



Owaisi Backs Congress, Shakes Jubilee Hills Politics

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 18: AIMIM Chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's sudden and public Support for the Congress Party in the Jubilee Hills By-Election, coupled with his sharp Criticism of the BRS Government's Performance over the past Decade, has drawn swift and Sharp Criticism from sections of the Muslim Community. The unexpected political maneuver marks a significant and sudden shift from the AIMIM's previous stance, which often involved praise or tacit support for the BRS regime, sparking immediate questions over the AIMIM's Political Strategy and its future



alliances in Telangana. Owaisi attended the Nomination Rally of Congress Candidate V Naveen Yadav on Friday. Speaking to the

Media at the event, He publicly criticized the BRS Government, stating that it had Failed To Develop the Jubilee Hills Constituency over the last Ten Years.

This statement is particularly noteworthy as Owaisi's Party has historically maintained a working relationship with the BRS, and this open condemnation of

the former ruling party's developmental record signals a major change in political dynamics just ahead of the crucial by-election. The decision to openly campaign for the Congress Candidate in Jubilee Hills is a surprising deviation from the AIMIM's typical strategy, which often involves focusing only on constituencies with a significant Muslim Population or maintaining a neutral distance from direct electoral battles between the major parties. The Sudden Shift and Public Support for the Congress have been met with Criticism from some quarters within the Muslim Community, which has historically viewed the Congress

with skepticism over certain issues. Critics are questioning the motive behind the AIMIM Chief's change of heart, suggesting the move may be more about securing future political concessions or adapting to the current political reality following the Congress Party's rise to power in the state, rather than a genuine change in Ideological Alignment. This unexpected alignment is likely to have significant repercussions, both in the immediate Jubilee Hills By-Election and in the broader context of Telangana Politics, potentially reshaping the electoral equations for both the Congress and the BRS in the state.

BC Bandh Rocks Telangana, Peaceful Protests Across State

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founder, Kalvakuntla Kavitha, who also held dharna, told reporters that it was the government's "failure" to convince the courts to rule in favour of reservations. "Whether it is the Congress party or BJP, stop misleading BCs. Even if elections (local body) are not held immediately, nothing will happen. First ensure reservations for BCs," she said. Holding placards, the protesters took out ral-

lies in different parts of the state and raised slogans demanding implementation of 42 per cent reservation for the BCs. A senior official of TGRTC said some disruption of services was witnessed during the early hours at bus stations and depots. Telangana Director General of Police B Shivadhar Reddy in a statement on Friday appealed to all organisations to observe the bandh peacefully without causing any inconvenience to the public.

Seethakka Demands Centre Approve 42% BC Reservation Bill

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on the issue of BC Reservations. She pointed out the hypocrisy, saying, "Here, BJP Leaders Say 'Jai' To BC Reservations, But The Central BJP Says 'No'. State BJP Leaders support BC Reservations, but Central BJP Elders obstruct it... What Kind Of Political Game Is This?" She demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who claims to be a BC, must approve the Telan-

gana BC Bill. She further challenged the BJP Central Ministers and MPs representing Telangana to prove their Sincerity by ensuring the BC Bill is approved. Minister Seethakka also criticized the TRS and BJP Leaders who did not participate in the Caste Census, stating that They Do Not Have The Right to speak on BC Reservations, and the People themselves will teach them a Lesson.

Revanth Reddy Warns Officials Against Welfare Scheme Lapses

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Funds due under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. He advised them to prioritize schemes where the State's Share has been paid, making it possible to receive the Funds from the Center. The Chief Minister informed them that, going forward, the CS and the CMO Officials must pro-

vide him with Weekly Reports on the divisions under their purview, and He would personally conduct Reviews on them. This clear directive signals a major push for efficiency and accountability, aiming to accelerate the delivery of Welfare and Development promised by the Congress Government.

Congress Stands Firm on BC Reservations: Jupally

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Nagarkurnool, Oct 18: Minister for Tourism and Culture, Jupally Krishna Rao, participated in the BC Bandh held in the District Center of Nagarkurnool, Kalwakurthy, and Amanagal, which was called by the State BC Organizations with the goal of achieving 42 Percent Reservations for BCs. He was joined by Mla Kasireddy Narayanareddy, along with a large number of Congress Party Leaders and Workers, who expressed their solidarity with the movement. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao stated, "The Primary Goal Of The



Congress Party Is To Take Action To Ensure Constitutional Rights For The BCs." He highlighted that the Caste Census in Telangana was successfully completed, inspired by Congress Top Leader Rahul Gandhi

and in line with the Promise he made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. He explained that the Congress Government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has taken Phased Measures to implement 42 Percent Reservations for BCs. He criticized the Central BJP Government, stating that despite the State Government preparing a Comprehensive Report based on the Caste Census and unanimously passing the Bill in the As-

sembly with the support of all parties before sending it to the Center, the BJP Government has not given its approval even after Six Months. The Minister also mentioned that when some individuals approached

the High Court against GO Number 9 issued by the State Government, a Temporary Stay was granted. He noted that when the Government subsequently appealed to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court rejected the Petition. Minister Jupally Krishna Rao clearly stated, "Since The BJP Is In Power At The Center, The Full Responsibility For Implementing BC Reservations Rests With The Central Government. Only through the Caste Census will BCs gain a proper place in Education, Employment, and Politics." He concluded by emphasizing that the Congress Party is Dedicated to working towards delivering Justice to the BCs.

