strong position to negotiate. “We’re going to make a fantastic deal. They respect us. They know we’re serious,” Trump said.

The comments come just days after Beijing escalated trade tensions by expanding export controls on rare earth materials — critical components used in everything from smartphones and electric vehicles to advanced military equipment. China’s dominance in rare earth processing has long been a point of concern for the U.S. and its allies.

In response, Trump highlighted the growing strategic partnership with Australia, particularly in securing alternative sources for critical minerals. The White House announced a new agreement with Australia aimed at reducing dependency on Chinese rare earths, positioning it as a key countermeasure.

The upcoming Trump-Xi meeting is expected to cover trade imbalances, intellectual property rights, and regional security issues, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. While previous negotiations have faltered under rising geopolitical friction, Trump expressed optimism that this meeting will be different.

“They want a deal. And so do we — but only a fair one,” he added.

Analysts note that while both nations are under economic pressure, progress will depend on how far each side is willing to compromise.

The Trump-Xi meeting at APEC is shaping up to be a crucial moment in defining the future of U.S.-China relations.

Sanae Takaichi Becomes Japan’s First Woman Prime Minister

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Sanae Takaichi made history on Tuesday by becoming Japan’s first female prime minister, following a surprise majority win in the first round of parliamentary voting. The 64-year-old conservative leader, known for her hawkish stance on China and admiration for Margaret Thatcher, will formally assume office after a ceremonial meeting with the emperor.

Takaichi, Japan’s fifth premier in as many years, steps into the role amid political volatility. Her Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) recently lost its coalition partner Komeito, prompting a swift alliance with the right-leaning Japan Innovation Party (JIP). The new coalition remains in the minority, making legislative navigation a challenge.

A former cabinet minister and heavy metal drummer, Takaichi now leads a government with a full agenda. Her immediate tasks include preparing for a visit by U.S. President Donald Trump, finalizing a trade deal with Washington, and addressing U.S. pressure to end Russian energy imports and increase defence



spending.

Takaichi has pledged to strengthen Japan’s economy and implement gender-inclusive governance, promising a cabinet with “Nordic” levels of female representation. Possible key appointments include right-wing politician Satsuki Katayama and Kimi Onoda, a half-American lawmaker.

While Takaichi aims to raise awareness of women’s health issues, her stance on family laws and imperial succession remains conservative. Public reaction is mixed, with some hopeful she’ll bring change for working women, while others remain cautious.

Known for past hardline remarks on China, she has recently softened her rhetoric, avoiding controversial moves like visiting the Yasukuni shrine.

Takaichi inherits a struggling economy, a shrinking population, and a fractured parliament. Her leadership will be tested immediately—not just by international diplomacy but by her ability to unite a divided domestic front and revive the LDP’s standing with voters.

Trump Admin Clarifies \$100K H-1B Fee Exemptions

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In a much-awaited clarification, the Trump administration has specified who will be exempt from the controversial \$100,000 H-1B visa petition fee announced last month. The new guidelines, released by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on October 20, offer significant relief to current visa holders and international students in the U.S.

The USCIS confirmed that the \$100,000 fee will not apply to individuals changing their visa status from within the U.S.—such as international students on F-1 visas transitioning to H-1B, or employees on L-1 visas seeking extensions. The rule also exempts petitions seeking extensions of stay inside the country.

However, the fee will apply to petitions filed for beneficiaries outside the U.S. or those needing consular processing, including re-entry after leaving the country prior to approval. The proclamation applies to new petitions filed on or after September 21, 2025, for applicants outside the U.S. without a valid H-1B visa.

An official online portal has also been launched to collect the \$100,000 petition fee, as mandated by Trump’s September



19 proclamation. While blanket waivers were ruled out, employers may request exemptions if the worker’s presence serves the national interest and no U.S. worker is

available to fill the role.

The policy aims to curb perceived misuse of the H-1B program, primarily used by the tech sector. Critics argue it could damage industries fac-



ing skilled labor shortages.

The clarification is especially welcomed by Indian students and professionals already in the U.S., who feared being caught in bureaucratic

and financial uncertainty.

This marks the administration’s first direct response to growing confusion and criticism surrounding the H-1B fee announcement.



India's Power Tools Market Set to Cross \$3.8 Billion by 2035

India's power tools segment is projected to more than double, reaching \$3.8 billion by 2035, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.8%, according to industry experts and a recent study by IMARC Group.

