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Minister Konda Surekha strongly criticized the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for trolling the Congress government's development and welfare schemes on social media. Addressing the media in Warangal East constituency on Tuesday, she expressed anger at the BRS's on-line activities.

Surekha also accused both BRS and BJP leaders of colluding to obstruct local body elections. She reaffirmed the government's commit-

ment to the BC reservation issue, citing the approval of 42% reservations in the Telangana Assembly. She highlighted her efforts, stating that Warangal East has received more Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) grants than any other constituency in the state. She announced ₹200 crore allocation for the integrated school project in every constituency, with foundation ceremonies expected soon.

Surekha confirmed that all eligible beneficiaries have received ra-

tion cards and announced the impending inauguration of the Warangal District Collectorate office. Emphasizing the government's commitment to farmers, she proudly noted that Telangana is distributing fine rice (sanna biyyam)—a practice unique in the country.

Her remarks were a sharp attack on the opposition for obstructing government initiatives while highlighting Congress's successful implementation of its welfare and development agenda.



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tions. The SLP is expected to be heard on Thursday. Goud expressed optimism that the Supreme Court will allow the government to implement the enhanced 42% quota for BCs in local body polls. He noted that all parties had supported the bill in the Assembly, but some are now opposing it, undermining the government's initiative.

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uphold the enhanced reservation quota and avoid political fallout, asserting Congress's commitment to backward classes. Goud's statement also targets opposition parties, particularly BRS and BJP, accusing them of double standards. The Supreme Court verdict will be decisive for Telangana's local body elections and political dynamics.



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agudem Superintendent of Police B Rohit Raju said in a release. A total of 326 Maoists of various cadres have surrendered before the Bhadradri Kothagudem District Police so far this year, the SP said. All of them are now living peacefully, benefiting from the comprehensive rehabilitation support extended by the Telangana government, he said. Under Operation Cheyutha, extensive developmental activities are being carried out, including im-

provements in road connectivity, schools, hospitals, drinking water, electricity etc, he said. "Our goal is to deliver quality education and medical services to the remotest tribal regions. We urge tribal communities to understand that cooperation with Maoist groups, whether due to belief or fear, will not bring progress. Only through democratically elected governments can real development be achieved," the senior official said.



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Prabhakar Predicts Crushing Blow for BRS in Jubilee Hills

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Minister Ponnampal Prabhakar predicted that voters in the Jubilee Hills by-election will deliver a verdict that severely shocks the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). He stated that the BRS party's "address will disappear" in this crucial poll and challenged the party to a debate on its develop-

ment work during its ten-year rule.

Prabhakar criticized BRS's repeated electoral failures, citing their poor performance in assembly, parliamentary, and cantonment elections. He suggested the Jubilee Hills by-poll could be the final blow. The minister accused BRS and BJP of enrolling fake votes and slammed BRS for alleg-

edly exploiting emotional scenes involving the late MLA Maganti Gopinath's wife, Maganti Sunitha.

His remarks form part of Congress's aggressive campaign strategy, aiming to leverage recent victories and paint BRS as a party in irreversible decline. The Congress hopes to consolidate its dominance by winning this by-election.



Telangana Slips Back Into Deflation, Retail Prices Fall 0.15% in September

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14

In a worrying sign of demand stagnation and economic cooling, Telangana has once again slipped back into the deflation zone. The state reported a 0.15 per cent fall in retail prices for the month of September, according to the latest data released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). This deflationary trend marks the third such in-

stance in the last four months, a phenomenon unprecedented since the formation of Telangana state. Economists are issuing serious warnings, stating that this sustained trajectory reflects weak consumption patterns and significantly sluggish rural demand. Such a trend, if it continues, is projected to have detrimental effects on the state's economy, potentially negatively impacting business investment, job creation, and the

overall state revenue. The retail price trajectory since June clearly shows this economic deterioration. Telangana initially entered the deflation zone in June with a reading of -0.93 per cent, followed by -0.44 per cent in July. Although a brief recovery was observed in August with a positive inflation rate of 0.94 per cent, the state quickly reverted to deflation at -0.15% in September. This makes Telangana the only state in In-

dia to have entered the deflation territory three times in such a short span, signaling a deep-seated economic issue. The MoSPI data strongly suggests that current government policies are failing to stimulate economic activity and are causing a widespread reduction in consumer spending power. This erodes the tax base and adds to the state's fiscal challenges, requiring immediate and effective economic inter-

ventions. The report underscores the urgent need for the new administration to introduce stimulus measures, particularly targeting rural communities and increasing liquidity in local markets to reverse the damaging deflationary cycle. The falling prices, while seemingly beneficial, are a symptom of a much larger problem of demand stagnation that threatens the state's growth projections.



Telangana Economy Heading for Collapse: Harish Rao Slams Congress Over Deflation

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14

Former minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao has expressed deep concern that Telangana's economy is heading towards collapse under the Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Harish Rao pinpointed the alarming trend of negative inflation (deflation) in the state, which he argues is clear evidence of the government's failure in fiscal management and policy planning. He warned that the state is currently moving towards a dangerous state of deflation. Harish Rao drew a sharp contrast with the national economic scenario, noting that while India's overall retail inflation is recorded at a positive 1.54%, Telangana has been witnessing negative inflation, signaling a major slowdown and economic decline. He cited the specific de-

flation figures: June (-0.93%), July (-0.44%), and September (-0.15%). He stressed that this is the first time since the formation of Telangana that the state has recorded negative inflation on three occasions in four consecutive months, which he attributes directly to "policy paralysis, financial mismanagement, and vendetta-driven governance."

The former minister noted that the negative inflation in September is particularly critical because festive periods like Bathukamma and Dasara typically trigger a surge in consumer spending, leading to positive inflation. The fact that deflation was recorded even during this period, he asserted, serves as definitive proof of the government's economic mismanagement, which he believes has crippled local markets and slowed

growth. This sustained deflation, he warned, underscores the policy failures that have pushed Telangana's economy into a dangerous downward spiral.

Harish Rao invoked the state's past, stating that under KCR's leadership, Telangana was a national model for development, but under Revanth Reddy's governance—which he termed "corrupt and chaotic"—the state is sliding into financial decline. He concluded by directly urging the Chief Minister to abandon his "bulldozer politics and vindictive attitude" and, instead, focus on the critical task of reviving Telangana's collapsing economy and ensuring immediate financial stability before the situation worsens. This strong critique highlights the BRS's focus on attacking the ruling party's governance record and economic

AICC Tightens Norms for DCC President Selection in Telangana

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14

A crucial Zoom meeting was convened with the District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents, led by AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud. Following directives from AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and AICC organization in-charge K.C. Venugopal, the DCC presidents were issued a strict set of instructions and mandates regarding the selection and operational conduct of party functionaries. The AICC has significantly tightened the eligibility criteria for candidates applying for the post of DCC president. A key instruction is that applicants must have at least five continuous years of disciplined service to the party. AICC observers have been authorized to immediately exclude candidates who do not meet this non-negotiable continuous service requirement.



new guidelines also include a measure to curb political nepotism: close relatives of current public representatives (elected members) belonging to the Congress party are explicitly barred from being considered for the DCC president post. Conversely, the party is prioritizing diversity and inclusion, with clear emphasis placed on giving preference to leaders from the SC, ST, BC, minority, and women categories during the selection process. To ensure transparency and prevent undue influence, all DCC leaders have been strictly instructed not to hold personal discussions or private meetings with AICC observers. Furthermore, all district-level

meetings must be conducted either at the official party office or at a location that is easily accessible to all members. Holding meetings at the personal residences or private offices of local leaders is now prohibited. Finally, DCC presidents were mandated to ensure the successful execution of the AICC's prestigious 'vote theft' program, requiring them to collect signatures from a minimum of one hundred people in every village to document alleged electoral malpractice. These stringent rules are designed to professionalize the party, dismantle local power centers, and strengthen the grassroots organization.

Minister Tummala Launches Groundnut Seed Distribution with 100% Subsidy

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14

Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles, Tummala Nageswara Rao, officially launched the distribution of groundnut seeds with a 100% subsidy to farmers across the state. The program is being implemented under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Seeds (NMEO-OS) 2025-26 scheme, utilizing a network of value chain clusters. The minister inaugurated the distribution program via video conference from a Rythu Vedika (farmers' platform).

The minister detailed the core objectives of this initiative: to distribute quality groundnut seeds for free across the state, thereby boosting oilseed production, increasing the cultivated area for oilseed crops, and consequently enhancing the income of the farmers. He stressed that this scheme is a significant step towards agricul-

tural diversification. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao reiterated the state government's commitment to achieving self-sufficiency in oilseed production. He stated that the government is actively working to provide farmers with comprehensive development support, which includes access to modern technologies, incentivizing schemes, and robust value addition chains. This move is a strategic part of the state's plan to reduce its reliance on imported edible oils and improve the overall economic stability of the farming community by promoting a shift to more profitable and less water-intensive crops.

The launch event was attended by high-ranking officials, including Shri Surendra Mohan, IAS, Principal Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation), Shri Gopi, IAS, Director of Agriculture, and other departmental heads. This



distribution is expected to have a significant impact on the upcoming Rabi season. The minister urged all farmers to fully utilize

this opportunity to maximize their yields and contribute to the state's goal of becoming a leader in oilseed production, ensuring that

the government's focus on integrated development translates into tangible benefits and long-term resilience for the agricultural sector.

State Government Takes Fresh Steps for Peddapalli Airport

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14

The proposal to establish an airport in the Peddapalli district has once again gained fresh impetus, with the Telangana state government initiating new and concrete measures for its develop-

ment. The government has successfully identified 591 acres of land in the Anthargaon Mandal as suitable for the construction of a greenfield airport, moving beyond previous setbacks. Following this identification, the government has issued a govern-

ment order (GO) sanctioning 40.53 lakh to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). This sanctioned amount is specifically allocated for the AAI to conduct a crucial pre-feasibility study of the newly identified site. This decisive step has successfully

rekindled the long-held aspirations among local residents and business communities for an airport in the region. The selection of the Anthargaon site marks a revival of the project, as an earlier proposal for a location near Basanthnagar was ultimately

deemed unsuitable by aviation authorities. That location was rejected due to challenging terrain and restrictions imposed by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on flight training operations. The new initiative, backed by the financial commitment for an AAI

study, signals the state government's strong resolve to enhance regional connectivity and infrastructure development across the Peddapalli district. The successful completion of the pre-feasibility study is the critical next step that will pave the way for the

detailed planning and eventual construction of the long-awaited airport. This major infrastructure project is expected to create significant economic opportunities, particularly promoting industrial growth and tourism, benefiting the entire northern

Telangana region by providing direct air access and reducing the reliance on the far-off Hyderabad airport. The government is committed to accelerating this project to meet the growing demand for air travel and strengthen the local economy.



SC Extends Interim Protection to Prabhakar Rao in Phone Tapping Case

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 The Supreme Court (SC) today extended interim protection from arrest to former Intelligence Chief Prabhakar Rao in the high-profile phone tapping case. The bench, comprising Justices B.V. Nagarathna and R. Mahadevan, adjourned further hearing to November 18. In a crucial directive, the court ordered Rao's iCloud password to be reset under the supervision of forensic experts, following government claims that he was uncooperative with the investigation. Telangana's legal team, led by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra, highlighted that critical data had been wiped and original hard disks replaced to conceal evidence. The case alleges that phones of political leaders, journalists, judges, builders, and businessmen were tapped under the pretext of counter-Naxal operations. The SC's order aims to facilitate a thorough forensic recovery and ensure a complete investigation into these serious charges.