Surekha: BJP's BC Block Will Backfire

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Hyderabad, Oct 18: State Minister Konda Surekha, along with Congress Leaders and Workers, led massive Chants near the Rethifile Bus Stand in the Cantonment Assembly Constituency during the BC Bandh. The chants loudly branded the BJP and BRS as "Fellow Thieves" and "Traitors To The BCs." Minister Surekha emphasized that the Congress Government is determined to provide 42 Percent Reservations to BCs based on the vision of Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi. She praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that despite being a "Reddy Bidda," he took it up as a Challenge and introduced the Bill. She detailed the government's efforts: "We Brought An Ordinance... Got The Bill Passed In The Assembly." However, she accused the BJP of playing a "Double Game," stating that while the BJP Supported the BC Bill in the Assembly, it is now Obstructing



its Approval by the Governor. She lamented that if the State Governor had simply put a Single Signature and approved the BC Bill, there would have been no Problem, and Local Body Elections would have been held today. She squarely blamed the BJP's Drama for turning the Hopes of the BCs into Disappointment. She further alleged that the BJP is continuing its "Double Game" by actively working to prevent the Implementation of the Bill in both the High Court and the Supreme Court. Minister Surekha participated and addressed the BC Dharna at the Rethifile Bus Stand as part of the statewide "Bandh For Justice" called by the BC United Action Com-

mittee (BC JAC) to intensify the BC Reservation Movement for 42 Percent Reservations in Telangana. She expressed deep anguish that the Stay on 42 Percent Reservation in Local Bodies has resulted in Injustice to the BCs in the state. She challenged the BJP, asking, "Are BCs Not Human Beings?" She expressed her suspicion that the BJP is blocking the Bill because they fear the Credit will go to the Congress Party. However, Minister Surekha advised the BJP Leaders to talk to Prime Minister Modi and take the Credit themselves. Finally, Minister Konda Surekha demanded that the BCs deserve their Fair Share and that it must be implemented immediately.

Tummala Rao Hits BJP, Pushes BC Reservation

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Khammam, Oct 18: Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, along with Mla Ragamayee, participated in the BC Bandh program in Sathupalli Town. The Minister and Mla participated in a Rally from the Old Center of Sathupalli to the Ambedkar Statue at the Bus Stand Circle, demonstrating the ruling Congress Party's commitment to the BC Reservation Cause. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao commented that Rahul Gandhi undertook a Padayatra across India for Social Justice and included a commitment to a Social Revolution in the Manifesto. He asserted that to uphold Rahul Gandhi's Word, Revanth Reddy became the First Chief Minister in the country to conduct a BC Census in Telangana. He expressed disappointment that despite the Bill being approved in

the Legislature, it is being obstructed due to Technical Reasons. The Minister emphasized that the Congress Party would fight in the Public Arena and secure the BC Reservation. He stated that they would achieve the Reservation by bending the will of the BJP. He pointed out the irony that Modi himself achieved the Prime Minister's Post because of the BC Reservation in Gujarat. Minister Tummala urged Prime Minister Modi to consider the Legally Amended Changes and ensure that BC Reservation is granted to Telangana. He accused the BJP of being the party that has Cheated the BCs and said that the BJP Party, which is doing Injustice to the BCs, is destined for Defeat in the future. He observed that in the current Bandh, all party flags, except the BJP Flags, are visible, signalling the BJP Party's impending Demise in the coming days.

Vakiti Srihari Demands 42% BC Quota Nod

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Hyderabad, Oct 18: Minister Vakiti Srihari participated in the BC Bandh near Musheerabad Depot 2, RTC Cross Road, leading a sit-in protest against the Central Government's failure to act on the 42% Reservation Bills for Backward Classes. Mp Anil Kumar Yadav, and other Congress Leaders joined the demonstration. The protestors demanded that the Central Government immediately approve the Bills passed by the State Government to provide 42% Reservation to BCs and ensure their inclusion in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution for legal protection. Speaking at the event, Minister Srihari emphasized that the entire Cabinet participated in the Bandh at the Congress Party's directive, demonstrating the ruling government's sincerity to the cause. He highlighted Rahul Gandhi's Vision—formed during his Padayatra—to address the Backwardness of BCs and ensure their Politi-

cal, Educational, Economic, and Employment elevation through increased Reservations. This vision led the State Government to conduct the Caste Census and subsequently introduce the Bills based on Empirical Data. Referring to the past, He credited Sonia Gandhi for keeping her promise to deliver Telangana State despite the significant political loss it caused the Congress Party in Andhra, contrasting it with the BJP's Double Game with the Slogan "One Vote, Two States." He criticized the previous KCR Government for accumulating ₹7.5 Lakh Crore in debt in 10 Years, compared to the erstwhile United States' debt of only ₹60,000 Crore over 14 Chief Ministers' terms. He affirmed that despite severe Financial Hardships, the Congress Government is fulfilling all its promises. The Minister alleged that individuals like KCR, Harish Rao, and KTR tried to obstruct the Caste Census and did not participate in the survey, even though the Bills pro-

pose 42% Reservation in Education, Employment, and Politics. He pointed out the hypocrisy of the BJP which has Eight MPs and Eight MLAs in Telangana, challenging them to convince Modi to grant Justice to the BCs, noting that none of them came forward to champion the cause. He reminded the gathering that the TRS Party, under KCR, previously limited Reservation to 50% in 2018, thereby doing Injustice to BCs. He stressed that the Government is sincerely committed to taking the BC Bill forward, citing Tamil Nadu's example where BC Reservations were increased with the Congress Party at the Center and included in the 9th Schedule. He warned BC Leaders in the BJP and BRS that if they do not secure the 42% Reservation now, they never will, and cautioned those opposing the growing BC Movement not to be swept away. He concluded that this Movement is only the Beginning of the fight for Justice for the Backward Classes.