The growth is being driven by massive government capital expenditure in infrastructure sectors such as roads, railways, airports, and housing, alongside increasing demand from furniture manufacturing, the automotive aftermarket, and a rising Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture.

To reduce reliance on imports and tap into the growing demand, the Union Government is actively encouraging domestic manufacturing, which is beginning to show results.

Local manufacturers are gradually scaling up production capacity in line with the "Make in India" initiative.

The broader hand tools, power tools, and fasteners market in India is also on an upward trajectory. The domestic hand tools market, currently valued at \$826 million (2024), is expected to reach \$1.22 billion by 2033, reflecting a CAGR of 4.1%, the IMARC study noted.

This surge is being attributed to the modernisation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), increasing industrialisation, and strong after-market demand. Moreover, with India's booming construction and home improvement sectors, the need for efficient and cost-effective tools is only expected to grow.

Industry officials said that the DIY trend among urban consumers, especially in metro cities, is also expanding the market for portable and battery-operated tools. E-commerce platforms have further simplified access to such products, making them popular among younger, tech-savvy users.

Experts believe that sustained policy support, coupled with infrastructure and industrial growth, will transform India into a manufacturing and export hub for power tools over the next decade.

SBI Bats for 25 bps Rate Cut Ahead of RBI Policy Meet

Ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) bi-monthly monetary policy announcement on October 1, a State Bank of India (SBI) research report has recommended a 25 basis point (bps) rate cut, calling it the "best possible option" in the current economic climate.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, will begin its three-day meeting on Monday, September 30, amid global economic uncertainty, rising geopolitical tensions, and the recent 50% tariffs imposed by the US on Indian exports.

The SBI report argues that a modest rate cut would support domestic growth without stoking inflation, especially as headline CPI inflation remains within the RBI's comfort range. "A 25 bps cut would signal proactive policy support to insulate the economy from external shocks," the report said.



However, several other economists and analysts expect the RBI to maintain status quo on the repo rate, citing concerns about volatile crude prices, geopolitical risks, and the weak rupee. Many believe the central bank will prefer to wait and watch, especially as the US Federal Reserve remains hawkish.

India's repo rate currently stands at 6.50%, unchanged since February 2023. The central bank has maintained a "withdrawal of accommodation" stance, balancing inflation control with the need to support growth.

A rate cut now, according to SBI, would also help ease borrowing costs for businesses and consumers, just ahead of the festive season, potentially boosting consumption and credit demand.

The final decision will be announced by RBI on Wednesday, October 1, and will be closely watched by markets, banks, and industry stakeholders for its signal on the direction of monetary policy amid global uncertainty.

India Becomes Top Expansion Market for APAC 3PL Firms:

India has emerged as the most-preferred expansion destination for third-party logistics (3PL) companies in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, according to a new report released by CBRE on Sunday (September 28, 2025).

The study reveals that nearly 70% of APAC-based 3PL occupiers are planning to expand their footprint in India over the next two years. This marks the highest intent for expansion among all markets surveyed in the region.

CBRE attributed this growing interest to India's rapidly developing infrastructure, digital transformation in supply chains, and the booming e-commerce sector. Other contributing factors include favourable government policies under initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti and National Logistics Policy, aimed at enhancing logistics efficiency and reducing operational costs.

"India's position as a key supply chain hub is strengthening, driven by robust demand from retail, e-commerce, manufacturing, and FMCG sectors," said a senior CBRE analyst. "The country is now seen not only as a consumption market but also as a strategic distribution and logistics hub."

The report also highlighted a rise in Grade-A warehousing demand, especially in Tier-1 cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai. Tier-2 cities such as Lucknow, Coimbatore, and Indore are also gaining traction due to lower costs and improving connectivity.

India's 3PL segment has seen double-digit annual growth in recent years, supported by increasing outsourcing of logistics operations by major industries. With rising investments in automation, cold chain facilities, and multi-modal logistics parks, the sector is poised for sustained expansion.



CBRE expects the Indian logistics real estate market to outperform its regional counterparts in the medium term, reinforcing the country's status as the logistics growth engine of APAC.

Govt to Borrow 6.77 Lakh Crore in H2, Holds Near FY26 Target



New Delhi: The central government plans to borrow 6.77 lakh crore through dated securities in the second half (H2) of fiscal year 2025-26, aiming to stay close to its full-year borrowing goal.

Having already borrowed 7.95 lakh crore in H1, the Centre will revise the total gross market borrowing for FY26 to 14.72 lakh crore, narrowly lower than the original budgeted 14.82 lakh

crore.