Vikarabad Farmers Protest Against RRR Land Acquisition

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 Farmers in Vikarabad Mandal have escalated protests against the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) expansion, warning of severe consequences if lands are seized with inadequate compensation. They have formed a Joint Action Committee (JAC) and threatened indefinite hunger strikes if the RRR alignment isn't adjusted to minimize impact on their lands. The JAC plans a massive foot march culminating at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's residence to press their demands. Dozens of farmers, including Krishna Reddy, Janardhan Reddy, and Padmarao, participated, signaling strong opposition to the current land acquisition approach and challenging the government's plans for the ambitious RRR project.



25 Lakh Unaccounted Cash Seized During Jubilee Hills Poll Surveillance

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 Election surveillance teams seized 25 lakh in unaccounted cash near Maitrivanam X Roads during routine checks. The money, carried by Jairam Talasia from Visakhapatnam, lacked valid documentation. Following Election Commission guidelines, the cash was handed to local police for further investigation. The seizure reflects strict vigilance against money power in the Jubilee Hills by-election, ensuring transparency and fair conduct during the electoral process.

GHMC Road Safety Drive Gains Momentum Ahead Of Bypoll

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 The GHMC has intensified its road safety and sanitation efforts across Hyderabad, filling over 15,000 potholes and removing long-standing debris from colonies. Alongside infrastructure initiatives, officials are enforcing the Model Code of Conduct strictly in Jubilee Hills ahead of the assembly by-election. The Returning Officer will receive nominations today, as the city administration balances urban maintenance with election preparedness, emphasizing safety, hygiene, and a fair electoral process.



Fake Birth Certificates Shake HCA

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) faces a fresh controversy over allegations of corruption and fake birth certificates used by multiple players across age-group leagues. Anant Reddy lodged a complaint with Rachakonda CP, accusing HCA officials and players of deliberately circumventing age restrictions in Under-16, Under-19, and Under-23 tournaments. The complaint suggests that HCA officials allowed over-aged players to enter competitions in exchange for financial gain, sidelining genuinely talented, age-eligible players. Previous BCCI investigations had already banned six players for similar offenses, but the latest complaint exposes systemic administrative failure. The police have been urged to conduct a thorough investigation to dismantle the network behind these fraudulent practices, aiming to restore fairness and integrity to Hyderabad cricket.



Hyderabad Police Revamps Crime Strategy

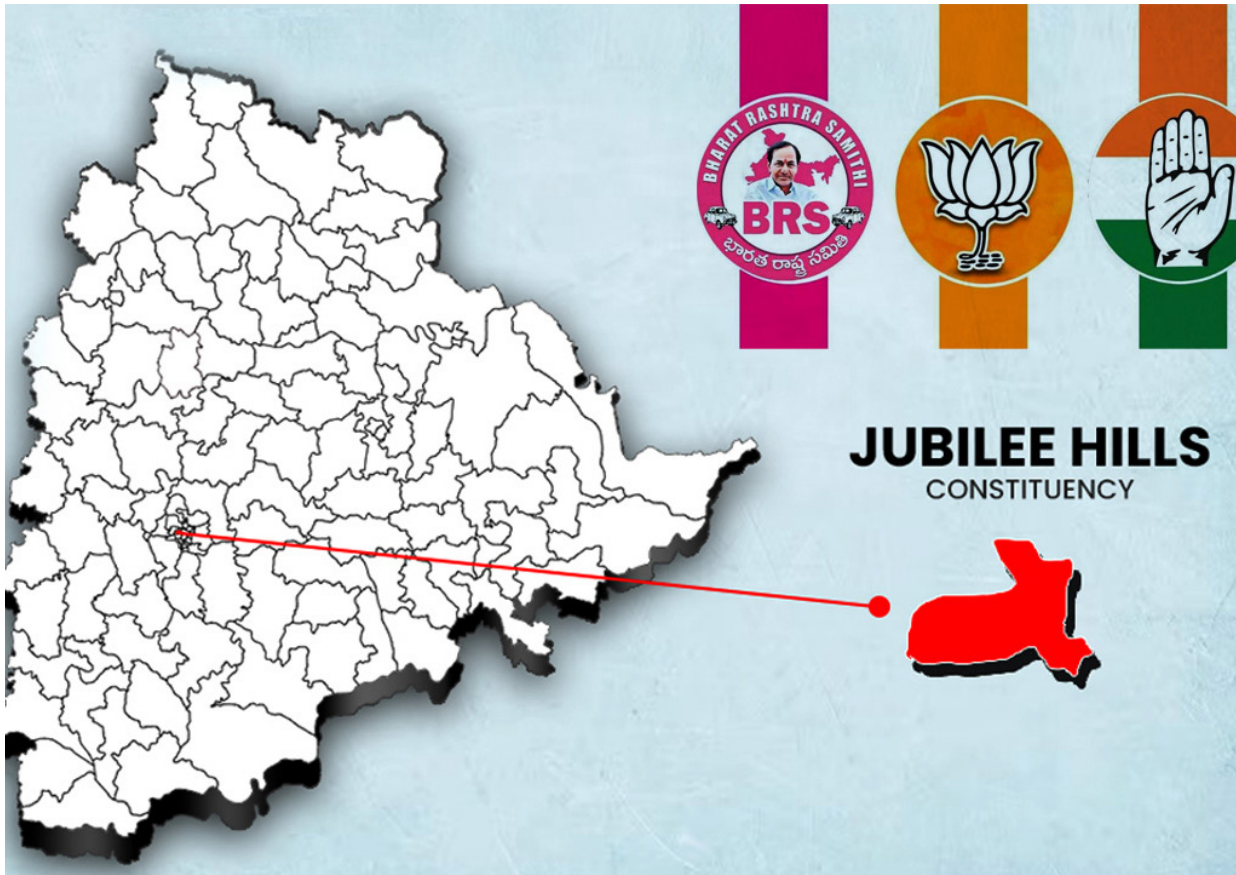


TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 The Additional Commissioner of Police, Crimes, Hyderabad City, M. Srinivas, IPS, held his inaugural crime review meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025, with the heads of the three specialized wings: the Central Crime Station (CCS), Cyber Crimes, and the Women Safety Wing (WSW). The meeting focused on reviewing the functioning and progress of all associated teams, including the CCS teams (I to X), the Special Investigation Team (SIT), She Teams, Women Police Stations, and the Clues/Finger Prints units. Addl. CP Srinivas emphasized that these specialized wings must concentrate on understanding crime patterns to prevent offenses at their root. He stressed the paramount importance of staying updated with criminal technologies, tackling emerging challenges in white-collar and cyber crimes, enhancing women's safety, and significantly improving investigation standards. He called for fair and firm investigations, meticulous documentation of evidence, and the effective use of forensic and digital tools to strengthen prosecutions. The overarching goal is not just to enhance public safety but also to foster greater trust between the police and the community by adopting technology-driven, citizen-centric policing strategies. A key focus was on the Cyber Crimes Wing, which was instructed to intensify public awareness campaigns. The police will caution the public, especially senior citizens, against sophisticated scams like fake online investment and trading platforms. These fraudsters lure victims with false profits and then block withdrawals under pretexts like 'tax payments' or 'compliance charges.' Awareness will be promoted through engaging formats like reels and short films to educate senior citizens on digital safety. Furthermore, the Addl. CP directed the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) and Juvenile Bureau to work closely with Child Welfare Committees to enhance the rescue and repatriation of missing children. He issued strict instructions on service delivery, stating, "Every petitioner must be treated with respect," and "should feel that justice is being done." He mandated that there should be no negligence in registering cases, preliminary enquiries for white-collar offenses must be done within a prescribed time, FIRs must be registered promptly, and investigations must be completed without delay, ensuring expeditious filing of charge sheets. He concluded by promising to recognize and suitably reward the hard work of the officers and staff.

Lineman Nabbed in 15,000 Bribe Case

TPN Bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 14 The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mahabubnagar Range, caught a government lineman red-handed taking a bribe of 15,000. Thota Nagendra, a lineman with TGSP-DCL from Nagarkurnool District, was apprehended while accepting money to install a Distribution Transformer in a complainant's agricultural fields. The bribe was recovered at the scene, and Nagendra is being produced before the 1st Additional Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases in Hyderabad. The ACB urged citizens to report bribery through toll-free number 1064 or via social media, ensuring confidentiality. This enforcement reinforces accountability and sends a strong message to public servants about legal consequences of corruption.





Congress & TDP Leaders Switch to BRS Ahead of Jubilee Hills By-poll

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

In a significant political development ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election, senior Congress leader Ali Masqati and former TDP leader Shakeela Reddy formally joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Tuesday. The induction ceremony was held at the Nandinagar residence of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), who personally welcomed the leaders by draping them in the party's iconic pink scarves. KTR expressed confidence that the inclusion of these experienced politicians would strengthen the party's organizational structure and enhance its prospects in the by-election. He highlighted that the move underscores public trust in the BRS and the leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in shaping Telangana's future. Ali Masqati, a prominent minority leader, is expected to boost BRS outreach within the Muslim community—a key voting bloc in Jubilee Hills. Shakeela Reddy brings organizational acumen and a strong support base from her previous political affiliations. KTR urged both leaders to actively engage with local communities and ensure a decisive victory for the BRS candidate, emphasizing the party's commitment to development and welfare in Hyderabad and the state.

All India Sub-Junior Badminton Tournament Begins in Sangareddy

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

The prestigious Yonex Sunrise All India Sub-Junior Under-13 Ranking Badminton Tournament has officially kicked off at the Chetan Anand Badminton Academy in Aminpur, Sangareddy district. The six-day event has drawn nearly 700 young players from across India, highlighting its significance in the national junior badminton circuit. The tournament, running until October 18, offers a platform for budding talent to gain competitive exposure, earn national ranking points, and showcase their skills on a prominent stage. Participants praised the academy's world-class facilities, while organizers assured fair competition, proper security, and smooth logistics throughout the event. Winners will be awarded trophies and substantial cash prizes during the closing ceremony, celebrating excellence and encouraging the next generation of badminton champions.



Konda Threatens Closure of Chettinad Cement Factory Over Flood Damage

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

Chevela MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy issued a stern warning to the Chettinad Cement Factory in Tandur, Vikarabad district, over recent flooding that damaged crops and homes in Sangem Kalan village. During a visit to the flood-affected village, the MP met with locals and party leaders to assess the damage firsthand. The MP expressed outrage at the factory management, pointing out that only three bridge pillars had been constructed instead of the required 18, which obstructed water flow and worsened the flooding. He demanded immediate compensation for affected farmers and villagers, stating, "No excuses! If your factory causes damage, you must pay compensation." Konda Vishweshwar Reddy warned that failure to provide restitution within a week would prompt him to lead an agitation and potentially shut down the factory. He also criticized the lack of government oversight that allowed the faulty construction. Accompanying him were District Election Convener Baleshwar Gupta and State Executive Committee member U. Ramesh Kumar, demonstrating unified support for the affected community.