Harish Rao Slams BC ‘Drama’ by Congress & BJP

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Hyderabad: Former Minister Harish Rao heavily criticized the Dramas being enacted by the Congress and BJP Parties in the name of increasing BC Reservations. He pointed out the hypocrisy, noting that the BJP Party is in power at the Center, and the Congress Party is in power at the State. He questioned, "If These Two Parties Give Their Support, Who Is Stopping The Increase In BC Reservations?" He highlighted the electoral strength of the two parties in Parliament, where the BJP has 240 MPs and the Congress has 99 MPs, and asked, "Who Is Obstructing The Reservation Bill Increase?" Harish Rao alleged

that the two National Parties, which should be fighting in Delhi over the Increase in Reservations, are instead playing Dramas in the Gallies to Mislead and Insult the BCs. He criticized the Congress Party for never conducting a BC Census despite carrying out a Population Count six times. He also attacked the BJP for continuously Postponing the National Census for Four Years. He reminded them that over the past 35 Years, the Congress ruled the country for 15 Years and the BJP for 17 Years, yet Neither Party ever remembered the BCs until now. He accused the two National Parties of now feigning False Affection towards the BCs.

Harish Rao asserted that KCR is the Only Leader in the country who demanded a BC Ministry at the Center as early as 2005. He added that KCR passed a Resolution in the Assembly twice to increase Reservations and personally met the Prime Minister to appeal for it. He lamented that despite these efforts, the BJP and Congress Parties in power at the Center remained Unmoved and have neither increased Reservations nor established a BC Ministry to date. He challenged Rahul Gandhi, who advocates for "Jitani Abadi Utina Haq" (Share According To Population), asking why He is Not Introducing A Private Member's Bill in Parlia-

ment. He also questioned why Union Ministers Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, along with the Eight BJP MPs, are Not Pressuring The Center. He accused both parties of Acting to gain Political Mileage and Wasting Time instead of achieving the Increase in BC Reservations through a Constitutional Amendment in Parliament. He declared that the BRS will give Full Support to any Bill introduced by any party and will join Any Struggle. Harish Rao concluded by demanding that the Congress and BJP stop their Dramas In The Gallies and start the Fight for the Increase in BC Reservations on the Delhi Stage immediately.



Kavitha’s Son Aditya Makes Political Splash at BC Bandh



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Hyderabad: The demand for 42% Reservations for the Backward Classes (BCs) led to a statewide Telangana Bandh on Saturday, with several BC Associations calling for collective action. Extending full support to the movement, Telangana Jagruthi President and Former MLC Kavitha Kalvakuntla actively participated in the protest by organizing a "Maanavaharam" (Human Chain) event at Khairatabad Junction in Hyderabad. What drew considerable attention, however,

was the presence of her Son, Aditya, who joined his Mother in the protest, instantly becoming a Special Attraction at the event. Aditya held a Placard that read, "42% Reservations For BCs Is A Must," and raised Slogans alongside other demonstrators, making his first public appearance in a political protest. Speaking at the event, He reportedly made a direct statement to the public: "It's Not Enough If Only My Mother Fights. Everyone Must Step Out And Raise Their Voice From Every Home. BC Reservations

Are Essential For Local Elections." Aditya's participation and strong remarks have sparked significant Buzz and speculation about his potential Political Entry into the state's political landscape. This highly visible protest comes at a sensitive time for Kavitha, who was recently Suspended from the BRS by her Father and Party Chief K. Chandrashekar Rao for allegedly engaging in Anti-Party Activities. Following her Suspension, Kavitha resigned from both her MLC Post and the party's

Primary Membership, effectively breaking ties with the party her father founded. As Kavitha now operates independently, her son's public participation in a crucial social movement could signal a new political trajectory for the Kalvakuntla Family, potentially aiming to carve out a distinct identity focused on Social Justice issues like BC Reservations, independent of the BRS structure. The move is viewed as a calculated effort to maintain political relevance and mobilize public support for her future political steps.

Mahagathbandhan Poised for Big Win In Bihar: Ponguleti

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Hyderabad: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, who is the Congress Observer for the Bihar Elections, expressed confidence that the Mahagathbandhan, an alliance comprising the Congress, RJD, and Left Parties, will achieve a Resounding Victory in the Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections. Minister Ponguleti, who commenced his tour from Patna as the Congress Party Observer for Bihar, participated in the Nomination Program of Amit Giri, the Congress Candidate backed by the Mahagathbandhan in the Nutan Assembly Constituency of Paschim Champaran District on Saturday.



On this occasion, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that Congress Top Leader Rahul Gandhi has already Educated the People of Bihar and exposed the Vote Scam in the state, thereby paving the way for the Mahagathbandhan's Victory. He commented that Prime Minister Narendra Modi giving Freebies to Women recently is,

in a way, an Early Acceptance of the Defeat of his coalition, a fact that will become clear

with the Counting of Votes on November 14th. Ponguleti criticized

the NDA Coalition rule, stating that CM Nitish Kumar has Failed in All Sectors and the People are going to Reject Him this time. He remarked that the Nitish Kumar-BJP Rule in Bihar has been limited to just Words and is, in reality, an Incompetent Administration. He observed that Unemployment and Frustration among the Youth are rampant in Bihar, leading to the Migration of Youth from the state in search of Jobs. This is why Bihar Youth are seen everywhere in the Southern States, which, he argued, Damages Their Self-Respect. He accused the BJP-JDU Alliance of being solely for the sake of Power and not for the People, and alleged that CM Nitish Kumar often resorts to Immoral Actions for the sake of his Chair. Minister Ponguleti concluded by saying that the India Coalition will win this time, giving rise to New Hopes and fulfilling the Aspirations of the People. Prior to the nomination, He discussed the Election Strategy with local Congress Leaders in the Congress War Room.