The shift is designed to balance fiscal discipline with market stability, despite increasing defence spending pressures.

Officials say that the H2 borrowing will be conducted over 22 weekly tranches, each totaling 28,000-33,000 crore, and is scheduled to conclude by March 6, 2026. Of the total, 10,000 crore is planned via sovereign green bonds.

In terms of maturity composition, the share of shorter-term papers (3-5 years) will be increased to 19.9% (from 15.9%), while the share of longer-term papers (15-50 years) will fall from 51.8% to 43.7%. Medium-term securities (7-10 years) will also see a rise to 36.5% from 32.4%.

The Centre reaffirmed its commitment to keeping the fiscal deficit at 4.4% of GDP, compared to 4.8% in FY25. To manage liquidity mismatches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the ways and means advances (WMA) limit for H2 at 50,000 crore.

Officials emphasise that despite uncertainties—like US-imposed tariffs and defence expenditure—the borrowing plan remains predictable, aiming to avoid surprising the bond market and limit crowding out of state and private borrowing.



Plastic Pipes Industry Faces FY25 Challenges, Eyes 10-12% Growth Ahead

India's plastic pipes industry has faced significant turbulence in FY25, struggling with subdued infrastructure investments, tight liquidity, and volatile raw material prices, according to a report released by JM Financial. However, the industry remains optimistic about its medium-term outlook, supported by stabilising input costs and sustained demand from key sectors.

Navigating a Tough Year

FY25 proved to be a challenging year for the sector. Plastic pipe manufacturers—especially those reliant on PVC (polyvinyl chloride)—had to deal with erratic pricing patterns. Global factors, such as sluggish construction activity in major markets like China and developed economies, combined with a supply glut from large exporters like China, South Korea, and Taiwan, led to aggressive undercutting of prices in the Indian market. PVC, which constitutes a major input cost

for the industry, dropped significantly over FY20-25, declining at a 4% CAGR, compared to its long-term growth trend of 2% CAGR over the last 25 years. After a prolonged downtrend, prices began to recover, rising by 7/kg over the last 4-5 months to reach 79/kg in September 2025. While this remains below the FY22 peak, it marks a potential turning point for the sector.

MARKET EVOLUTION AND FUTURE DRIVERS

Traditionally fragmented and focused heavily on agriculture, India's plastic piping sector has evolved into a more organised ecosystem, addressing critical needs in water supply, plumbing, sanitation, and industrial applications. Despite current hurdles, long-term structural drivers remain intact. Government-backed programs like the Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and Housing for All are expected to

boost demand significantly, alongside growing agricultural and replacement requirements.

JM Financial estimates the Indian plastic piping market at 600-650 billion, and forecasts a 10-12% CAGR growth between FY25 and FY30.

POLICY AND REGULATORY TAILWINDS

Industry experts believe upcoming policy measures may offer additional support. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is expected to implement quality control norms for PVC imports by December 2025, which would restrict the influx of substandard foreign products and offer a competitive edge to domestic manufacturers. "Stabilising PVC prices should restore distributor confidence, reduce inventory risks, and aid margin recovery for organised players," the report concluded, projecting a more stable and profitable path ahead for the sector.

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



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

The Artemis program represents the United States’ flagship lunar initiative, a multi-billion-dollar effort to return humans to the moon, coinciding with China’s similar goal of a 2030 astronaut moon landing. Artemis 2 will be a 10-day mission, with four astronauts flying around the moon and back, preparing for Artemis 3, the ambitious 2027 lunar landing using a Starship moon lander.

Artemis 2 will utilize NASA’s 322-foot-tall SLS rocket, developed by Boeing and Northrop Grumman, and the

Orion capsule, built by Lockheed Martin. This mission marks the first time the SLS-Orion combination will carry humans. Acting senior NASA official Lakiesha Hawkins emphasized that while the mission could potentially launch earlier, astronaut safety will guide the final schedule.

The crew includes Commander Reid Wiseman, who previously flew to the International Space Station (ISS) on a Russian Soyuz in 2014; Pilot Victor Glover, a 2020 SpaceX ISS mission veteran; Mission Specialist Christina Koch, who flew to the ISS in 2019; and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, flying to space for the first time and becoming the first Canadian to travel near the moon.

Artemis 2 represents a major milestone in lunar exploration, testing systems, crew readiness, and deep-space operations ahead of the historic Artemis 3 landing. NASA continues to monitor spacecraft readiness, ensuring both safety and mission success as humanity prepares to return to the moon.