Komatireddy Invited to Nalgonda Sadar Sammelan

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

Telangana Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, has been formally invited to preside as chief guest at the Nalgonda Sadar Sammelan. A delegation from the Akhila Bharata Yadav Sangham, Nalgonda chapter, met the Minister at the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar State Secretariat on Tuesday to extend the invitation for the event on October 25 at NG College Ground. During the meeting, the Minister was presented with the official event poster. Community leaders lauded his ongoing support for cultural and social initiatives, while the Minister assured them of his presence and conveyed best wishes for the program's success. His participation is expected to draw a large audience and boost morale among organizers and attendees, emphasizing the government's engagement with community traditions.



Minister Sanctions 2.5 Lakh for Life-Saving Surgery in Nalgonda

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

State Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended immediate financial assistance for a critical medical procedure to a resident of Nalgonda district. Pokala Sravan Kumar, son of Venkaiah from Ellareddygudem, required surgery for a major intestinal issue. Responding promptly, the Minister sanctioned a Letter of Credit (LOC) worth 2,50,000 from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) and personally handed it over. The Minister emphasized the government's commitment to supporting citizens in need, stating, "The People's Government will always stand by the poor." He urged the family to approach his office for any further assistance during recovery. This timely intervention underscores the administration's focus on health and welfare for economically vulnerable citizens, providing much-needed relief during medical emergencies.

Congress Launches 'Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan' in Vikarabad

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

Congress leaders in Vikarabad district launched the "Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan" (Organization Creation Campaign) at the Satya Bharati Function Hall, with AICC Observer Suraj Singh Thakur attending as chief guest. Thakur described the initiative as a landmark effort to strengthen Congress party structures at village, Mandal, and district levels. He highlighted that the campaign will serve as a platform for leaders and workers to bring people's concerns directly to the party. Thakur encouraged members of all communities—SC, ST, OBC, youth, women, farmers, and laborers—to actively participate, emphasizing that a strong organizational base is key to electoral success. Feedback from local leaders was taken into account, reinforcing the party's commitment to grassroots engagement and coordinated efforts for the development of Vikarabad district.



BRS Hits Back At Congress Over Maganti Sunitha Comments

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

At a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, former minister V. Srinivas Goud launched a scathing attack, questioning the humanity of ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponnam Prabhakar for their comments on Maganti Sunitha, the BRS candidate.

Goud asserted that Maganti Sunitha was moved to tears by the spontaneous and genuine public response, not for political gain, directly refuting Congress claims of orchestrated sympathy. He pointed out that Tummala Nageswara Rao became a minister because of the votes of the Kamma community, yet he is insulting the wife of a deceased MLA from the same community, highlighting a deep betrayal. Goud demanded that both Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponnam Prabhakar immediately apologize to Maganti Sunitha and her family for their insensitive remarks.

He also criticized Congress Mayor Vijaya Lakshmi, present next to Prabhakar but silent, despite defecting from BRS to Congress, suggesting her lack of concern for a woman from her former party. Goud questioned Congress's moral standing, asking if the country did not campaign with Rajiv Gandhi's photos after his death, validating the use of a deceased leader's image for campaign purposes.

MLC Tata Madhu added that the minis-

ters and Congress leaders are trembling with fear of defeat in the Jubilee Hills by-election, which is why they resorted to such low-level attacks. He criticized the language used by Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponnam Prabhakar as insulting to the entire women's community. He asked the ministers to imagine if their own wives were widowed and denied sympathy.

Madhu noted the hypocrisy, stating that after the deaths of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, everyone showed sympathy, but Congress ministers are now denying the same to a political opponent. He specifically pointed out that Prabhakar made his comments on Maganti Sunitha while seated next to Congress leaders, including Mayor Vijaya Lakshmi and Vijaya Reddy, who should have intervened. Madhu also recalled that Tummala Nageswara Rao had won the Palair by-election against the wife of Ramreddy Venkat Reddy, Sucharita, yet now attacks a similar situation.

He concluded by demanding that both Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponnam Prabhakar apologize to the entire women's community of Telangana for their disrespectful remarks against the wives of deceased political leaders, calling their presence in the state unfortunate.

Rajgopal Reddy Imposes Strict Liquor Shop Rules In Munugode



TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 14th

While the tender process for liquor shops is underway in Telangana, MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy has announced new, strict rules for his constituency, Munugode. He stated that immediately after his victory, he ensured the removal of 'belt shops' (illegal liquor outlets), a major public welfare step.

The MLA issued binding instructions that liquor merchants setting up shops in the constituency must strictly follow. Key instructions include establishing liquor shops only outside village limits, avoiding residential areas, ensuring no seating arrangements for consuming alcohol on the premises, and not selling liquor to belt shops under any circumstances to prevent

illegal sales networks.

MLA Rajagopal Reddy clarified that his intention is not to inconvenience businessmen but to prevent youth in his constituency from becoming addicted to alcohol and to protect public health. He views these rules as crucial social reform measures.

Following the MLA's instructions, party leaders met with the Nalgonda Excise Officer and submitted a formal petition detailing these suggestions. The move by the MLA to impose such stringent, morality-based conditions on the state-controlled liquor sale process is considered highly unusual and a notable effort toward social welfare, setting a unique precedent for liquor regulation at the local level.

Congress Campaigns Strongly In Jubilee Hills

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AICC Secretary Vishwanathan, Congress Party In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, Minister Seethakka, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Minister Vivek Venkatswamy, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Jubilee Hills Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, and other leaders attended the Borabanda booth committee meeting in the Jubilee Hills constituency. A large number of booth committee leaders participated in the meeting.

The leaders, particularly Minister Seethakka, instructed party workers on their duty to convey the welfare schemes of the 'people's government' and the contributions of Congress governments to Hyderabad and Jubilee Hills to the public to ensure the victory of the Congress candidate. Seethakka urged voters to elect Naveen Yadav, emphasizing that vot-

ing for the Congress party provides an opportunity for development.

She recalled that the TRS (now BRS) fielded a candidate against the family of the great leader PJR (P. Jannardhan Reddy) in the 2008 by-election after his death, ignoring political traditions, a historical precedent for the current sympathy politics. She also pointed out that KCR even contested against the families of sitting MLAs who died after the formation of Telangana state, despite their family members grieving, but is now seeking to win the election through sympathy, which she termed hypocritical.

Seethakka stated that Congress works for the development of the region, the welfare of the people, and the upliftment of backward and weaker sections. She introduced Naveen Yadav as a 'pukka local' who

will share in the people's joys and sorrows. Naveen Yadav, who had an opportunity to work abroad, chose to enter politics for public service and the development of the area.

The leaders appealed to voters to vote for the Congress symbol to ensure Naveen Yadav's victory, stating that his win would bring back development halted after PJR's passing. They highlighted welfare schemes implemented by the Revanth Reddy government, such as free fine rice, 200 units of free electricity, ₹500 gas cylinders, interest-free loans for women's self-help groups, and ongoing efforts toward women's empowerment.

Prabhakar accused the TRS of being the "thieves of votes" and claimed that voting for the TRS is equivalent to voting for the BJP. He referenced BRS MLC Kavitha's statement that

she stopped KCR and KTR from merging TRS into BJP, questioning how KTR, who allegedly caused mental distress to his own sister, can do justice to other women. He accused the BRS of using the family of the late MLA Maganti Gopinath for political gain.

He asked the constituency people, who elected Gopinath's family three times, to give Naveen Yadav an opportunity to serve the area. The leaders concluded that the Congress flag will fly high in Jubilee Hills, urging every worker to meet every voter and promote the Congress vision. Prabhakar specifically warned that TRS leaders are incoherent due to their involvement in "pubs, clubs, and drug dealing" and are falsely crying foul over vote registration when the vote count remains consistent with the 2023 Assembly elections.

KCR Hands B-Form To Maganti Sunitha



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In a press release dated October 14, 2025, it was officially announced that BRS Party Chief KCR handed over the B-form to Srimathi Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, the party candidate for the Jubilee Hills constituency by-election. The candidate is the wife of the late MLA Maganti Gopinath, whose death necessitated the upcoming poll.

KCR also presented a cheque for ₹40 lakh from the party toward election expenditure, demonstrating the party's financial backing for the high-stakes contest. This action is a clear signal from the party leadership to mobilize full resources behind Sunitha Gopinath and leverage the sympathy factor.

Those present at the important occasion included the daughters and son of the late Maganti Gopinath, showing the complete support of the family. Also in attendance were several prominent party leaders and public representatives, including former minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy, former minister and Secunderabad MLA Padma Rao Goud, Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh, Musheerabad MLA Mutha Gopal, former Miryalaguda MLA Nalamotu Bhaskar Rao, and other key party functionaries and leaders. Their presence underscored the united front of the BRS in supporting the Maganti family and the candidate in this crucial election. This move confirms the BRS strategy to prioritize a sympathy vote and retain the seat formerly held by the late MLA.

BRS Plans Strategy For Jubilee Hills Bypoll

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A high-level strategy meeting was held by BRS senior leaders to plan and intensify the campaign for the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election. Those in attendance included BRS Parliamentary Party Deputy Leader and Rajya Sabha member Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former minister Gangula Kamalakar, MLAs Kaleru Venkatesh and Padi Kaushik Reddy, MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy, former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, and other senior leaders. The meeting took place Tuesday afternoon at MP Ravichandra's residence in Banjara Hills MLA Colony.

The leaders decided that their core objective is to ensure a landslide victory for the BRS candidate, Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, through unified and focused action. They are concentrating campaign efforts across 96 polling stations in key areas like Venkatagiri, Yousufguda, Krishnanagar, Marutnagar, and the Yousufguda Police Quarters, indicating a micro-level planning approach. Senior leaders are personally taking charge of these segments.

A key decision was to extensively publicize the unprecedented development and successful welfare schemes implemented in the state, especially in Hyderabad, during the nine-year tenure of Telangana's first Chief Minister, Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao. They believe showcasing this track record is crucial to counter the ruling party's narrative.

Leaders also stressed the urgent



need to educate voters about the failures of the Congress government, particularly its inability to fulfill six major guarantees, numerous broken promises, and outstanding dues to various sections, causing public dissatisfaction. They agreed to highlight contributions of the late MLA Magan-

ti Gopinath to the constituency's development, his meticulous efforts in allocating double-bedroom houses to the poor, and his dedication to welfare. They resolved to urge voters to remember this work, vote for the 'car' symbol, and ensure a strong victory for the BRS candidate.

Senior party members Chirumathi Rakesh, Kethireddy Vasudevareddy, Lakshman Rao, Shubhprad Patel, Asheesh Kumar Yadav, Gosula Srinivas Yadav, Challa Harishankar, and Vijay Kumar Goud also attended the productive strategy meeting.

US-China Trade War Becomes a Siege – and India Is Caught in the Crossfire

What began as a tariff skirmish has now escalated into a full-blown global supply chain siege, with the United States and China weaponising their respective technological and material strengths. And in this escalating economic battle, India finds itself deeply exposed.

Ahead of a Trump-Xi summit slated for late October in South Korea, Beijing announced sweeping export controls on rare-earth elements, magnets, and battery materials. These moves, framed as national security measures, are seen as a direct response to

U.S. export curbs on Chinese chipmakers and higher port duties on Chinese-built ships.