KTR Backs Padma Shri Mogulaiah on Land, Health Woes

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Hyderabad Former Minister and BRS Working President KTR (Former Minister KTR) extended his support to Padma Shri Award Recipient Darshanam Mogulaiah (Mogulaiah), who is struggling with Land and Health Issues. Mogulaiah met KTR on Saturday and explained his problems to the Former Minister. Mogulaiah expressed his distress that Encroachers are demolishing the

Walls of the house he constructed and sought Protection for the Land allocated by the previous Government, pleading for support for his family. KTR inquired about Mogulaiah's Health and well-being and promised to arrange for his Eye Treatment. Mogulaiah informed KTR that his Eyesight is Fading and he is facing difficulties in getting treatment. KTR immediately responded, assuring Mogulaiah that he would take Full

Responsibility for providing comprehensive treatment at the LV Prasad Eye Hospital in Hyderabad. Subsequently, Mogulaiah detailed the issues he is facing with certain individuals, including Court Cases, regarding the 600-Square-Yard Plot allocated to him by the previous government in Hayathnagar Mandal. He lamented that the encroachers have Demolished his constructed walls and house and are Harassing him with Court

Cases. He requested KTR to safeguard the Land provided by the Previous Government, stating that despite raising the issue with Collectors multiple times, he has not received a Resolution, and sought his support. KTR responded by immediately calling and speaking to Ranga Reddy District Collector Narayanareddy. The Former Minister urged the Collector to resolve the issue promptly and provide Justice to Mogulaiah.

Sudheer Reddy Urges Smooth Ride for Jubilee Hills Polls

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Hyderabad: MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy issued a Press Statement regarding the upcoming Jubilee Hills Bypoll Campaign. He conveyed that their Leader KCR has specifically instructed them not to cause Any Inconvenience to the Public during the Jubilee Hills Bypoll Campaign or the Nomination Filing process. He highlighted that following KCR's Instructions, only Five Persons, including their Candidate, went to file the Nomination, thereby ensuring minimal



disruption. He criticized the Rally conducted by the Congress Candidate the day before, stating that it caused Severe Traffic Problems for the People of the city. Mla Sudheer Reddy emphasized that

the Jubilee Hills Constituency has Narrow Roads, and the Congress Candidate's Rally resulted in Severe Inconvenience to the Public. He appealed that it would be beneficial if all other parties conducted their

Campaigns in a manner that Does Not Cause Problems for the People of Jubilee Hills, similar to the approach taken by the BRS. This statement positions the BRS as a responsible party prioritizing Public Convenience while strategically highlighting the disruption caused by the Congress Party's campaign in the sensitive urban constituency. He urged a change in the campaigning style to ensure that the democratic process does not unduly burden the citizens, especially in areas with already congested traffic.

Fake Voter Claims on Actresses Trigger Police Case in Jubilee Hills

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Hyderabad: The Madhura Nagar Police have registered a case following a complaint that certain individuals have been deliberately spreading False Information on Social Media, specifically alleging that some Film Actresses were listed in the Jubilee Hills Electoral Rolls with Modified Addresses, Photographs, and Invalid EPIC Numbers. This spreading of misinformation is considered a serious breach of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and an attempt to malign the integrity of the Electoral Process in the Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency By-Election.

The Complaint was formally lodged with the Police by Syed Yahiya Kamal, Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO), 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency, and Assistant Municipal Commissioner, Yousufguda Circle-19, GHMC. The complaint highlighted the severe impact of such Misinformation campaigns, especially on Social Media, which can quickly go viral and potentially mislead Voters and compromise the fairness of the election. The Election Officials have repeatedly warned the public and political parties against engaging in the spread of Fake News or making unsubstantiated claims that could affect the poll process. The registration of a formal Case by the Madhura Nagar Police signals the Election Authorities' firm resolve to take strict Legal Action against those attempting to disrupt the electoral atmosphere through the dissemination of False Claims and Manipulated Data. The Police are now investigating the source of these Social Media Posts to identify the individuals responsible for creating and circulating the Misinformation. The AERO's swift action underscores the high priority given to maintaining Electoral Integrity and voter confidence in the by-election, ensuring that the process remains transparent and free from malicious digital interference. The Police are expected to track the digital footprints of the accused and prosecute them under relevant sections of the IT Act and the Representation of the People Act.

Three Minor Girls Assaulted, Suspect Arrested

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Hyderabad: A profoundly disturbing incident in Saidabad in the city, where Three Minor Girls, including Two Siblings, were sexually assaulted by a man, according to the Police. The incident has prompted immediate police action and raised serious concerns about child safety in the locality. The girls were playing outside their house when the Suspect noticed them and, capitalizing on their innocence, lured them into his house under some pretext. Once inside, the Man proceeded to sexually assault the Girls. Immediately after the horrific act, the Suspect threatened the Children with Dire Consequences if they dared to disclose the details of the assault to anyone outside, attempting to silence them and evade justice.

The Traumatized Children, however, eventually gathered the courage to confide in their Classmates while at school. The classmates, upon hearing the disturbing details of the sexual assault, alerted their Parents, bringing the matter to light. On being alerted, the Parents of the Three Girls were understandably shocked and immediately approached the Saidabad Police Station to lodge a formal and serious Complaint against the Accused. The Saidabad Police promptly registered a Case under relevant sections of the Law, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Following the registration of the case, the Police launched an immediate search operation and successfully took the Suspect into Custody. A thorough investigation is currently underway to collect all necessary Evidence and corroborate the statements of the Victims and their Parents. The Police are also providing the necessary support and counseling to the Minor Victims and their Families. This swift action by the Police, following the parents' complaint, is aimed at ensuring that justice is served swiftly and that the community can be reassured of the authorities' commitment to protecting children from such heinous crimes. The Police have warned against spreading rumors and have urged the public to cooperate with the investigation.