Samsung India Announces Festive Discounts Across Galaxy Smartphones



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

The premium Galaxy S24 series takes the spotlight in this festive sale. The Galaxy S24 Ultra, India’s best-selling premium smartphone, is available at Rs 71,999, down from Rs 1,29,999. The Galaxy S24, powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 processor, is priced at Rs 39,999 (originally Rs 74,999), while the Galaxy S24 FE, offering the same advanced AI experience, can be purchased for Rs 29,999 (originally Rs 59,999).

The Galaxy A series is also seeing discounts of up to 42%. The Galaxy A55 5G is available for Rs 23,999 (originally Rs 39,999), and the Galaxy A35 5G is priced at Rs 17,999 (originally Rs

30,999). Both feature a 6.6-inch FHD+ 120Hz Super AMOLED display, Dolby stereo speakers, Vision Booster technology, and a versatile camera setup with a 50MP main sensor, ultra-wide and macro lenses, plus enhanced Nightography capabilities.

The Galaxy M series offers up to 30% off, with the M36 5G at Rs 13,999 (originally Rs 19,999), M16 5G at Rs 10,499 (originally Rs 13,499), and M06 5G at Rs 7,499 (originally Rs 9,999). Designed for Indian Gen Z consumers, the M36 5G brings AI innovations and Corning® Gorilla® Glass Victus®+ for durability.

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

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

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

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

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



larger animals and plants has transformed biodiversity monitoring.

We surveyed 2,000 kilometres of Australia’s east coast, from tropical reefs to temperate kelp forests. Alongside traditional visual transects, we collected seawater for DNA analysis.

Back in the lab, filtering and sequencing the water revealed species often missed by divers. Tropical species like lined surgeonfish, striated surgeonfish, and black-blotched porcupinefish were detected in temperate ecosystems for the first time. Conversely, divers were often

better at spotting temperate species, highlighting that eDNA complements rather than replaces visual surveys.

Combining eDNA with traditional methods provides the clearest view yet of how climate change is reshaping marine life. Globally, species are

shifting ranges as oceans warm and currents change. Tracking these movements is essential to understand ecological transformations, anticipate which species may thrive or decline, and better manage our oceans in a rapidly changing climate.

Apple Responds to iPhone 17 ‘Scratchgate’ Concerns



Apple has addressed growing concerns about the so-called ‘scratchgate’ affecting its new iPhone 17 series. Several users of the iPhone 17 Pro, iPhone 17 Pro Max, and iPhone Air have reported that their devices are

developing visible scratches, particularly around the camera island, just weeks after launch. The issue appears more pronounced in the Deep Blue, Cosmic Orange, and Space Black colour variants.

Tech reviewers and users noticed that the scratches tend to form around the sharp edges of the camera bump. Popular YouTuber JerryRigEverything suggested that the anodised aluminium layer on the iPhone 17

and iPhone 17 Pro Max “does not stick to corners very well,” potentially causing these marks. While the iPhone 17 series performed well in official durability and scratch tests, real-world usage has highlighted a vulner-

ability that some customers weren’t expecting.

In response, Apple clarified that the scratches are not permanent and can generally be cleaned. The company emphasized that the devices remain highly durable and that normal handling might produce minor marks, which do not affect the performance or functionality of the phone. Apple reassured users that the iPhone 17’s materials, including the camera housing and aluminium frame, were designed for long-term use and everyday wear, but recommended handling the devices with care to avoid scratches in vulnerable areas.