Washington retaliated with threats of 100% tariffs and restrictions on software exports. But this is no longer a trade war—it is now a strategic siege, where semiconductors and minerals are new-age weapons.

India's Growing Vulnerability

India imports nearly 90% of its rare-earth magnets from China, totalling 53,700 tonnes in 2024–2025. These critical materials power electric vehicles, wind turbines, electronics, and defence

systems. With China tightening licensing rules—even for products made abroad using Chinese inputs—India's production lines from Pune to Coimbatore are at risk of disruption.

The export curbs are a stark reminder of India's dependency. Despite having the fifth-largest rare-earth reserves globally, India lacks the refining and magnet-making infrastructure to fully utilise them.

Early Moves, But a Long Road Ahead

In response, New Delhi is advancing plans for a National Critical Minerals Stockpile, aiming to

secure a year's worth of strategic reserves. The government is also drafting a Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to seed India's first magnet plants by 2026. Meanwhile, Indian Rare Earths Limited has been directed to prioritise domestic users and reduce exports.

Some companies are experimenting with magnet-free motor designs to reduce reliance on rare-earths altogether.

Building Sovereignty from Scarcity

India's path forward lies in stability, strength, and solidarity. Strategic

buffer stocks, investments in downstream processing, public-private partnerships, and international alliances like the Minerals Security Partnership will be key.

Beijing's actions may be born of insecurity, but they've sounded a wake-up call for India. Just as the 1991 oil crisis triggered economic reform, the 2025 mineral crisis must drive industrial transformation. From elemental dust, India can forge a sovereign future—if it acts with urgency, innovation, and resolve.



Trump's Tariff Threats Rattle Markets – But Timing Raises Eyebrows



U.S. President Donald Trump's latest tariff threat against China has stirred financial markets once again—but this time, investors are questioning not just the substance, but the timing.

On Friday morning, the S&P 500 was on track for yet another record close when Trump abruptly declared a 100% tariff on Chinese goods. The news sent shockwaves through Wall Street, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropping 3.6% and the CBOE Volatility Index, Wall Street's so-called "fear gauge," surging over 30%.

By Sunday, Trump's administration had already started walking back the threat, suggest-

ing a willingness to strike a deal with Chinese President Xi Jinping ahead of their planned meeting in South Korea later this month.

Notably, the announcement and the reversal both occurred while Asian markets were closed for the weekend, allowing U.S. investors to bear the brunt of the immediate fallout. By Monday, when Chinese markets reopened, traders had already priced in the likelihood that Trump's tariff hike wouldn't materialize. The Hang Seng Index dropped just 1.7%, a relatively modest slide compared to the 13.1% plunge it experienced during Trump's earlier

"Liberation Day" tariffs in April.

This peculiar timing raises questions: why didn't Trump wait for a broader global market reaction? Has he inadvertently revealed that China now holds greater leverage in this ongoing economic contest?

The impact is potentially more serious this time. China's aggressive new export controls on rare earth elements, which are essential to AI chip production and high-precision tools like ASML's lithography machines, could disrupt semiconductor supply chains globally. Taiwan's TSMC reportedly relies on Chinese materials for 30% of its advanced chip

production.

Even as the U.S. tries to build rare-earth resilience domestically, Beijing's grip remains firm. Meanwhile, China has started distancing itself from U.S. tech giants, with customs cracking down on advanced chip imports and a directive to local firms to stop buying Nvidia's H20 AI chips. Nvidia's stock fell 4.9% on Friday.

In the past, markets profited from Trump's tariff reversals in what traders dubbed the "TACO trade." But now, Trump is reversing too quickly, leaving little room for tactical plays—and potentially more room for China to set the tempo.



Double-Edged Sword For Vijay's Party, Blow For DMK

The Supreme Court's order for a court-monitored CBI investigation into the tragic Karur rally deaths, where 41 lives were lost, marks a critical turning point in Tamil Nadu's heated political battle between actor-turned-politician Vijay's Tamizha Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) and the ruling DMK.

The top court struck down the Madras High Court's decision to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT), citing procedural flaws and lack of sensitivity, and emphasized the need for an independent probe to ensure impartiality. To oversee the investigation, a three-member committee headed by former

Supreme Court judge Justice Ajay Rastogi has been appointed.

This ruling provides TVK with a significant legal shield against DMK's aggressive accusations. The DMK had blamed Vijay's party for negligence during the rally, alleging they failed to provide essential facilities and abandoned the site during the crisis. Until now, TVK had mostly remained defensive, with political allies AIADMK and BJP stepping in to criticize the state government.

The Supreme Court's intervention means the state police and DMK's narrative will no longer dominate unchecked, giving Vijay

the leverage to contest allegations while preparing for his public engagements, including meeting the victims' families in Karur. Notably, despite DMK's accusations, neither Vijay's fan base nor victims' families have publicly blamed him, underscoring his strong support.

However, the CBI probe is a double-edged sword. Should the central agency's findings implicate TVK, it would deal a severe blow to the party, pushing it into political isolation. The DMK has accused the BJP of using central agencies to politically target opposition parties, while the BJP welcomes the CBI in-

vestigation and supports Vijay.

Meanwhile, AIADMK leader Edappadi Palaniswamy has expressed tentative openness to an alliance with TVK. Yet, fundamental disagreements remain, especially over leadership roles and the BJP's involvement, complicating any potential coalition.

With Tamil Nadu's assembly elections looming in 2026, this tragic incident and the subsequent probe are set to intensify political rivalries. The unfolding investigation will significantly influence Vijay's political future and the state's electoral dynamics in the months ahead.

If Political Parties Fear POSH, The Real Problem Runs Deeper

India's democracy faces a glaring contradiction: while women are encouraged to enter politics, the very institutions they join remain unsafe and unregulated spaces. This troubling reality was underscored by the Supreme Court's recent refusal to include political parties under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH). The court

reasoned that joining a political party is not "employment" and therefore doesn't establish the formal employer-employee relationship required under the Act.

This decision opens a Pandora's box—but not the one the court warned about. The true Pandora's box is the unchecked harassment and impunity within political parties that remain exempt from statutory protections. Po-

litical life is work, often grueling and public, and women stepping into this male-dominated arena deserve the same safeguards guaranteed in other workplaces.

India has six national parties, 67 state parties, and nearly 3,000 registered unrecognised political parties. Yet none are legally mandated to protect women against harassment. This legal vacuum starkly contrasts with government

promises to reserve one-third of parliamentary and assembly seats for women, ignoring the hostile environment that deters women from participating in politics.

Women politicians frequently face opaque complaint processes, lenient punishments, and offenders reinstated to power. While many parties have nominal Internal Complaints Committees, they often lack independence and fail

to provide real justice. This cycle of silence and shame discourages especially young women aspirants and erodes public trust in political institutions.

Democracy demands accountability. If parties, as institutions that shape governance and policy, fail to protect their own members, the very fabric of democracy is weakened. Treating POSH as optional for political parties sends a dangerous mes-



sage: that power supercedes dignity.

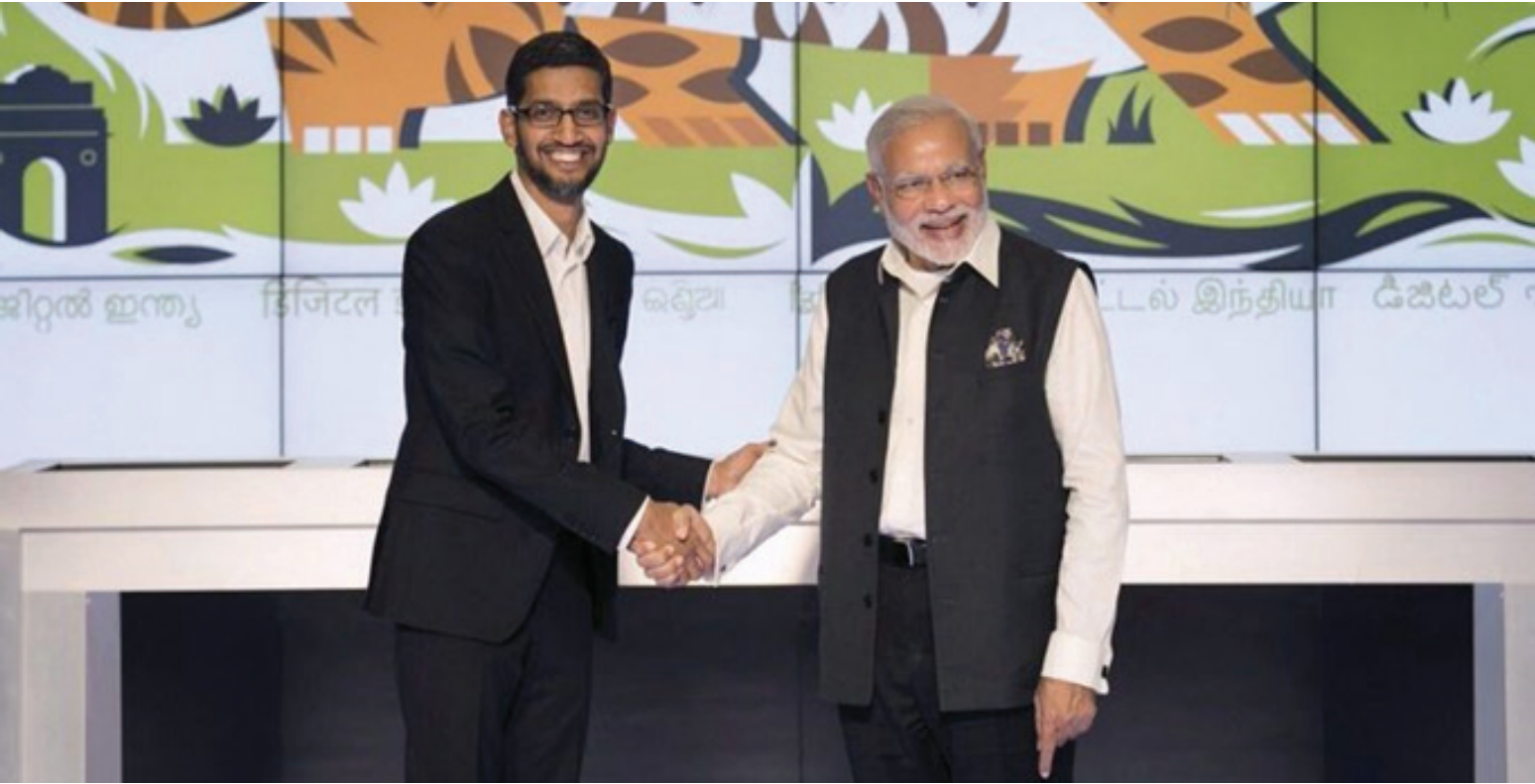
Political parties must adopt independent, transparent complaint mechanisms and comply with the POSH Act as a bare minimum

standard. The government and judiciary need to close the legal loophole that leaves political organizations outside the reach of laws protecting women at work.

Bringing political parties under POSH is not charity—it is a democratic imperative to ensure women serving the nation can do so free from harassment and fear.

