



BUZZ POINTS



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Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy Earnestly Appealed To Maoists To Surrender Before Telangana Police And Join The Mainstream Life. Attending The Police Flag Day Parade At The Police Martyrs Memorial In Hyderabad Today, The Chief Minister Recalled That Telangana Suffered From Maoists And Terrorist Activities In The Past. He Attributed The Fast Declining Terror And Naxal Activities To The Indomitable Spirit Displayed By The State Police. Noting That Many Key Maoists Have Already Surrendered, He Said, "I Am Appealing To All Maoist Leaders And Activists Who Are Active To Surrender Before The Police And Join Mainstream Life." The Cm Asserted That Maoists Should Join As Partners In Nation Building And The Country's Development By Shedding The Naxal Ideology. He Commended The Telangana Police For Their Exemplary Service In Rooting Out The Naxal Menace.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: Paying Glorious Tributes To The Police Martyrs On The Police Commemoration Day, Cm Revanth Reddy Said That 191 Police Personnel, Including Six From Telangana, Laid Down Their Lives While Discharging Their Duties. The Martyrs Included Greyhounds Commandos T. Sandeep, V. Sridhar, N. Pawan Kalyan, Assistant Comman-

dant Banothu Jawaharlal, And Nalgonda Constable B. Saidu. He Also Recalled The Recent Loss Of Ccs Constable Pramod Kumar In Nizamabad. Announcing Full Support For Pramod's Bereaved Family, The Chief Minister Stated That The Government Will Provide Rs One Crore Ex Gratia, The Last Paid Salary Till The Constable's Retirement, A Government Job, And A

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After Surekha Row, Jeevan Reddy Cries Foul Over Tender

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: Following The Outrage Expressed By Minister Konda Surekha's Daughter, Sushmitha, Over Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's Involvement In Medaram Jatara Tenders, Former Mlc T. Jeevan Reddy Has Now Raised Strong Objections To The Repeated Allotment Of Works To A Single Firm. Jeevan Reddy Alleged Discrimination And Mental Harassment By Congress Ministers In Jagtial. He Publicly Questioned Why Gowrishankar Infra And Builders Pvt Ltd Received Recurring Allotments For Municipal And Water Projects. Jeevan Reddy, A Six-Time Mla And Former Minister In United Andhra Pradesh, Accused Congress Leaders Of Fa-



vouring Brs Turncoat Mla Dr. Sanjay In Party Affairs In Jagtial And Sidelining Loyal Party Workers, Which He Claimed Was Causing Him Mental Anguish. He Has Been Repeatedly Complaining To The Telangana Congress Leadership About This Priority Shift. Like Sushmitha Before Him, Jeevan Reddy Alleged That Congress Ministers Were Causing Him Mental Harassment. The Issue Highlights The Growing Internal Rift

Within The Telangana Congress, Particularly In Districts Where Brs Legislators Have Joined The Ruling Party. The Allegations Of Favoritism In Contract Allocation And The Neglect Of Veteran Leaders Like Jeevan Reddy Pose A Significant Challenge To The Newly Formed Congress Government's Stability And Unity. His Questioning Of The Allotments Indicates A Deep Discontent Among The Loyal Cadre.

Telangana Maoists Threaten Action, Call Oct 24 Bandh

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: The Telangana State Committee (Tsc) Of The Communist Party Of India (Maoist) Has Vowed To Punish Surrendered Maoist Leaders Mallojula Venugopal Rao Alias Sonu And Takkellapalli Vasudeva Rao Alias Ashanna For Betraying The Revolutionary Movement Like Never Before. In A Statement Issued By The Tsc On Tuesday, October 21, In The Name Of Its Spokesperson Jagan, The Maoists Stated That They Were Viewing The Surrender Of The Two Key Leaders Along With A Large Number Of Cadres Seriously. They Alleged That The Conspiracy Behind Their Surrender Began With 'Op-

eration Kagaar', An Offensive Launched By The Centre.

Mallojula Venugopal Rao, Along With 60 Maoist Cadres, Surrendered Before Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis At Gadchiroli In Maharashtra On October 14. Subsequently, Ashanna, Along With Around 140 Cadres, Surrendered Before Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai At Jagdalpur On October 17. The Maoist Party Has Denounced The State Governments And The Centre For Launching A War Against Them And Killing Their Members In The Name Of Operation Kagaar.