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

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

Quantum Entanglement Breakthrough Brings Nuclear Spin Computers Closer

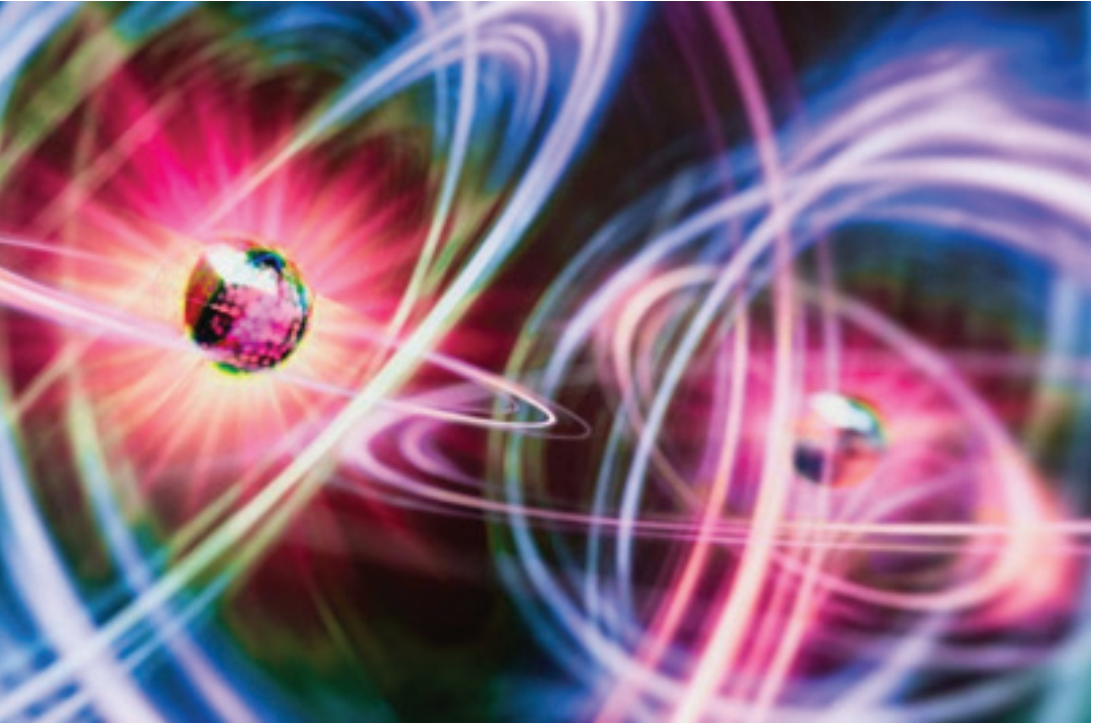
Quantum entanglement — famously called “spooky action at a distance” by Albert Einstein — is the key feature that makes quantum computers powerful. It allows particles to be connected in ways that enable computations impossible for classical computers, such as simulating molecules, pharmaceuticals, or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

Quantum engineers face a fundamental challenge: balancing the need to shield qubits from noise while allowing them to interact for computations. Many quantum hardware platforms either excel in shielding but are hard to control, or perform fast operations but are prone to errors. The team, led by Professor Andrea Morello, works with phosphorus atoms implanted in silicon

chips, using the spins of atomic nuclei to store quantum information reliably. Until now, entanglement between nuclei required them to share a single electron, limiting scalability.

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

This breakthrough integrates long-lived nuclear spin qubits into standard silicon chips, opening the path for scalable, reliable quantum computing. The team envisions extending entanglement over even greater distances by manipulating electron shapes and positions, allowing more complex quantum circuits. This re-



search bridges electron-based quantum devices and nuclear spin qubits, bringing practical, high-fidelity quantum

computers closer to reality.

By combining precision, stability, and scalability, this work marks a significant step to-

ward the next generation of quantum computing built on silicon, the backbone of today’s electronics.

Mandhana Retains No.1 Spot in ODI Rankings, Deepti Climbs to 3rd Among Bowlers

India's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana continues her reign at the top of the ICC Women's ODI Batter Rankings, solidifying her position with a strong 83-point lead over England skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt, as per the latest update released on Tuesday.

Mandhana, who was recently named ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2025, has been in outstanding form. Her dominant displays in the ODI series against Australia played a key role in India's success, and the consistent left-hander is showing no signs of slowing down.

In the bowling department, Indian off-spinner Deepti Sharma made significant gains, rising to third place in the ODI bowling rankings. England's Sophie Ecclestone, known for her accuracy and economy, continues to lead the chart, with another English spinner Sarah Glenn holding the second spot.

Deepti's climb in the rankings reflects her match-winning contributions with the ball in India's recent ODI fixtures, where



she delivered economical spells and key breakthroughs.

Mandhana's ascendancy at the top comes at a time when India is preparing for a packed season ahead, including key tours and the ICC Women's Champions Trophy in 2026. Her form is seen as crucial to India's hopes in the tournament.

In the all-rounders' list, South Africa's Marizanne Kapp retained the top spot, while Deepti Sharma remains the highest-ranked Indian in that category as well.

The rise of Indian players in both batting and bowling

charts signals the growing strength of the Indian women's team on the international stage, as they aim for consistency and dominance across formats in the build-up to global tournaments.

West Ham Slip Deeper Into Relegation Zone After 4th Straight Home Defeat



West Ham United remain rooted in the Premier League relegation zone after suffering their fourth consecutive home defeat, losing 2-0 to Brentford at the London Stadium on Monday night.