Google to Invest \$15 Billion in Visakhapatnam AI Hub, Pichai Briefs PM Modi

Teams up with Adani group for India’s largest AI data centre



TPN Bureau | New Delhi

In a major boost to India’s digital economy, Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a \$15 billion investment to establish the company’s largest artificial intelligence (AI) hub outside the United States in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The announcement was made after Pichai briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the tech giant’s ambitious plans. The investment, to be made over the next five years, will include a gigawatt-scale data centre, a subsea internet gateway, and large-scale renewable energy infrastructure. “Through it, we will bring our industry-leading technology to enterprises and users

in India, accelerating AI innovation and driving growth across the country,” Pichai posted on X, calling the development a “landmark moment” for India’s digital future. Google has partnered with the Adani Group for the project, which aims to serve as a central AI and cloud infrastructure hub for India and other emerging markets. The facility will also support advanced AI model training, cloud services, and enterprise solutions, making Visakhapatnam a strategic tech centre. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the investment, calling it a step towards building a “Viksit Bharat” (Developed India). He emphasized that the project aligns with India’s vision of “AI for All” and will democratize access to cutting-edge technology. “This multi-faceted investment will be a powerful force in boosting our digital economy and securing India’s place as a global technology leader,” Modi said in response to Pichai’s post. The AI hub is expected to create thousands of jobs in tech, data, and energy sectors, while significantly enhancing India’s AI and digital infrastructure capabilities. This is Google’s largest single investment in India to date, reinforcing the country’s growing importance as a global technology innovation hub.

‘India Proved Doubters Wrong...’: IMF Chief’s Praise In Global Economy Meet

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International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Monday praised India’s “bold economic and structural reforms” during the opening session of the IMF’s semi-annual meeting of global finance ministers and central bank governors. Georgieva highlighted key Indian reforms such as the recalibration of Goods and Services Tax (GST) brackets, overhaul of income tax laws, mass digital payments adoption, and the rollout of Aadhaar — the country’s digital social identity program. “Everyone told India that digital identity on a mass scale could not be done... but India proved them wrong,” she said. She specifically applauded the recent GST restructuring, which included eliminating the 12% and 28% slabs and introducing a 40% ‘sin tax’, aimed at boosting consumption by making essentials like milk, coffee, and ghee more affordable. She also reinforced earlier remarks made last week, calling India a “key growth engine” amid global slowdown concerns. The IMF projects India’s GDP to grow at 6.5% in 2025 and 2026, while the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) projects 6.8%, citing structural reforms as the growth driver. However, Georgieva also sounded alarms on global economic challenges. She warned that global public debt is set to exceed 100% of GDP by 2029, with over 150 developing countries nearing or already in debt distress. While she



appreciated G20 efforts, she pressed for greater focus on debt relief, especially as South Africa chairs the group. The next G20 chair, the United States under President Trump, has shown little interest in the issue. Georgieva also flagged fresh risks from escalating US-China trade tensions. Trump’s threat of a 100% tariff on Chinese goods could derail recent progress and spark a renewed global trade war. “If Trump goes back to 100% tariffs... there’s going to be a lot of pain,” former IMF strategist Martin Muehleisen warned.

Congress to Boycott JPC on Bills for PM, CM Removal Over Criminal Charges

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The Congress party has officially decided to boycott the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) formed to examine three controversial bills related to the removal of the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, and other Ministers arrested on serious criminal charges for a 30-day period. The decision was communicated to Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday, October 13, party sources confirmed. The boycott marks a sharp political stance against what the Congress terms an attempt to “undermine democratic institutions through questionable legislative processes.” The bills in question were introduced in the Lok Sabha by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on August 20. Soon after the introduction, the House passed a resolution to refer the legislation to a joint committee for further scrutiny. The proposed bills aim to establish a legal framework for suspending top executive office-holders, including the PM and CMs, from their posts if they are arrested on charges deemed “serious” by the judiciary or investigative agencies. Congress leaders argue that the legislation sets a dangerous precedent and could be misused for political vendetta. “These bills are vague, open to misuse, and politically motivated. We cannot be part of a process that



legitimizes such overreach,” a senior party leader told The Hindu. The party has also questioned the urgency and timing of the bills, especially ahead of key state elections and rising political tensions across the country. This move by the Congress could potentially lead to a wider opposition boycott, complicating the review process in the committee. The government, however, maintains that the bills are aimed at ensuring accountability in public office and upholding the rule of law. The JPC is expected to begin its deliberations later this month, with or without Congress participation.

Delhi Waives Late Fees on Water Bills Till Jan 31, Cuts Charges for Illegal Connections



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In a significant relief for Delhi residents, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced a complete waiver of late payment surcharge (LPSC) on domestic water bills till January 31, 2026. The move is aimed at easing the financial burden on consumers and encouraging the regularisation of illegal water connections. Addressing a press conference, Gupta revealed that the Delhi government will write off over ₹11,000 crore worth of surcharge on domestic water bills. After January 31, the waiver will be reduced to 70% and will remain in effect till March 31, 2026. “The LPSC waiver will be 100% till January 31. After that, we are offering a 70% waiver till March 31, but there will be no extension beyond that,” Gupta said. In another major decision, the gov-

ernment slashed the conversion charges for unauthorised water connections. For domestic connections, the fee has been reduced from ₹25,000 to just ₹1,000. For non-domestic connections, the charges have been cut from ₹61,000 to ₹5,000. These measures aim to bring more than 29 lakh illegal connections in the city under the legal network. According to officials, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) is owed a staggering ₹87,589 crore in unpaid water bills. Of this, only ₹7,125 crore is the principal amount, while ₹80,463 crore — about 91% — is late payment surcharge. The chief minister urged residents to take advantage of the waiver and regularisation drive, adding that the scheme will not be extended beyond March 31, 2026. The initiative is expected to boost DJB’s revenue recovery and improve water supply infrastructure in the capital.

Andhra mountaineer becomes first Indian

To summit 9 of world’s highest 8,000 metre peaks



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Bharath Thammineni, a 36-year-old mountaineer from Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, has become the first Indian to successfully summit nine of the world’s 14 highest peaks over 8,000 metres. His latest feat was conquering Mt Cho Oyu (8,188m), the world’s sixth-highest mountain, in China. Thammineni reached the Cho Oyu base camp on September 30 but faced setbacks due to bad weather and heavy snowfall. After waiting for better conditions, he made a final summit push on October 12, reaching the peak at 6:55 am China time (8:55 am IST). Notably, he accomplished this climb without Sherpa support, highlighting his skill and resilience. Before Cho Oyu, Thammineni had already scaled eight other 8,000+ metre peaks: Mt Everest (May 2017), Mt Manaslu (September 2018), Mt Lhotse (May 2019), Mt Annapurna (March 2022), Mt Kanchenjunga (April 2022), Mt Makalu (May 2023), Mt Shishapangma (October 2024), and Mt Dhaulagiri (April 2025). Five remaining highest

peaks—Mt K2, Nanga Parbat, Gasherbrum I and II, and Broad Peak—are located in Pakistan and currently off-limits to Indian climbers. Thammineni is the founder of Boots & Crampons, a mountaineering company, and is widely regarded as one of India’s most accomplished high-altitude climbers. Over the past decade, he has guided expeditions across six continents and inspired many aspiring climbers. His leadership was instrumental in the Everest 2025 expedition, which included historic achievements such as Chhonzin Angmo becoming the world’s first blind woman to summit Everest and Vishwanath Karthikey becoming the youngest Indian to complete the Seven Summits challenge. From his summit camp, Thammineni dedicated his achievement to India’s adventure sports community, saying, “This is not just a personal achievement but a testament to the potential of Indian adventure sports. I hope this inspires a new generation of climbers to aim for the highest peaks.”

PM Modi Welcomes Release of All Hamas Hostages, Backs Trump's Peace Efforts



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi warmly welcomed the release of all remaining Israeli hostages held by Hamas, praising the resilience of their families and the peace efforts led by US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

On Monday, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed that all 20 surviving Israeli hostages, held captive for over two years in Gaza, were freed and returned to Israeli authorities. This announcement came on the eve of the Jewish festival Simchat Torah, marking a significant moment for Israel and supporters of peace worldwide.

"We welcome the release of all hostages after over two years of captivity. Their freedom stands as a tribute to the courage of their families, the unwavering peace efforts of President Trump and the strong resolve of Prime Minister Netanyahu. We support President Trump's sincere efforts to bring peace to the region," PM Modi said in a post on X.

IDF spokesperson Efi Efrin called the return of the hostages "a defining moment" that belongs to all those who believe in humanity, underscoring the emotional and political significance of the development.

India has consistently condemned the terror attacks on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the resulting civilian casualties in the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict. The Ministry of External Affairs reiterated India's call for the release of all hostages, a ceasefire, and a peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy.

India has also stressed the urgent need for safe and sustained humanitarian aid to affected areas. This stance has been voiced in multiple international platforms, including the UN, BRICS, NAM, and the Voice of the Global South.

PM Modi and External Affairs Minister have engaged in extensive dialogue with leaders from Israel, Palestine, and the broader region to encourage peace and stability.

Venezuela Closes Norway Embassy After Machado Wins Nobel Peace Prize



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In a move seen as a direct response to Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, President Nicolás Maduro's government has ordered the closure of Venezuela's embassy in Norway. The decision came just days after Machado was honoured for her efforts promoting democracy and peaceful transition in Venezuela.

The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry cited a "reorganisation" of its diplomatic network as the official reason for shutting down the Oslo embassy. Phone lines at the embassy were disconnected by Monday evening. At the same time, Caracas announced plans to close its mission in Australia while opening new diplomatic posts in Zimbabwe and Burkina Faso, signalling a strategic realignment aimed at strengthening ties with the Global South.

Norway's Foreign Ministry expressed regret over the closure, stating that Venezuela had not provided any official explanation. Spokesperson Cecilie Roang emphasised that despite differences, Norway wishes to maintain dialogue with Venezuela. Roang also

clarified that the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded independently of the Norwegian government.

Machado, a leading figure in the opposition Vente Venezuela party, has been a vocal critic of Maduro's administration, which she frequently describes as a dictatorship. She has led multiple anti-government protests and went into hiding last year amid threats to her safety. Following the controversial 2024 presidential election, which Maduro won amid opposition allegations of fraud, Machado claimed her party's candidate Edmundo González was the rightful winner.

Although Maduro has not publicly addressed Machado's Nobel Prize, he reportedly referred to her in derogatory terms during a recent speech. Speaking from hiding, Machado declared that "Maduro's time is over" but urged a peaceful transition, offering negotiations to ensure stability.

This latest diplomatic fallout underscores the deepening tensions between Maduro's regime and the opposition, complicating Venezuela's fragile political landscape.

Trump Praises Modi, Sees Hope for India-Pakistan Peace at Egypt Summit

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US President Donald Trump praised India and its leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, without naming him directly, while expressing optimism about peace between India and Pakistan at a world leaders' summit in Egypt. The gathering followed a ceasefire agreement that ended the more than two-year-long Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

Addressing the summit on Monday, Trump called India "a great country with a good friend of mine at the top" and lauded Modi's leadership. Turning his gaze toward Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif standing behind him, Trump said, "I think Pakistan and India are going to live very nicely together," prompting Sharif to respond with a chuckle.

Earlier, Trump praised Sharif and Pakistan's army chief, General Asim Munir, whom he called his "favourite field marshal." He invited Sharif to speak, during which the Pakistani leader credited Trump's "untiring and relentless efforts" for achieving peace in the Middle East.