The Maoist Party Has Also Called For A Nationwide Bandh On October

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Mahesh Kumar Goud Steps In to Calm Party Storm

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: Tpc Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Responded To The Emotional Comments Made By Senior Congress Leader T. Jeevan Reddy Regarding Mental Harassment And Discrimination Within The Party. Speaking To The Media, Mahesh Kumar Goud Acknowledged That Jeevan Reddy Is A Senior Leader In Their Party And Stated That The Issues Raised By Him Would Be Examined. He Assured That The

Allegations Made By Jeevan Reddy Would Be Duly Studied. The Tpc Chief Suggested That If Jeevan Reddy Has Any Issues, The Local Minister, Adhuri Laxman, Would Resolve Them. He Also Commented On The Internal Dynamics, Stating That There Are Both Senior And Junior Ministers Compared To Him In The Cabinet.

Regarding The Recent Controversy Involving Minister Konda Surekha And Her Daughter, Mahesh Kumar Goud Declared That The Dispute Is

Now Closed As Of Yesterday. He Advised Ministers, Mlas, Mps, And Mlcs To Speak Carefully And Exercise Restraint When Commenting On Sensitive Issues. He Disclosed That Cm Revanth Reddy Had Instructed Him To Speak With Konda Surekha, Emphasizing That The Chief Minister Treats All Ministers Equally. He Conveyed Surekha's Concerns To The Chief Minister. Furthermore, He Stated That Konda Surekha And Her

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Chilkur Priest Appeals to President Murmu to Revisit Sabarimala Verdict

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: In View Of President Droupadi Murmu's Proposed Visit To The Sacred Sabarimala Temple, The Archaka (Priest) Of Chilkur Balaji Temple Has Issued A Humble Dharmic And Constitutional Appeal

To Her Excellency. The Visit Holds Profound Spiritual Significance Given The Controversy Surrounding The 2018 Supreme Court Judgment That Allowed Women Of All Ages To Enter Sabarimala, A Verdict Many Believe Failed To Honor Lord Ayyappa's Unique Celibate Vow (Naisthika

Brahmacharya) And The Sanctity Of The Temple Tradition.

Following That Decision, Lord Chilkur Balaji, Through His Archaka C.S. Rangarajan, Filed A Historic Intervening Application (Ia) Before The Supreme Court To Highlight The Fundamental Rights Of Deities Under Articles

14, 19, 21, 25, And 26 Of The Constitution. Unfortunately, This Ia Was Dismissed Adharmically On February 10, 2020, Without Oral Arguments.

A New Opportunity Has Now Arisen Through A Presidential Reference To The Supreme Court In Sr No. 1 Of 2025 (Regarding Gov-

ernor's Powers), Which Has Unexpectedly Opened A Constitutional Door To Revisit Deity Rights And Temple Governance. An Additional Note Has Been Submitted In This Reference, Offering Fresh Legal Insights, Stressing That The Matter Squarely

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Rythu Nestham: MP, Minister Sow Seeds of Support for Telangana Farmers

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Broader Initiative To Support Farmers And Boost Oilseed Production In The State. The

Initiative Aims To Promote Sustainable Agricultural Practices And Ensure Food Security. The Minister And The Mp Interacted With Farmers Attending The Program, Assuring Them Of The Government's Continued Support For The Agricultural Sector. The Participation Of The Mp Emphasizes The Inter-Ministerial Coordination To Deliver Welfare Schemes Directly To The Farmers.

Uttam to Host Mega Job Mela for 9,000+ Youth in Huzurnagar

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: Minister For Irrigation And Civil Supplies, Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Announced That A Megha Job Mela Will Be Held On October 25 At Vignan School And Swarnavedika Function Hall In Huzurnagar. The Event Aims To Provide Large-Scale Employment Opportunities To Unemployed Youth Across The Erstwhile Nalgonda District. Speaking After Inspecting The Venue Arrangements On Tuesday, The Minister Said The Event Is Being Conducted Under The State Government's Supervision, Highlighting The Government's Commitment To Tackling Unemployment. He Revealed That Over 205 Companies Have Already Registered For The Mela, And More Than 9,500 Youth Have Enrolled To Participate. He Noted That Both The Number Of Participating Companies And Job Seekers Are Expected To Grow Further In The Coming Days. The Event Is Being Organized In Collaboration With The Digital Employment Exchange Of Telangana And Singareni Collieries, With Several Private Industries Agreeing To Recruit Through The Fair. Calling Unemployment The Biggest Challenge He Has Faced In His Political Career, Uttam Kumar Reddy Said The Congress Government Has So Far Completed 70,000 To 75,000 Job Appointments, And Recently Issued Group 1 And Group 2 Appoint-