NIMS PG Student Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances



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Hyderabad: An Anesthesia Postgraduate Student was found dead under Suspicious Circumstances at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) here on Friday morning, casting a pall of gloom over the prestigious medical institution. The sudden and unexpected death has prompted the Police to launch a full-scale investigation to determine the exact cause and circumstances surrounding the tragedy. The deceased student has been identified as Nithin, who had reported for duty on Thursday Night as part of his mandatory hospital rotation. On Friday Morning, hospital staff, upon checking the premises, discovered Him lying Unconscious inside the Operation Theatre. This alarming discovery immediately triggered an emergency response from the Medical Team. Despite immediate and sustained attempts by the Hospital Staff to revive Him using standard medical protocols, the student could not be saved and was tragically declared Dead. The circumstances under which He was found, particularly within the confines of the Operation Theatre and after reporting for night duty, are what have led the police to categorize the death as Suspicious. The body of Nithin has since been shifted to the mortuary at a government hospital for the mandatory Autopsy (Postmortem Examination). The Police have registered a case and are awaiting the Forensic Analysis and Autopsy Report, which is expected to provide crucial clues regarding the exact Cause of Death, including the possibility of any medical emergency, overdose, or foul play. The Investigation will also focus on interviewing Nithin's Colleagues, Faculty, and Hospital Staff to reconstruct the events of Thursday Night and Friday Morning. The Medical Fraternity in Hyderabad has expressed deep shock and sorrow over the loss of a young doctor.

Secunderabad Ganja Bust: 16 Kg Seized, Two Held



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Hyderabad: The STF C-Team of the Excise Department successfully seized a significant quantity of Ganja that was being smuggled for sale in Mumbai. The operation was conducted near Alpha Hotel in Secunderabad, resulting in the arrest of two individuals from Orissa. The STF C-Team, CI Venkateshwarlu and his Staff, were patiently waiting for the Ganja Buyers near Alpha Hotel, Secunderabad, based on actionable intelligence regarding an impending transaction. At that time, the Team intercepted two individuals from Orissa and confiscated the Ganja which was carefully stored in Three Bags.

The individuals arrested in connection with the case were identified as Murali Naik and Kala Charan, both residents of Orissa. The Excise Staff seized a total of 16.054 Kg of Ganja from the bags carried by the accused. The estimated market value of the seized Ganja is approximately Rs.8 Lakhs. When the Accused were questioned about the source of the Ganja and the intended recipient, the full details of the Operation were revealed.

The investigation uncovered that certain individuals from Mumbai had struck a deal with Sellers to transport Ganja, purchased in the Orissa Region, all the way to Hyderabad. As part of this agreement, the Accused had carefully packed the Ganja into Bags and travelled to Hyderabad on the Konark Express. They had arrived and were waiting near Alpha Hotel for the Buyers when the STF C-Team Excise Staff successfully apprehended them. Following the seizure and arrests, CI Venkateshwarlu's Team handed over the Accused and the confiscated Ganja to the Secunderabad Excise Station for further detailed Investigation and the initiation of Legal Prosecution. This successful operation underscores the continuous efforts of the Excise Department to track and disrupt interstate drug trafficking networks using Hyderabad as a transit point, thereby curbing the supply of Narcotics to major metropolitan areas like Mumbai. The Excise Department is expected to launch a deeper probe to identify the buyers in Mumbai and the larger network involved in the supply chain from Orissa.

Vigilance Raids Expose PDS Rice Hoard, Illegal Sand Mining

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Hyderabad: The Vigilance & Enforcement (V&E) Officials of Hyderabad City-I Unit conducted a surprise check in Sitaphalmandi, Secunderabad, Hyderabad District, on the afternoon of October 17, 2025, acting on credible information. The raid targeted premises bearing No. TRT Qtr-14, Seethafalmandi, Secunderabad, where a person named Shaik Mastan, s/o Shaik Fareed, r/o Warasiguda, Secunderabad, was found to be illegally storing large quantities of Public Distribution System (PDS) Rice. The seized stock included 7.86 Quintals of PDS Rice, valued at approximately Rs.33,012/-, and an additional 100 Kgs of Wheat, valued at Rs.800/-, bringing the total value of the confiscated goods to Rs.33,812/-.

Sources indicated that Shaik Mastan had collected this essential Commodity from neighboring colonies, suggesting an organized effort to divert subsidized food grains meant for the poor into the open market for illegal profit. The accused, along with the seized PDS Rice and Wheat, was subsequently handed over to the Civil Supplies Officials of Circle-9, Hyderabad District, for necessary action under the Essential Commodities (EC) Act. Furthermore, the accused was handed over to the Chilkalguda Police for the registration of a Criminal Case under the relevant provisions of the Law. This coordinated action emphasizes the department's commitment to preventing the leakage and misuse of government-subsidized food items.

In a parallel effort to curb the exploitation of natural resources, Officials from the V&E R.C. Puram Unit, on October 17, 2025, conducted surprise Inspections near Nakka Vagu in Byathole Village, Kandi Mandal, Sangareddy District. The operation was carried out in coordination with Revenue, Irrigation, Transport, Mines, and Police Departments, based on credible information regarding unauthorized Filter Sand Extraction activity. During the inspection, Officials discovered large-scale filtering of Soil into Sand using Tractor Pumps and Water illegally diverted from Nakka Vagu. A significant cache of equipment was seized, including 09 Hitachi Excavators, 12 Tractor-Mounted Pumps, 03 Lorries Loaded With Filter Sand, 02 Empty Tractors, and 04 Filter Sand Equipment Units. In addition to the illegal extraction, the Natural Flow of Nakka Vagu was found to be obstructed At Two Locations due to temporary Pathway Constructions, which poses an environmental hazard. This obstruction has been reported to the Irrigation Department for immediate corrective action. All seized machinery, vehicles, and equipment were handed over to Revenue Authorities for further proceedings under the Water, Land and Trees Act (WALTA Act), and the illegal activity was immediately halted on-site. To assess the full extent of the operation, which spanned approximately 4 Kilometers, a Drone Survey was conducted, with aerial footage clearly showing the Disruption of the Stream's Natural Course and the exploitation of local resources. The Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement Department, reiterated the department's commitment to ensuring the prevention of Leakage of Public Revenue and Misuse of Government Funds and Natural Resources, and requested the Public to share information on any irregularities.