Sharif also announced Pakistan had nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in stopping the war between India and Pakistan and brokering the Gaza ceasefire. He expressed interest in nominating Trump again for saving millions of lives across South Asia and the Middle East.

Trump, who previously claimed credit for resolving seven conflicts including the India-Pakistan dispute, now asserts he has helped settle eight, adding the Israel-Gaza conflict to his tally.

Since May 10, when Trump announced a "full and immediate" ceasefire between India and Pakistan following US mediation, he has frequently asserted his role in ending the hostilities. However, India has maintained that the ceasefire understanding was



reached through direct talks between military officials.

The ceasefire followed India's Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7 to target terror infrastructure in

Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir after a deadly attack in Pahalgam. The truce brought an end to four days of cross-border drone and missile strikes between the two countries.

Pakistan on High Alert After Fierce Border Clashes with Afghanistan



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Pakistani troops remain on high alert along the 2,600-km border with Afghanistan following intense fighting over the weekend that left dozens dead. The clashes between Afghan and Pakistani security forces have heightened tensions and disrupted cross-border trade, with Pakistan closing several border crossings.

The weekend violence saw heavy exchanges of fire, drawing the attention of US President Donald Trump, who expressed willingness to assist in ending the conflict. The fighting led to the closure of key trade routes, leaving scores of loaded goods vehicles stranded on both sides of the frontier.

A Pakistani industry representative confirmed that the border closures have halted vital trade between the two neighbours, impacting businesses and local economies dependent on cross-border commerce. The border stretches through remote mountainous terrain, making it difficult to manage security and trade effectively.

The border closure has also affected Afghan refugees, many of whom were seen waiting at camps near the closed crossings, unsure when they would be able to return home or continue their journeys.

This latest flare-up adds to the ongoing instability in the region, where disputes over border demarcations and security concerns have frequently sparked clashes. Both countries have accused each other of violating sovereignty and escalating tensions.

Authorities on both sides have called for calm and dialogue, but the situation remains fragile. The conflict threatens to worsen an already volatile relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan, with potential regional implications.

As of Monday, no immediate resolution has been reached, and the border remains sealed. The international community, including the United States, continues to monitor the situation closely, hoping to mediate peace and restore stability in the region.

Amazon Fires Employee Over Protest Against Israel Ties

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Amazon has terminated Ahmed Shahrour, a 29-year-old Palestinian engineer working for its Whole Foods Market unit, following his protests against the company's business ties with Israel. Shahrour was fired on Monday for violating company policies, including making statements deemed to "threaten, intimidate, coerce or interfere with" senior leaders and colleagues, according to an internal email obtained by Bloomberg.

Last month, Shahrour was suspended after posting messages in corporate Slack chat rooms criticizing Amazon's involvement with the Israeli government. He further protested by distributing fliers at Amazon's Seattle headquarters. In one message to colleagues, Shahrour stated, "Amazon is not a neutral observer. We are active participants," highlighting his concerns about the company's role.

Amazon confirmed it does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or threatening behavior in the workplace and takes necessary action when such conduct is reported. Spokesperson Brad Glasser said, "We investigate and take appropriate action based on our findings."

The controversy surrounds Amazon's participation in Project Nimbus, a contract through which it, along with Google's parent company Alphabet Inc., pro-



vides cloud computing services to Israeli government and military agencies. This involvement has sparked protests amid the recent conflict in Gaza, where thousands died before a ceasefire.

Shahrour has also been involved in protests targeting other tech giants. In August, he was one of seven current and former tech employees who staged a sit-in at Microsoft President Brad Smith's office, demanding the company halt its sales to Israel. The protesters were arrested but later released. Following public pressure, Microsoft restricted some of its software

usage by an Israeli military unit. The firing of Shahrour underscores growing tensions within the tech industry over corporate contracts linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the challenges companies face balancing business interests with employee activism.

GST Annual Return Filing for FY25 Begins: Key Rules, Turnover Limits, and Compliance Tips



The GST portal has officially opened the window for filing the GSTR-9 annual return and GSTR-9C reconciliation statement for the financial year 2024-25. These filings are mandatory for all taxpayers registered under GST and provide a comprehensive summary of the year's tax transactions, including outward and inward supplies, tax paid, and input tax credit claimed. GSTR-9 must be filed annually, consolidating all monthly or quarterly GST returns filed during the year: GSTR-9C, applicable to taxpayers whose turnover exceeds the prescribed limit, serves as a reconciliation statement and requires certification by a Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant.

According to Prabhat Ranjan, Senior Director at Nexdigm, while most taxpayers are familiar with GSTR-9 and 9C filings, this year's filing comes with new disclosure requirements and stricter validations on the GST portal. He urged taxpayers to be meticulous while filing to avoid errors and potential penalties.

Important Points to Note:

Deadline: The last date for filing GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for FY25 is December 31, 2025. Taxpayers are advised not to wait for any extensions, as no grace period is expected this year, unlike previous years when extensions were sometimes granted due to technical glitches.

Turnover Limits: GSTR-9C filing is mandatory for taxpayers with a turnover exceeding the threshold specified by the government, usually above 5 crore.

Compliance Tips: Early preparation, accurate reconciliation of data with annual financial statements, and cross-verification of input tax credit claims are essential for smooth filing.

The GST portal now enforces stricter validations to minimize discrepancies and improve compliance. Taxpayers should ensure their returns for the entire financial year are correctly filed before attempting the annual return.

With the financial year-end approaching, businesses are urged to prioritize GST annual return filing to avoid last-minute rush and penalties.

Tata Motors Shares Fall 40% After Demerger



Shares of Tata Motors opened nearly 40% lower on Tuesday, triggering concern among investors. However, the company clarified that the sharp fall is a technical adjustment following the demerger of its commercial vehicle business.

The stock opened at 399, significantly down from Monday's close of 660.90, bringing the company's market capitalisation to around 1.45 lakh crore. Despite the steep fall, the move does not reflect any erosion in investor wealth, but rather a realignment due to the demerger.

As part of the restructuring, shareholders as of the record date (October 14) will receive one share of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Limited (TMLCV) for every share they held in Tata Motors. This adjustment explains the price drop in Tata Motors' existing stock, which now represents only the passenger vehicle, electric vehicle (EV), and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) businesses.

The company's restructured entity is now listed as Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPVL). Meanwhile, the commercial vehicle arm, TMLCV, will be renamed Tata Motors Limited after completing regulatory approvals.

TMLCV shares are not yet available for trading and will be listed separately in the coming 45-60 days, pending exchange approval. Also, derivative contracts for the old Tata Motors expired on Monday. New F&O contracts for TMPVL began trading on Tuesday, while TMLCV will not be available for F&O trading for now.

No Loss to Investors

For those holding Tata Motors shares as of the record date, the allocation is clear: 100 shares of TMPVL (passenger vehicle business) and 100 shares of TMLCV (commercial vehicle business).

Investors are advised not to panic, as the perceived drop is simply a restructuring formality, not a decline in actual value.

Markets Dip as Trump's New Tariffs on China Rattle Global Sentiment

Indian equity markets ended lower on Monday, dragged down by IT and FMCG stocks, as global markets reacted negatively to fresh trade tensions between the US and China. The downturn followed US President Donald Trump's announcement of a 100% tariff on Chinese imports starting November 1.

The BSE Sensex slipped 173.77 points, or 0.21%, to close at 82,327.05, snapping its two-day winning streak. Earlier in the session, it plunged as much as 457.68 points to a low of 82,043.14, reflecting investor caution amid global uncertainty.

The broader NSE Nifty fell 58 points, or 0.23%, to settle at 25,227.35. Among the 50 constituents, 30 ended in the red, 19 in green, while one remained unchanged.

Sectorally, IT and FMCG stocks bore the brunt of the sell-off. Major laggards included Tata Motors, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, Bharat Electronics, ITC, and UltraTech Cement. The renewed tariff threat has sparked fears of a further slowdown in global trade, dampening investor sentiment across Asian and European markets.

"With Trump's announcement of additional tariffs on Chinese exports, markets globally have turned risk-averse," said a market analyst at a domestic brokerage. "Investors are also booking profits ahead of key US economic data and corporate earnings reports due later this week."

The imposition of new tariffs threatens to disrupt fragile global supply chains already dealing with inflationary pressures and geo-



political uncertainties. On the domestic front, concerns also linger over the impact of high gold and commodity prices on inflation and consumption, especially ahead of the festive season.

Going forward, investors will closely watch developments around US-China trade talks, inflation data, and commentary from central banks for further cues.

HCLTech Reports Flat Q2 Net Profit, Revenue Grows 11% Amid Workforce Expansion



HCL Technologies (HCLTech), the IT services giant promoted by Shiv Nadar, reported a flat net profit of 4,235 crore for the second quarter (July-September) of fiscal year 2025-26. Despite the steady net profit, the company posted an impressive 11% year-on-year revenue growth, reaching 31,942 crore compared to 28,862 crore in the same quarter last year.

Sequentially, HCLTech's net profit and revenue grew by 10% and 5.2% respectively, signaling a steady business momentum amid a challenging global tech environment. The company's diversified portfolio, including digital transformation and AI services, continues to fuel growth and resilience.

In a surprising move that bucks the trend of layoffs in the technology sector, HCLTech reported a net addition of 3,489 employees during the quarter. This brought the

total workforce count to a robust 2,26,640 employees, underscoring the company's confidence in expanding operations and talent acquisition despite uncertainties in the global IT market.

The company also announced an interim dividend of 12 per equity share for the financial year 2025-26, reflecting its strong cash flow position and commitment to shareholder returns.

Analysts view HCLTech's results positively, noting that the company's balanced growth in revenue and workforce, coupled with stable profitability, positions it well to capitalize on emerging opportunities in AI and digital services. The ongoing investments in talent and technology underscore HCLTech's strategy to deepen client engagements and scale up high-value services.

With the IT sector facing headwinds globally, HCLTech's ability to sustain growth and expand its workforce highlights its robust business fundamentals and strategic agility in a competitive landscape. Investors and market watchers will keenly watch the company's performance in the coming quarters as it navigates evolving industry dynamics.

WPI Inflation Eases to 0.13% in September on Lower Food and Fuel Prices

India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation cooled to 0.13% in September 2025, marking a steady decline from 0.52% in August and a significant drop compared to 1.91% in September 2024, according to data released by the government on Tuesday.

The moderation in wholesale inflation was primarily driven by a decline in prices of food articles, fuel, and manufactured goods, offering some relief amid persistent concerns over inflationary pressures in the economy.

Analysts noted that softening prices in key segments — including vegetables, cereals, and cooking gas — played a major role in easing WPI inflation for the month. Crude petroleum prices also remained relatively stable, further contributing to the lower overall index.

The data suggests that supply-side pressures have started to ease, especially in the food and energy sectors, after months of volatility caused by global disruptions and erratic monsoon patterns.

"The decline in WPI inflation reflects improving supply chains and a drop in global commodity prices. This is a positive sign for producers and industries dependent on wholesale inputs," said an economist with a leading financial services firm. The continued moderation in WPI also bodes well for overall inflation management, as it may eventually translate into lower retail inflation (CPI) in the coming months. However, experts caution that external risks, including global oil price fluctuations and geopolitical tensions, remain potential challenges.