ment Letters Through Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Recruitment Of Licensed Surveyors Is Also On The Cards, He Added. He Said That He Personally Invited Major Companies, Including Visaka Asbestos, And Ensured Participation From Industries Across The Nalgonda Region. Many Of Them Have Committed To Hiring Based On Vacancies In Their Respective Organizations. Highlighting The Disparity In Employment Opportunities Between Urban And Rural Areas, The Minister Urged Rural Youth To Register And Attend The Mela In Large Numbers. He Said The Job Fair Was Specially Designed To Offer A Platform To Village-Based Youth Awaiting Suitable Job Openings. Mic Shankar Naik, District Collector Tejas Nandlal Pawar, And Sp Narasimha Accompanied The Minister During The Inspection. Appealing To Congress Leaders And Cadre, Uttam Kumar Reddy Called For A Mission-Like Effort To Ensure Strong Turnout For The Job Fair. He Said The Congress Party Machinery In The Erstwhile Nalgonda District Should Mobilize Youth And Help Them Secure Meaningful Employment. Describing The Initiative As A Prestigious And Purposeful Programme, The Minister Said It Aims To Bring Hope To Families That Have Invested Heavily In Education. He Encouraged Job Seekers To Make The Most Of This Opportunity To Secure Stable Employment And Build A Better Future.

Andhra Woman Files 150 Liquor License Applications Amid Telangana's Dip

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: A woman from Andhra Pradesh made waves by submitting 150 applications for liquor shop licences in Telangana, paying Rs 4.5 crore in fees, even as the overall response this term fell. The Prohibition and Excise Department invited applications for 2,620 retail liquor (A4) shops for

the licence period from December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2027. Despite the previous term seeing nearly 1.30 lakh applications, this year's numbers were lower. Officials noted that while about 50,000 applications had been filed by Friday, more were expected on the final day. The fee hike from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh per application hasn't deterred

the determined applicant. The government aims to generate nearly Rs 6,500 crore through licence and application fees, implementing community-based reservations for Gouds (15%), Scheduled Castes (10%), and Scheduled Tribes (5%). The draw of lots for shop allotments is scheduled, with first instalment payments on October 23-24, and shop openings on December 1, 2025.

Ponnam Pledges to Make Husnabad Hospital State's Best

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 21: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Visited The Husnabad Government Hospital In Siddipet District Today. The Minister Inspected The Construction Progress Of The New 250-Bed Hospital Building. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Stated That The State-Of-The-Art, 250-Bed Hospital Building Is Being Constructed With A Budget Of Rs 82 Crore. The Aim Is To Elevate The Hospital To The Standards Of A District Center, Which Will Feature 38 Doctors, As Opposed To The Current Eight Doctors. This Expansion Is Expected To Significantly Improve Healthcare Services For The Local Population. Furthermore, The Minister Noted That Mahasamudram Bund Works Are Currently Underway For Tourism De-



velopment. He Also Mentioned That Land Acquisition Is In Progress For The Gouravelli Canal Works, And He Requested Full Cooperation From All The Farmers Involved In The Process. Minister Prabhakar Also Announced That He Is Taking Measures To Bring A Nursing College To Husnabad. He Vowed To Work Towards Making The Husnabad Government Hospital The Number One Hospital In The State. High-

lighting His Personal Commitment To Public Health, He Revealed That Through The Ponnam Sathai Trust, He Distributed Steel Utensils Containing 13 Different Items To Women's Groups To Help Combat Cancer. He Concluded By Affirming His Dedication To The All-Round Development Of Husnabad In Various Sectors, Including Health, Medicine, Agriculture, Projects, And Infrastructure.

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Falls Under Article 363 Of The Constitution. This Article Bars Judicial Intervention In Disputes Involving Pre-Constitutional Covenants, Which In The Sabarimala Context Means The Eternal Rights Of Lord Ayyappa As A Ruler Deity Must Be Upheld Without Judicial Overreach Or Interference In Ageless Traditions.