Four-Year-Old Drowns in Uncovered Water Sump

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Hyderabad: A Four-Year-Old Boy died after falling into an Uncovered Water Sump located near his school in Gachibowli on Friday, in a tragic accident that underscores the critical need for stricter safety measures around construction and water storage sites in residential areas. According to the Police, the boy, identified as Nikhil Teja, had gone to the local Anganwadi School at Nanakramguda on Friday Morning. However, He failed to return home until the evening, causing extreme worry to his family.

The Parents of the Child, who got increasingly worried as time passed, immediately rushed to the school and inquired with the other Children and Teachers about Nikhil's whereabouts. They came to know that Nikhil, along with other Children, was playing near the school in the afternoon. However, He was not seen later, and the Teachers had mistakenly assumed that He might have gone home on his own. The distressed Parents then initiated a frantic search around the vicinity of the school. The search efforts soon led to the horrifying discovery of the child's body. Gachibowli Police reported, "On Checking A Water Sump Located Near The School, The Parents Found The Body Of Nikhil Floating In The Water. It is suspected the Child might have fallen down in the Uncovered Water Sump and drowned." The Body was later fished out of the Sump and shifted to the mortuary for a postmortem examination. A Case has been formally registered by the Gachibowli Police, and an Investigation is underway to ascertain the exact sequence of events, particularly how the Child accessed the Uncovered Sump and who is responsible for the Safety Negligence at the site. This incident serves as a grim reminder of the extreme dangers posed by open water bodies and construction-related hazards to young children, urging the local Authorities to enforce safety regulations strictly.



Bonded No More: 14 Migrant Workers Freed from Krishna River Site

TPN BUREAU | Oct 18 Nāgarkurnool, October 18: Fourteen Migrant Workers who were subjected to Bonded Labor in the Krishna River area of Amaragiri in the District were finally liberated. The rescue operation was a coordinated effort involving the National Adivasi Solidarity Council, Anti-Human Trafficking Organization, and Kollapur Police. They jointly conducted a mass raid on the site. The teams identified the 14 Laborers who belonged to Orissa and Andhra Pradesh States and are currently making arrangements for their safe return to their Native Places.

The Laborers were severely distressed, reporting that they were not given proper Food, and even Beaten while being forced to work. They lamented that they were brought there under the pretense of being employed for Fishing In A Pond, but were instead forced to catch

fish in the dangerous River. They expressed their Gratitude to the Officials who rescued them from Bonded Labor. This successful operation brings to light the harsh realities faced by Migrant Workers who are often lured with false promises and then subjected to exploitation and inhumane

working conditions at remote locations. Officials, speaking to the Media about the operation, stated that the District Legal Service Authority had received a complaint from an individual alleging that Laborers from Andhra and Orissa were being detained and forced to work in the Krishna River near Amaragiri. Acting on the instructions of the Magistrate and the District SP, the Police proceeded with the rescue. They confirmed that 11 Laborers from Orissa and Three Laborers from Visakhapatnam (Vizag) were successfully rescued from Bonded Labor. The Officials further reiterated

their commitment to taking necessary steps to send the Laborers back to their Hometowns. They also warned that following the Inquiry, if it is confirmed that the Laborers were forcibly brought and detained, Legal Action would be strictly taken against the perpetrators as per the Law. The investigation will focus on identifying the individuals who brought the laborers and the contractors or employers who subjected them to Bonded Labor in violation of constitutional and labor rights, aiming to dismantle the network exploiting vulnerable migrant populations.

TPN BUREAU | Oct 18 Hyderabad: The Telangana Government has assured support for 12 Workers from the state who are stranded and facing difficulties in Jordan. The situation came to light recently when the 12 Workers released a Video detailing their hardships in Jordan. BRS Leaders, Former Minister T. Harish Rao, and Rajya Sabha Member K.R. Suresh Reddy, subsequently responded to the video, bringing political attention to the matter. Following the appeal from the Workers' Family Members and the political response, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed the Telangana Government's GAD NRI Department to take immediate action. Letters were promptly sent to the Indian Embassy in Jordan and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in Delhi to inform them of the issue. The case was also registered on the 'Madad' Portal. GAD NRI Department IAS Officials, Syed Ali Murtaza Rizvi and C.H.

Shiva Lingaiah, are personally supervising the proceedings. Dr. BM Vinod Kumar, Retired IFS Officer and Ambassador, who is the Chairman of the Telangana Government-Appointed NRI Advisory Committee, stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is taking special interest in the welfare and security of Telangana Residents across the globe. He also advised BRS Leaders to view the problem of Migrant Workers from a Humanitarian perspective rather than a Political one, emphasizing the government's commitment. Indian Embassy Officials directly visited the company, 'Millennium Agriculture Investments', and reviewed the condition of the workers. The Embassy reported that while most of the 170 Indian Workers there are satisfied, only the 12 Workers from Telangana are refusing to work and requesting immediate Repatriation to India. The Embassy stated they are awaiting the response of the Jordanian Ministry of Labor on this matter. According to the Indian Embassy Officials' Report: Food issues have been mitigated by the company hiring a dedicated Indian Chef. Salaries are being paid based on Fingerprint Verification. Residence, medical, and other facilities were found to be in compliance with Contract Standards. However, the Company clarified that it cannot pay salaries for days not worked, and workers violating the Contract may be liable to pay Financial Compensation. The Embassy Officials noted that the 12 Workers are

currently staying in their rooms and not attending work, which could be considered a Contract Violation. They also mentioned that under these circumstances, it may be difficult for the workers to avail benefits under the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF).

BC Quota Bandh Brings Khammam, Warangal to Standstill

TPN BUREAU | Oct 18 Khammam/Warangal: The Bandh called by the BC JAC on Saturday demanding 42 Percent Reservations to Backward Classes severely disrupted Normal Life as all the Business Establishments and Public Transport remained shut across the erstwhile Khammam and Warangal Districts. The widespread participation in the Bandh underscores the intense political and social mobilization surrounding the demand for enhanced BC Quotas.