WPI inflation had been volatile over the past year, touching negative territory for several months before turning positive in recent readings. The September figure reinforces a trend of moderation, which may provide additional space for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to maintain a balanced monetary policy approach.

Further data on sector-wise WPI trends is expected in the detailed release later this week.





From Ashes to Wine: Canary Islanders Turn Volcano Ruins into Liquid Gold

In the Canary Islands of Spain, where volcanic eruptions once scorched the earth and left vast stretches covered in black ash, locals have accomplished something extraordinary. What was once a symbol of destruction has now become the foundation of one of the world's most unique wine cultures.

On the islands of Lanzarote and Tenerife, grapevines grow

in soil enriched by volcanic minerals, producing wines renowned for their distinct flavour and rarity. This transformation didn't happen overnight. Islanders have cultivated this harsh terrain for centuries, digging pits into the volcanic ash to plant grapevines, shielding them from strong Atlantic winds while allowing them to absorb the rich nutrients hidden beneath the

surface.

This method of viticulture is as practical as it is poetic. The ash retains moisture and regulates temperature, creating ideal conditions for grape growing in an otherwise unforgiving climate. The result? Wines with unmatched minerality, complexity, and a story as deep as the lava fields themselves.

In 2024 alone, the Canary Islands produced around 3.5 million litres of wine, much of which was exported to Europe and the Americas. These wines, often described as earthy, vibrant, and full of character, are increasingly sought after by connoisseurs and collectors alike.

Locals take immense pride in this legacy—turning devas-

tation into opportunity. What once buried their homes and farmlands now sustains their economy and preserves their culture.

The vineyards of the Canary Islands are a testament to human resilience and ingenuity. They remind the world that even in the wake of natural disasters, there is room for rebirth—sometimes, even in a bottle of volcanic wine.

Microsoft Unveils MAI-Image-1, Its First In-House AI Image Generator



Microsoft has introduced its first natively developed image generation model, MAI-Image-1, marking a significant milestone in its generative AI journey. The announcement was made via the company's official newsroom post on Monday.

MAI-Image-1 is part of Microsoft's MAI (Microsoft AI) initiative, which focuses on building purpose-built models for enhanced integration within its products. The model debuted on the public AI leaderboard LMArena, where it ranked 9th among top-performing text-to-image models. Although still in pre-release testing, the model's performance has already attracted attention.

This release follows a string of in-house AI developments by Microsoft this year. In July, the company unveiled MAI Diagnostic Orchestrator (MAI-DxO), designed for medical diagnosis, and in August, it launched MAI-Voice-1, a voice generation model praised for its natural and expressive speech output.

While Microsoft hasn't released technical specifications for MAI-Image-1, it emphasized the model's ability to generate high-quality photorealistic images—including lighting effects, landscapes, and dynamic visuals. The company claims the model is faster than many existing large-scale models, making it more efficient for everyday use.

Microsoft says its goal is not to compete in the race for general-purpose mega-models, but to build AI tailored for real-world applications. MAI-Image-1 is expected to be integrated soon into Microsoft's Copilot and Bing Image Creator, bringing advanced creative tools to a broader audience.

The model was trained using carefully selected datasets and underwent rigorous evaluations, focusing on real-world use cases. Microsoft also incorporated feedback from professionals in the creative industries to refine its performance.

As competition in generative AI intensifies, MAI-Image-1 represents Microsoft's growing independence in AI innovation, moving beyond partnerships and into proprietary development that aligns with its product ecosystem.

Google Launches \$15-Billion AI Hub in Visakhapatnam

In a major boost to India's growing tech ecosystem, Google has announced the launch of a \$15-billion Artificial Intelligence (AI) hub in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The initiative aims to drive AI-led innovation, research, and economic growth across the country.

The announcement was made by Google CEO Sundar Pichai during a virtual address, where he emphasized the importance of inclusive AI development and India's role in shaping the future of technology. "India has always been a global talent hub. With this new AI centre in Visakhapatnam, we aim to empower local talent, collaborate with academic institutions, and create scalable AI solutions for real-world challenges," said Pichai.

The AI hub will focus on several key sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, education, and climate tech. Google plans to partner with Indian startups, researchers, and government bodies to build tools that are socially impactful and accessible to diverse communities.

According to early reports, the facility will also house advanced research labs, training centers, and incubation programs for AI startups. Thousands of jobs are expected to be created, both directly and indirectly, through this long-term investment.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy welcomed the move, calling it a historic milestone for the state. "This will put Andhra Pradesh on the global AI map and provide our youth with access to world-class opportunities," he said.

This strategic investment reflects Google's larger vision of making AI helpful for everyone, especially in emerging markets like India. With Visakhapatnam now set to become a major AI innovation hub, the project is seen as a pivotal step in advancing India's digital transformation on a global stage.

British Vlogger's Viral Video Slams Trash Crisis at Indian Tourist Spot

A British travel vlogger has sparked a heated conversation online after posting a candid video exposing the severe littering problem at a tourist hotspot in India. The video, shared on Instagram by content creator Alex, has gone viral with nearly 80,000 views and hundreds of comments, many supporting his frustration over the country's growing waste issue.

While travelling between Darjeeling and Kalimpong in West Bengal, Alex visited the scenic Lover's Viewpoint—a location known for its breathtaking river confluence and natural beauty. However, what greeted him was a familiar sight: heaps of trash scattered by careless tourists.

"It just frustrates the sh*t out of me," he said in the video. "I keep hearing people say, 'Come to the mountains in India, that's where the



true beauty is.' But it's the same here—the same treatment of the land. Maybe there's no hope."

In the now-viral clip, Alex points out the contradiction between the natural beauty of the location and the irresponsible behavior of visitors. "There's always going to be trash where there are people. And I

guarantee you, there's a bin super close. You are only trashing your own country," he added.

The video, captioned "When will it end India", has resonated with many viewers who praised Alex for calling out the issue so bluntly. "Thanks for raising awareness," commented one user. Others echoed his senti-

ments, calling for stricter enforcement and public responsibility.

As India continues to promote tourism both domestically and globally, Alex's video is a stark reminder that preserving the country's natural beauty must be a shared responsibility—not just for locals but for all who travel through it.



Own iPhone 17 Pro Max for 7,670/ Month, Upgrade to iPhone 18 Next Year

Apple enthusiasts in India can now own the latest iPhone 17 Pro Max at just 7,670 per month, thanks to a new upgrade program introduced in partnership with select retailers and finance partners. The offer makes it easier for users to experience Apple's flagship device without bearing the full upfront cost. The iPhone 17 Pro Max, launched in September 2025, features the powerful A19 Pro chipset, a stunning Super Retina XDR display,

and a 48MP triple rear camera setup designed for pro-grade photography and video recording. With this EMI plan, customers can enjoy the premium smartphone with minimal initial payment. What makes the deal even more attractive is the guaranteed upgrade option. Customers enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to upgrade to the upcoming iPhone 18 in 12 months by simply trading in their iPhone 17 Pro Max, provided the device is in good working condition.

The financing scheme is available through major retailers, Apple Authorised Resellers, and select online platforms. The 7,670 monthly EMI typically spans 12 to 24 months depending on the plan chosen, with the upgrade window kicking in after the first year. No-cost EMI options and bundled device protection plans are also being offered.

This move is expected to boost Apple's market

penetration in India, where high upfront costs often discourage users from buying flagship devices. By offering a subscription-style model, Apple is making its premium smartphones more accessible while also locking in customer loyalty with yearly upgrades.

For those seeking the best of Apple without a steep one-time investment, this could be the smartest way to get on board—and stay upgraded.

India beat West Indies by 7 wickets to clinch Test series 2-0

Shubman Gill's first series win as Test skipper

India's Test cricket team made history by matching the world record for the most consecutive series wins against a single opponent, with a 2-0 clean sweep over the West Indies in the recent home series. This marks India's 10th consecutive Test series win against the Caribbean side since their last defeat in 2002, equaling South Africa's record of 10 straight series victories against the West Indies from 1998 to 2024.

The series concluded with a commanding seven-wicket victory in the second Test at Delhi's Feroz Shah Kotla stadium. Needing just 58 runs to win, KL Rahul's unbeaten 58 guided India to a comfortable finish alongside Dhruv Jurel. The match stretched into the fifth day for the first time since 2011 in an India-West Indies Test series, largely due to strong batting performances from West Indies centurions John Campbell (115) and Shai Hope (103), and a resilient 10th-wicket partnership.

This was also a landmark series for Shubman Gill, who captained India at home for the first time and secured his maiden Test series win as captain. Earlier this year, Gill led



India to a 2-2 draw in the challenging England tour.

India's dominance was evident with their bowlers taking all 40 West Indies wickets across the two Tests. Despite unhelpful pitch conditions for spinners, Indian pacers performed admirably, while spinners showed patience on slow tracks. The batting lineup flourished as well, with five centuries and a near-century scored by the top six batsmen over the series.

This victory not only underlines India's continued home supremacy but also sets a strong tone for their future in Test cricket under Gill's leadership.

9 Records Broken in Australia's Thrilling Win Over India in 2025 Women's World Cup



Australia's Alyssa Healy played one of the finest innings in Women's World Cup history, scoring a blistering 142 off 107 balls to lead her team to a record-breaking three-wicket win over India

in Visakhapatnam. The match saw a series of records fall as both teams showcased exceptional cricket.

India's Smriti Mandhana made history by be-

coming the first woman to score 1,000 ODI runs in a single calendar year, surpassing Belinda Clark's previous record of 970 runs set in 1997. Mandhana also became the fastest woman to reach 5,000 runs in Women's ODIs, achieving the milestone in just 112 innings, breaking Stafanie Taylor's record of 129 innings.

Mandhana's 46-ball half-century in the match helped her surpass Mithali Raj for the most 50+ scores by an Indian against Australia in women's ODIs. She, along with Pratika Rawal, put on a massive 155-run opening partnership, the highest for India against Australia in Women's World Cup history, and the first century-plus opening stand of the tournament.

This partnership also made Mandhana and Rawal India's most prolific opening duo in women's ODIs, breaking the previous record of five 100-plus stands held by Jaya Sharma with different partners.

India posted a total of 330 runs, their highest-ever Women's World Cup total and the highest score against Australia in World Cup matches. Australia's successful chase of 331 runs became the highest ever in women's ODI history, surpassing Sri Lanka's 302-run chase against South Africa in 2024.

The match featured 13 sixes, the most in any Women's World Cup game, with the final boundary hit by Ellyse Perry sealing Australia's historic win. This thrilling encounter will be remembered as one of the most record-filled matches in Women's World Cup history.

Argentina vs Australia Friendly Match Set for Kochi on November 17

The much-anticipated international friendly football match between defending World Cup champions Argentina and Australia will take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium in Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala, on November 17, 2025. The Argentine Football Association officially confirmed the date, according to the match sponsors, Reporter Broadcasting Company.

This exciting fixture will see Argentina's star forward Lionel Messi lead his team against Australia in what promises to be a thrilling encounter for football fans in India and around the world. The match provides a rare opportunity for local fans to witness some of the biggest names in international football live on Indian soil.

Ticket fares for the event will be announced soon, giving fans time to plan their attendance. Organizers are expected to release detailed pricing and ticketing information in the coming days.