Late goals in each half

sealed the victory for Brentford, who had not previously won an away game this season. The visitors dominated from kickoff, creating numerous chances and exposing West Ham's fragile defense.

Igor Thiago opened the

scoring in the 43rd minute after capitalizing on a long ball that West Ham failed to clear. Kevin Schade squared the ball to Thiago, whose shot crept past goalkeeper Alphonse Areola, despite his partial save.

West Ham offered little in

response, managing only seven shots compared to Brentford's 22, and struggled to build any momentum in front of a notably thinner home crowd. Some fans reportedly boycotted the match in protest against the club's ownership, high-

lighting ongoing discontent in East London.

Despite dominating, Brentford only sealed the win deep into stoppage time. Another long ball beat the Hammers' backline, with Keane Lewis-Potter setting up Mathias Jensen for a clean finish in the 94th minute.

"It probably couldn't have been more," said Brentford midfielder Mikkel Damsgaard, reflecting on his side's control and missed opportunities. "We created a lot of chances and had a lot of set pieces, but we're happy to get the three points."

The defeat leaves West Ham in 19th place, with just four points from eight matches and the worst goal difference in the league. In contrast, Brentford climbed to 13th with 10 points, easing pressure on their own early-season struggles.

Manager Nuno Espirito Santo now faces mounting pressure as West Ham's poor form continues.

Keshav Maharaj Breaks 22-Year Record With 7-Wicket Haul vs Pakistan

India-origin South African spinner Keshav Maharaj delivered a record-breaking performance on Day 2 of the second Test against Pakistan, taking 7/102 to dismantle the hosts for 333 in their first innings at Rawalpindi.

Returning from a groin injury that kept him out of the series opener, Maharaj triggered a dramatic collapse, claiming the last five wickets for just 15 runs, eclipsing Paul Adams' 7/128 from 2003 — the previous best bowling figures by a South African against Pakistan in Pakistan.

Pakistan resumed Day 2 at 259/5, with Saud Shakeel (66) and Salman Ali Agha (45) adding 70 runs for the sixth wicket. However, Maharaj's clever use of the dry pitch turned the tide. He trapped Agha LBW with a skidding delivery and dismissed Shakeel shortly after, caught in the slips by Aiden Markram, who had dropped a catch on Day 1.

Maharaj then cleaned up Shaheen Afridi for a duck and wrapped up the tail, as Simon Harmer (2/75) and Kagiso Rabada (1/60) provided support. South Africa improved drastically in



the field, holding onto all chances after a sloppy opening day.

At lunch, South Africa were 9/0, with Markram surviving an early LBW re-

view off Afridi. The visitors are looking to level the series after a defeat in the Lahore Test.

Maharaj, whose roots trace back to India, contin-

ues to be a key figure in South Africa's bowling attack. His performance not only kept his team in the contest but also added a new chapter in the history

of South Africa vs Pakistan Test cricket.

The match now hinges on South Africa's ability to capitalise with the bat in their first innings.

Messi's Hat Trick Powers Inter Miami to 5-2 Win Over Nashville



Lionel Messi delivered another masterclass on Saturday night, scoring his second career MLS hat trick to lift Inter Miami to a dominant 5-2 victory over Nashville SC at Geodis Park.

The Argentine legend was unstoppable, finding the net three times to extend his tally to 29 goals this season, maintaining his position as the MLS top scorer. His previous MLS hat trick also came almost exactly a year ago, on October 19, 2024, in a 6-2 win over the New England Revolution.

Messi's goals came at crucial moments, each displaying his trademark control, precision, and finishing ability. He opened the scoring with a curling left-footed strike in the 14th minute, doubled his tally with a low drive just before halftime, and completed his hat trick with a deft chip over the goalkeeper in the 68th minute.

Inter Miami controlled possession and dictated the pace

throughout the match, with additional goals coming from Luis Suárez and Jordi Alba, both former Barcelona teammates of Messi. Nashville managed to pull two goals back, but never seriously threatened to close the gap.

Messi's chemistry with Miami's front line was on full display, with crisp passing sequences and creative combinations that kept Nashville's defense on their heels. The win cements Inter Miami's place in the playoff picture, with just a few matches left in the regular season.

The Argentine's form continues to be a game-changer for the MLS, drawing sellout crowds and delivering highlight-reel performances week after week. With Messi leading the charge, Inter Miami look poised for a serious postseason run.