Schools in view of the Bandh and the potential for public disturbance, ensuring the safety of students and staff. All the main Thoroughfares and Busy Streets looked deserted due to a complete lack of Vehicular Movement, reflecting the scale of the public support and the effectiveness of the Bandh call. All kinds of Shops, including Eateries, were closed voluntarily across both the districts, signaling widespread consensus among the Trading Community to support the BC Cause.

Political Leaders from various parties, including the Opposition, staged numerous Protests and Dharnas at key junctions across Khammam and Warangal in support of the Bandh, aiming to highlight the issue and put pressure on the ruling Congress Government to deliver on its promise of BC Reservations. The Bandh also had a direct impact on the Academic Schedule, with ongoing Kakatiya University Exams, including those for LLB, B Tech, and M Tech Courses, being Postponed due to the disruption in Transport and the general atmosphere of protest. The BC JAC Leaders reiterated that the Bandh is just the Beginning of a prolonged Struggle for BC Rights and Political Empowerment, demanding Constitutional Protection for their Quota based on population. The overall atmosphere remained largely peaceful, with the Police maintaining tight security to prevent any untoward incidents during the mass protest, thereby facilitating the democratic expression of the community's demand for social justice and reservation.

TGRTC Buses were confined to the Depots, resulting in the complete halt of Public Transport Services across the region, causing major inconvenience to daily Commuters. A Holiday was also declared for both Government and Private

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Eatala Rajender Slams CM Over BC Reservation Gaps

TPN BUREAU | Oct 18 Hyderabad: BJP MP Eatala Rajender (Eatala Rajender) strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of Deceiving the Public on the BC Reservations Issue. He participated in the BC Bandh organized near the Jubilee Bus Station and addressed the gathering. Eatala Rajender emphasized that only Tamil Nadu has implemented reservations honestly. He recalled that in Telangana, KCR had conducted a survey and even established a BC Commission, but the reservations were not implemented due to a lack of sincerity. He alleged that the current Congress Government has also formed Commissions merely for namesake, without any genuine intention to implement the quota.



Eatala Rajender aggressively challenged the government's data, stating, "If BCs Constitute 52 Percent Of The Population, Why Are They Being Told The Fake Figure Of 42 Percent? If what I am saying is a lie, I will step down from Politics." He asserted the BC Community's demand: "We Want As Much As We Are." He stressed that the Community is no longer at the stage of Begging but has reached the stage of Governing. He criticized Regional Parties, arguing that as long as they are in power, only their Family benefits and rules the state. He also pointed out the historical failure of the Congress, a National Party, to appoint a BC or a Tribal as Chief Minister since Independence. Eatala Rajender highlighted the underrepresentation of BCs in the current cabinet, stating that there should be Eight BC Ministers in Telangana, but there are only Three, and the departments given to them are minor.

He questioned the non-allocation of Nominated Posts to BCs. Eatala Rajender proudly recalled that Prime Minister Modi had promised to make a BC the Chief Minister of Telangana and noted that Modi's Cabinet includes 27 OBC Ministers. "No One Can Doubt The Sincerity Of The BJP," He asserted. He declared that the Movement will not stop with the current Bandh. "It Will Not Stop Until 42 Percent Reservation Is Achieved, Not Only In Local Bodies But Also In Legislative Assemblies," He vowed. He concluded with a powerful message of empowerment: "This Is Not Begging; We Have The Strength To Rule. Just as Telangana State was realized, BC Political Power will also be realized. Let us unite in movements until we achieve our goal."

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Cyberabad SHE Teams Nab 44 for Public Indecency

TPN BUREAU | Oct 18 Hyderabad: The Cyberabad SHE Teams conducted a high volume of Decoy Operations, carrying out 135 Decoy Operations across the city, leading to the arrest of 44 Individuals found to be indulging in Indecent Acts In Public Spaces. This proactive enforcement is part of the ongoing effort to ensure Women's Safety and curb street harassment within the Cyberabad Limits. Petty cases were booked against all the respondents, and mandatory Counselling Sessions were held for the 44 Individuals arrested, focusing on behavioral correction and respecting public spaces. Additionally, 12 Complaints were received by the SHE Teams from Women through various platforms, highlighting the continuing need for their vigilant presence.

Three Counselling Sessions at the Women and Children Safety Wing for the accused and their families. Meanwhile, the Centre for Development and Empowerment of Women (CDEW) provided advice to approximately 38 Families regarding Spouse Issues and actively made efforts to reunite the families through mediation and counseling.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Women and Child Safety Wing, Sr. Srujana Karnam, stated that as part of their preventive and awareness initiatives, the Team conducted 72 Awareness Programs at various locations, including educational institutions and public places, to sensitize people about Women's Safety Laws and the role of the SHE Teams. They also organized

In a related effort to combat human trafficking, the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), since October 12, registered Four Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (PITA) cases in the limits of Gachibowli, Madhapur, and Narsingi Police Stations. This coordinated action across various units of the Cyberabad Police reflects a comprehensive strategy to address crimes against Women and Children, combat Human Trafficking, and maintain Public Order, ensuring a safer environment for all Citizens.

Fragile Peace Plan Undermines Palestinian Autonomy



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India Redefines Kabul Ties, Flips Taliban Script on Pakistan



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

not be used to support terrorism against Indian interests.

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

India Uses AI to Bridge Language Divide and Boost Digital Inclusion

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

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

across India.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



TPN Bureau | Patna

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every Inch of Pakistan Within BrahMos Range, Says Rajnath Singh



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TPN Correspondent | Patna

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Maoist Commander Geeta with ₹5 Lakh Bounty Surrenders in Chhattisgarh

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

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

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

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



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

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

amid the unraveling grip of Maoist extremism in Bastar.

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

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

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

Massive Fire Erupts at Rajya Sabha MPs' Apartments in Delhi



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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

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

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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

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

residential complexes.