The match will be held at one of India's premier sports venues, the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, known for hosting several major sporting events, including international football and cricket matches. The stadium's large seating capacity and state-of-the-art facilities make it an ideal venue for a high-profile game like this.

Football enthusiasts in Kerala and beyond are eagerly awaiting the event, as it marks another significant moment in India's growing association with international football. Hosting teams of such calibre reflects the rising interest and investment in football within the country.

With Argentina coming off their recent World Cup triumph, the match promises high-quality football action and a chance to see Messi in action once again. The Australian side, known for



their physical and tactical gameplay, will look to challenge the champions and provide an entertaining contest.

Fans are encouraged to stay tuned for ticket announcements and prepare for an unforgettable football experience in Kochi this November.

Olympics Medalist Aman Sehrawat Hopes WFI Will Revoke Ban



Paris Olympics bronze medalist Aman Sehrawat is optimistic that the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) will lift the one-year ban imposed on him after he failed to make weight at the World Championships in Zagreb last month. Sehrawat was 1.7 kg over the limit during the weigh-in, which led to the ban.

The 22-year-old wrestler from Bihari, Haryana, explained that his failure to make weight was due to illness. "I joined the Croatia camp about 15 days before the competition but was taken ill with a stomach bug, which made it impossible to shed the required weight despite trying for two days," Sehrawat told The Tribune.

Though disappointed by the ban, Aman acknowledged the need to follow rules. "Nobody wants to be tagged as banned, but the rules are clear, so I have accepted the situation," he said.

Despite the setback, Sehrawat remains hopeful about his future in wrestling. He has already spoken to the federation multiple times and expects a decision soon, as the WFI plans to hold a meeting next week that could revoke his suspension.

However, Aman admitted that he will likely miss the upcoming Senior National Wrestling Championships, with the venue yet to be announced. His focus now shifts to bigger goals, including the Asian Games next year and other international competitions.

The Indian Olympic Association recently felicitated Aman Sehrawat, with IOA president PT Usha and sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya in attendance, recognizing his achievement and encouraging him during this challenging phase.

Sehrawat's determination and positive outlook reflect his readiness to bounce back and continue representing India at the highest level in wrestling.

Gautam Gambhir Turns 44, Receives Warm Wishes from Cricketing Fraternity



Former Indian opener and current men's team head coach Gautam Gambhir celebrated his 44th birthday on Tuesday, with heartfelt wishes pouring in from teammates, cricket legends, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The cricket world united to honour one of India's most successful batsmen and a respected coach.

Gambhir, who played for India from 2003 to 2016, was instrumental in many memorable victories. Known for his tough opening partnerships alongside Virender Sehwag, Gambhir's standout moment came during the 2011 World Cup final, where his vital 97 runs helped India chase down Sri Lanka's total at the Wankhede Stadium, ending a 28-year wait for the trophy.

His birthday was made even more special as India secured a dominant 2-0 Test series sweep over the West Indies, with the final win coming at the Arun Jaitley Stadium — where a stand is named in his honour, symbolizing his impact on Indian cricket.

BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla praised Gambhir's dedication both on and off the field, wishing him health, happiness, and continued success. Former teammates also expressed their affection: Yuvraj Singh posted on social media, calling him "Gambhir when he played and even more Gambhir now while coaching," while Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan shared warm birthday messages and nostalgic memories.

Over his international career, Gambhir amassed 10,324 runs in 242 matches across formats, including 20 centuries and 63 fifties, maintaining an average of 38.95. In the Indian Premier League, Gambhir led Kolkata Knight Riders to two titles in 2012 and 2014 and scored 4,217 runs in 154 matches.

As Gambhir continues to shape Indian cricket as coach, his legacy as a player and mentor remains strong, celebrated by fans and peers alike on his special day.

“I’m The Guy” from Aaryan Is Peppy, Soulful & Full of Charm



Vishnu Vishal’s upcoming Telugu investigative thriller Aaryan is creating buzz ahead of its theatrical release on October 31. Directed by Praveen K and produced under Vishnu Vishal Studioz in collaboration with Shubhra and Aryan Ramesh, the film stars Vishnu Vishal in a never-before-seen role—as a sharp, emotionally complex police officer. As part of the film’s promotional campaign, the makers recently dropped the first single, I’m The Guy, and it’s already catching ears. Composed by Ghibran, the song is a refreshing blend of energy and emotion. The music is upbeat and catchy, staying true to Ghibran’s signature style. Interestingly, the composer also lends his own voice to the track, alongside singer Sreekanth Hariharan. Together, their vocals bring a soulful, heartfelt layer to the song. Lyricist Samrat crafts verses that reveal the softer side of the protagonist—a tough cop with a tender heart, deeply in

love with Shraddha Srinath’s character. The song captures this emotional duality beautifully, giving audiences a glimpse of the layered personality Vishnu Vishal portrays in Aaryan. The visuals in I’m The Guy highlight this contrast further, showing lighthearted romantic moments that balance the film’s otherwise intense tone. Shraddha Srinath brings charm and warmth to the screen, complementing Vishnu Vishal’s restrained intensity. With Aaryan promising a blend of crime, emotion, and layered storytelling, I’m The Guy sets the tone perfectly. It’s not just a promotional number, but a character-building piece that gives insight into the emotional stakes of the story. As the release date nears, this peppy yet heartfelt song adds to the growing excitement around Aaryan, proving that even gritty thrillers can have a touch of soul.

Imanvi Joins Prabhas-Hanu’s Period Action Drama



In an exciting development for Indian cinema, debutante Imanvi has officially joined the cast of the much-anticipated untitled period action drama starring pan-India superstar Prabhas and directed by Hanu Raghavapudi. The announcement came with a special twist—the team revealed the news on the occasion of Imanvi’s birthday, giving her what they called the “perfect birthday gift.” The film is being bankrolled by Mythri Movie Makers, the powerhouse production banner known for blockbusters like the Pushpa franchise. With their new collaboration with Hanu Raghavapudi—celebrated for the critically acclaimed Sita Ramam—expectations are soaring. Taking to social media, Mythri Movie Makers shared a special poster to welcome Imanvi. The post read: “Team #PrabhasHanu wishes the gorgeous @imanvi1013

a very Happy Birthday! We are fully confident that she will have one of the most celebrated and loved debuts of Indian Cinema with this film.” The announcement has set social media abuzz, with fans excited to see a fresh pairing of Prabhas and Imanvi in what is said to be a grand, visually rich period drama. While details about Imanvi’s character remain under wraps, industry insiders hint at a strong female lead role set against a historic backdrop with intense emotional depth—a hallmark of director Hanu Raghavapudi’s storytelling style. With Prabhas leading the cast, a proven director at the helm, and Mythri Movie Makers backing the project, the film is already being dubbed one of the most ambitious ventures in recent years. The film’s title, music composer, and additional cast members are expected to be revealed in the coming weeks.

‘Meesaala Pilla’ from Chiranjeevi’s MSG: A Soulful Melody About Separated Love

The first single from Megastar Chiranjeevi’s upcoming Sankranthi release, Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu (MSG), has finally been released, much to the delight of fans. Titled ‘Meesaala Pilla’, the song is a melodious and emotional number that captures the bittersweet essence of a separated couple. Though initially scheduled for release yesterday, the makers dropped the track a day late. However, the delay hasn’t dampened the excitement—the song is already creating waves across social media platforms, with fans praising its soothing composition and heartwarming visuals. The song features Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara, who portray a separated husband and wife in the film. Their chemistry, coupled with lighthearted choreography by Vijay Polanki, adds a layer of charm to the visuals. Chiranjeevi’s subtle expressions and Nayanthara’s graceful screen presence enhance the song’s emotional tone. Playback legends Udit Narayan and Shweta Mohan lend their voices to the track, delivering a touching rendition that perfectly complements the gentle music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo. The lyrics, penned by Bhaskara Bhatla, strike a delicate balance between playfulness and emotion, giving the song a universal appeal. ‘Meesaala Pilla’ has already struck a chord with both fans and music lovers, and is being hailed as a perfect family-friendly melody. The visuals, featuring traditional festive settings and vibrant costumes, further add to the festive Sankranthi spirit. Directed by Anil Ravipudi, Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu is a family entertainer slated for a



grand theatrical release in January 2026. The film is produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela under the banners Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainments. With this promising start, expectations are now sky-high for the film’s remaining soundtrack and trailer.

Baahubali Re-Release Sets New Benchmark for Pan-India Films



SS Rajamouli’s Baahubali is returning to theatres like never before. Titled Baahubali: The Epic, this reimagined, recut version of the two-part blockbuster has been condensed into a single cinematic experience, set to release worldwide on October 31, 2025. What sets this re-release apart is its unprecedented rollout across almost every major premium format—IMAX, Dolby Cinema, 4DX, DBox, EpiQ, ICE, and PCX. At a time when many Pan-India films struggle to meet the demands of just one or two high-end formats, Baahubali: The Epic is breaking barriers with its technical ambition. Audiences today expect a truly immersive experience, especially when paying premium ticket prices. While most big-budget Indian films face challenges in delivering content across multiple formats, Rajamouli and his team seem to have cracked the code. The re-release promises upgraded visuals, remastered sound, and a tighter, more cinematic runtime. Producer Shobu Yarlagadda shed light on the behind-the-scenes effort in a recent tweet: “Today, with multiple release formats, languages, and worldwide release, on-time content delivery has become a challenging logistical exercise. Reviewing the many formats and timelines for delivery with Annapurna Studios. We ensure all content is delivered seamlessly and on time to all the partners.” As anticipation builds for Rajamouli’s next mega-project starring Mahesh Babu in 2027, Baahubali: The Epic serves as a reminder of why this franchise changed the landscape of Indian cinema. More than just a re-release, it’s a technical and cinematic statement—one that most current Pan-India films are yet to match.

Pradeep Ranganathan Accidentally Reveals Title of Prabhas–Hanu Raghavapudi Film

In what appears to be an unexpected slip-up, actor-director Pradeep Ranganathan may have just confirmed the long-rumored title of Prabhas’ upcoming film with Sita Ramam director Hanu Raghavapudi. While promoting his own film Dude at a Chennai event, Ranganathan casually mentioned the title Fauji, referring to the Prabhas-starrer being produced by Mythri Movie Makers. Prabhas’ film with Hanu Raghavapudi is a big-budget action drama set in the pre-Independence era. The film is currently under production, with popular social media star Imanvi playing the female lead. Despite ongoing speculation in media circles, the makers have not yet officially revealed the film’s title. However, during the Dude event, Pradeep Ranganathan said, “I don’t know if I can say this or not, but my producers have shown me a few clippings of Prabhas sir’s Fauji. Naveen sir and Ravi sir are among the most passionate producers I have ever seen. It will come out, and you will all witness it. What I have seen is extraordinary. Did I make a mistake by revealing? (laughs).” The candid comment has since gone viral, with fans and media outlets treating it as an unofficial confirmation of the title. Though there has been no word yet from Mythri Movie Makers, this unintentional reveal has fueled fresh excitement around the film.



If the title Fauji holds, it would align well with the film’s military backdrop and patriotic setting. With Prabhas in the lead and Hanu Raghavapudi at the helm, expectations are sky-high. An official announcement is now eagerly awaited, but thanks to Pradeep Ranganathan’s slip, fans may already know what to expect.