"Leo is on another level," said coach Tata Martino. "When he plays like this, we're very hard to stop."

BCCI Issues Fresh Warning to Mohsin Naqvi Over Asia Cup Trophy Dispute



The ongoing tussle over the Asia Cup 2025 trophy has escalated further, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) issuing a fresh warning to Mohsin Naqvi, the chief of both the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

According to sources cited, the BCCI has demanded that Naqvi immediately return the Asia Cup trophy to the rightful hosts — India — warning that failure to comply may result in the issue being formally escalated to the International Cricket Council (ICC) during its meeting next month.

India emerged as the winner of the Asia Cup 2025, but the trophy reportedly remains in Naqvi's possession at his Dubai office, weeks after the tournament concluded. The BCCI maintains that the trophy, as per ACC protocol, should be handed over to the victorious team without delay.

"BCCI has reminded Mr. Naqvi that the trophy is not his personal possession. It belongs to the winning team and the ACC," a senior BCCI official told NDTV on condition of anonymity. "If it is not returned promptly, we will escalate the matter to the ICC in November."

The BCCI is reportedly preparing a formal protest to be lodged at the upcoming ICC board meeting. Officials say they view Naqvi's refusal to release the trophy as a breach of protocol and cricketing decorum.

The incident adds further strain to the already tense relations between the Indian and Pakistani cricket boards, with diplomatic challenges having impacted bilateral series and tournament hosting duties in recent years.

As of now, neither the PCB nor Naqvi has issued an official response to the BCCI's latest demand.

K-Ramp Hits Break-Even with ₹17.5 Cr in 3 Days



The Diwali release K-Ramp is off to a strong start at the box office. Released last Saturday as a festive treat, the Telugu entertainer has collected a solid ₹17.5 crore in just three days, including ₹6.2 crore on Diwali day alone. Starring Kiran Abbavaram in the lead role and Yukti Thareja as the female lead, K-Ramp is directed by Jains Nani. The film blends romance, drama, and action in a commercial format, aiming to please mass audiences during the holiday season. The official numbers were revealed by the makers through a celebratory poster on social media. More importantly, the film has already crossed its break-even point, making it a profitable venture within its opening weekend. This achievement is being seen as a major boost for the cast and crew, especially in a competitive box office environment.

Produced by Hasya Movies, K-Ramp benefits from catchy music by Chaitan Bharadwaj, whose soundtrack has received a positive response online. The early success of the film is being attributed to a combination of festive timing, solid pre-release buzz, and Kiran Abbavaram's growing fan base.

While the opening numbers are encouraging, trade analysts suggest that the coming weekdays will be crucial in determining the film's overall run. With several other films in the Diwali race, sustaining momentum will be key.

Nonetheless, the film's initial box office performance and quick recovery of investment have given the team a reason to celebrate. If the momentum continues, K-Ramp could become one of Kiran Abbavaram's most successful films to date.

PrabhasHanu Diwali Poster Lights Up Buzz



Rebel Star Prabhas is once again set to redefine cinematic scale with his upcoming pan-Indian period epic, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi. The film, currently in the midst of production, is backed by Mythri Movie Makers and presented by T-Series. Adding to the anticipation, the makers unveiled a powerful Diwali poster that has taken social media by storm.

The poster is a visual spectacle. Dominated by a battlefield setting—with scattered vintage rifles and smoky skies—the focal point is a towering shadow of the protagonist, hinting at a lone warrior standing amidst chaos. The design exudes both mystery and might, offering fans a tantalising glimpse into what promises to be a high-stakes historical drama.

What truly sets the poster apart is its intriguing caption in Sanskrit: "He is the Pardha who conquered the Padmavyuha." This philosophical and mythological reference points directly to Arjuna from the Mahabharata, known for his unmatched archery skills and moral integrity. The Padmavyuha, a near-impenetrable military formation, is symbolic of daunting challenges—implying that Prabhas's character is no ordinary warrior, but one battling impossible odds.

The film also stars Imanvi as the female lead, alongside veterans Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam Kher, and Jaya Prada in key roles. The ensemble, coupled with the rich mythological and historical references, hints at a grand narrative laced with emotion, valor, and spiritual depth.

Adding fuel to the festive excitement, the makers teased a major update: "Decryption Begins on October 22nd." This cryptic announcement has fans speculating about a teaser or a major content drop.

With just this poster, the Prabhas-Hanu collaboration is already setting off fireworks. The countdown to October 22nd begins.