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

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

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

Pakistan, Afghanistan to Hold Talks in Qatar After Border Strikes



TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

China Expels Top General, Eight Military Officials Over Corruptio



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

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

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

ble for operations against Taiwan in case of conflict.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India and Brazil to Foster Economic Complementarity, Says Brazil VP

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

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

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

Alckmin highlighted that



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Gold & Silver: The Silent Superstars

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

Market from Diwali 2024 to Diwali 2025



Muted Returns Amid Global Headwinds

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

A Year of Lessons and Resilience

- India's markets mirrored a global mood that was both volatile and resilient, from the joyous optimism of Diwali 2024 to the more subdued celebration of Diwali 2025. When compared to the skyrocketing prices of gold and silver, the modest gains in benchmark indices highlighted how investor preferences were changing in the face of uncertainty. The underlying narrative is still optimistic, though. Credit growth is robust, domestic demand is strong, and corporate India is still gaining ground. As diyas light up homes all over the nation once more, investors are looking forward with newfound optimism, prepared to strike a balance between caution and conviction and allow their portfolios to shine as steadily as the market's timeless rhythm.

Large and Midcap Consistent Performers

- HDFC Bank: Up 35%, indicating robust growth in corporate and retail credit.
- Infosys Ltd.: Up 12% thanks to initiatives for digital transformation.
- Maruti Suzuki Ltd.: Up 15% thanks to a rebound in passenger car sales.
- Dabur India Ltd.: Up 14% due to demand for FMCG in rural areas.
- Tata Steel Ltd.: Up 18% as a result of increased demand for exports and steel prices.

Weakness in the IT Sector :

- Wipro Ltd.: Lower

Midcap and Small Stars:

A handful of lesser-known athletes made headlines with remarkable returns:

- RDB Metals Ltd. — Up 1,050% due to strategic alliances and the surge in demand for specialty metals.
- Vardhman Textiles Ltd.: Up 620% due to capacity expansion and export growth.
- Glenmark Life Sciences Ltd. — Up 480% thanks to strong earnings and API exports.
- Lumax Auto Technologies Ltd. - Up 365%, thanks to sales of EV components.

- Aster DM Healthcare Ltd.: Up 250%, thanks to operations in Dubai and South India.
- VST Industries Ltd.: Up 220%, indicating a recovery in margins and robust domestic sales.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. - Up 200%, thanks to rural penetration and the expansion of microloans.
- Neogen Chemicals Ltd. - Up 180% on new product launches and turnaround.
- GMM Pfaudler Ltd. - Export orders and process engineering solutions drove a 165% increase.

deal wins have caused an 8% decline. ■ HCL Technologies Ltd.: A 7% decline due to cautious discretionary spending. Weaknesses in Infrastructure and Energy ■ Reliance Industries Ltd.: A 5% decline due to pressure on the refining margin. ■ Adani Green Energy Ltd.: Down 12% as a result of policy delays and increased project costs. ■ Britannia Industries Ltd.: Inflation of input costs caused a 6% decline. ■ Nestle India Ltd.: Affected by the slowdown in rural areas, the company is down 5%. Newage technology and fintech. ■ Paytm (One97 Communications) — Down 15%, amid regulatory scrutiny. ■ Zomato Ltd — Down 8%, following profit-taking post a strong run. ■ Paytm (One97 Communications): 15% lower due to regulatory scrutiny. ■ Zomato Ltd.: After a strong run, profit-taking caused an 8% decline. **Investor Takeaway:** Striking a Balance Between Strategy and Shine The previous year was a reminder that no one asset class will ever be in control. Even though metals produced dazzling returns, stocks remained the foundation for long-term wealth accumulation. “Diversification, not devotion, is the key—each asset class has its cycle,” stated analysts at Arihant Capital. They added that stability and growth during volatile times are guaranteed by a well-balanced mix of gold, silver, and stocks. Experts advise investors to maintain discipline, avoid speculative frenzy, and invest with a long-term perspective rather than just following last year's winners as markets prepare for Muhurat trading in 2025.



Atluri Ganesh, Founder: The Rupee Company

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

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



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

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

Government Monitoring 54 Items To Ensure Benefits Reach Consumers: Sitharaman

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

monitoring mechanism involves regular checks on pricing at the retail level to prevent any unfair practices and ensure that savings from tax cuts translate into tangible relief for buyers. Sitharaman highlighted that the rate adjustments are designed to make essential products more affordable for the common citizen, reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusive growth. The move is expected to support sectors impacted by inflation and supply chain challenges while sustaining consumption momentum across the country. This initiative aligns with the government's broader reform agenda focused on simplifying indirect taxation and promoting transparency. Authorities have also urged businesses and state tax departments to cooperate fully in tracking compliance and preventing any price manipulation. The GST Council has been proactive in reviewing rates periodically to balance revenue needs with consumer welfare, and this latest round of cuts reflects that approach. As the government continues to oversee the impact, consumers and market watchers are optimistic that the tax relief will help stabilize prices and support economic resilience ahead of the upcoming festive season.

WhatsApp to Limit Spam Messages from Businesses and Strangers



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Facebook's New AI Tool Can Access Your Unpublished Photos



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tech Giants Pump Millions Into AI Training for Teachers

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Scientists Discover Most Powerful, Distant Odd Radio Circle



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

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

The new ORC was detected with the help of citizen scientists involved in the RAD@

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

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

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

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

Google DeepMind's AI Cracks Major Cancer Mystery

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

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

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

Google's DeepMind division highlights that the C2S-Scale



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

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

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

Rain Washes Out First T20I Between New Zealand and England



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

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

the innings on a tricky, unpredictable pitch.

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

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

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

Fans at Hagley Oval

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Thandamoni's quick

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

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

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

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

East Bengal, Mohun Bagan Clash in Historic IFA Shield Final



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



maintained momentum to seal their place in the semifinals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tanvi Sharma Reaches Final of BWF World Junior Championships



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dude Dominates Diwali Box Office with Big Opening



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

Pragya Shines in Bold Yet Elegant Diwali Look



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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