Thamma : Great Concept, Uneven Execution

Maddock's Horror-Comedy Universe's latest outing stumbles with pacing and impact. The much-anticipated Thamma, part of the Maddock Horror Comedy Universe (MHCU), released in theatres today. Starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna in lead roles, the film is directed by Aditya Sarpotdar and backed by Dinesh Vijan and Amar Kaushik.

The story follows journalist Alok Goyal (Ayushmann), who ventures into a forest on an assignment and encounters Tadaka (Rashmika), a vampire who rescues him from a bear attack. As romance brews between them, Alok unknowingly gets entangled in the dark world of Tadaka's vampire clan, headed by the menacing Yakshasan (Nawazuddin Siddiqui).

Thamma scores with its unique premise and fresh take within the MHCU, but the execution falters. Rashmika shines in her most challenging role to date, portraying a vampire with grace and conviction. Ayushmann delivers a reliable performance, especially in the latter half where his character transforms.

While the film has its fun moments and a surprise cameo for franchise fans, it struggles with an inconsistent tone and sluggish pacing. The editing feels loose, and the Telugu dubbing fails to match the film's standard, affecting the overall experience. The finale lacks the emotional or narrative punch one might expect.

Technically, the film has its moments — the cinematography by Saurabh Goswami is commendable, and the VFX, particularly in the action scenes, is effective. However, Sachin-Jigar's music disappoints, with a weak soundtrack and underwhelming background

Nagabandham Set for Ugadi 2026 Release



The upcoming mythological adventure Nagabandham has officially locked its release date for March 19, 2026, aligning with the Ugadi festival. Directed by Abhishek Nama—who previously helmed Devil—the film draws inspiration from the mysterious treasures unearthed at the Padmanabhaswamy and Puri Jagannath temples.

According to reliable sources, an official announcement regarding the release is expected soon. With its intriguing blend of mythology, mystery, and high-stakes drama, Nagabandham is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious pan-Indian films of 2026.

The film marks the return of Nama to the director's chair and brings together a dynamic cast and production team. Virat Karnra, who received acclaim for his debut in Pedda Kapu, plays the male lead. He is joined by rising stars Nabha Natesh and Iswarya Menon, who will portray the film's female leads.

Produced jointly by Abhishek Nama, Kishore Annapureddy, and Lakshmi Ira, the project is backed by Abhishek Pictures, NIK Studios, and Tarak Cinemas—three banners known for supporting strong content-driven cinema.

Set against a backdrop of ancient temples and timeless legends, Nagabandham promises a thrilling cinematic experience that explores hidden secrets, ancient curses, and the eternal battle between good and evil. With a rich mythological core and modern storytelling sensibilities, the film aims to captivate audiences across languages and regions.

As Ugadi marks a new beginning in many Indian cultures, the release of Nagabandham on this auspicious day is expected to add to the festive cheer. With a compelling premise and a talented team, the film is one to watch out for in the first quarter of 2026.

Chiranjeevi's Star-Studded Diwali Bash Shines Bright



Megastar Chiranjeevi turned his residence into a hub of celebration and glamour as he hosted one of the most dazzling Diwali parties of the season. The event, filled with light, laughter, and tradition, drew some of the biggest names in Telugu cinema, making it the talk of the town.

Among the most notable attendees were Tollywood stalwarts Venkatesh and Nagarjuna, who arrived with their wives, Neeraja and Amala. The presence of these legendary stars added warmth and charm to the festive atmosphere, and their camaraderie with Chiranjeevi was a highlight of the evening.

Adding to the sparkle was actress Nayanthara, who made a rare public appearance, drawing considerable attention. The Mega family turned out in full force, bringing an extra dose of family spirit to the celebrations. Fans and followers were treated to glimpses of the bash through pictures shared on social media, showcasing moments of tradition, bonding, and joy.

The décor at Chiranjeevi's residence blended classic festive elements with elegance—glittering diyas, vibrant florals, and twinkling lights created the perfect Diwali setting. Guests were seen exchanging festive greetings, enjoying traditional sweets, and posing for memorable clicks.

Chiranjeevi's Diwali bash has become something of a tradition in the industry, and this year's edition only reinforced his reputation as a gracious host and a unifying figure in Tollywood. The event highlighted the close-knit nature of the Telugu film fraternity, where professional respect and personal warmth go hand in hand.

In a season filled with fireworks and festivities, Chiranjeevi's celebration stood out—not just for its star power, but for the genuine sense of togetherness it radiated.