The Archaka Expressed Serious Concern That Despite Filing Thorough Written Submissions, The Petitioner Was Denied Opportunity For Oral Advocacy, Raising Questions About Fair Representation Of The Deity's Voice—A Living Spiritual Entity With Recognized Legal Personhood.

The Appeal Humbly Urges President Drou-

padi Murmu To Bring This Issue To The Attention Of The Supreme Court Rules Amendment Committee. The Current Rules Are Deemed Inadequate To Represent Deity Interests Or Accommodate Dharmic Frameworks. There Is A Pressing Need For Procedural Reforms To Reflect The Constitutional Oaths Under Articles 60 And 159 (Taken In The Name Of God) And To Ensure No Assent Is Given To Laws That May Harm Sacred Temple Traditions.

This Movement, Joined By The Tiruppan Alvar Ammal Community, Advocates For A Broader Legal Recognition Of A Doctrine Of Dharma—A Constitutional Principle Where Dharma Becomes The Basis For Adjudication

In Cases Involving Substantial Deity Interest. The Archaka Respectfully Urges Her Excellency To Consider Recommending The Reconstitution Of A Larger Constitutional Bench To Rehear The Sabarimala Matter, Incorporating These Essential Dharmic And Constitutional Dimensions.

The Appeal Concludes With The Powerful Mantra: "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah"—Dharma Protects Those Who Protect It—Asking That This Truth Guide The Sacred Duty To Uphold The Constitution In The Light Of Dharma, Thereby Honoring And Safeguarding The Dignity Of India's Deities And The Sacred Traditions Of Its Ancient Temples.

Telangana Maoists Threaten Action, Call Oct 24 Bandh

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24, And Various Forms Of Protest Till October 23, Demanding An End To 'Operation Kagaar'. In A Separate Statement Released By The Maoist Party's Cen-

tral Committee In The Name Of Its Spokesperson Abhay, The Maoists Called Upon The People Across The Country To Build People's Movements Demanding The Immediate

Cessation Of Operation Kagaar. The Statements Highlight The Severe Setback Suffered By The Maoist Movement Due To The Mass Surrender Of Key Leaders And Cadres.

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300-Yard Housing Plot To One Of The Family Members. Additionally, Rs 16 Lakhs Ex-Gratia From The Police Security Welfare And Rs 8 Lakhs Ex-Gratia From The Police Welfare Will Be Given. The Cm Recalled The Earlier Allotment Of A 200-Yard Housing Plot Each At Gajularamaram To 33 Policemen Who Died Fighting Maoists In Odisha In 2008.

The Cm Extolled The Telangana Police For Being Number One In The Country In Adapting New Technology And Unique Policies, Citing The India Justice Report 2025 And The External Affairs Ministry's Compliments For A Transparent Passport Verification System. He Highlighted New Crimes Such As Cyber Crime, Digital Fraud, Morphing Content, Drugs, And Human Trafficking, Noting The Rise Of Cybercrime News. To Tackle This, A 'Cyber Security Bureau' Headed By A Dgp-Level Officer Has Been Established. Listing Out Initiatives To Promote A



"Drug Free Telangana", The Cm Mentioned The Formation Of The 'Eagle' (Elite Action Group For Drug Law Enforcement) Force And Appealed To The Police To Work Hard To Achieve This Goal. The Chief Minister Also Gave Due Recognition To Women Police Officers, With Qualified Women Ips Officers Heading Several Key Wings And Seven Serving As Dcps. He Reaffirmed That Police Welfare Is A Top Priority.

ty, Citing The Recruitment Of 16,000 Constables And Sis And The Removal Of Political Interference. Finally, He Emphasized That Transparency, Accountability, And Ethical Values Are The Cornerstones Of Policing, Stating That Maintaining Law And Order And Security Are Utmost Important For The Rapidly Developing State Of Telangana. He Cautioned That 'Friendly Policing' Is Only For Law-Abiding Citizens.

DGP Extends Support to Martyrs' Families in Nizamabad

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Hyderabad, Oct 21: Director General Of Police (Dgp) B. Sivadhar Reddy Assured The Family Of Constable Pramod Kumar To Be Courageous And Stated That The Government And The Police Department Will Always Stand By Them. The Dgp Visited The Residence Of Ccs Constable Pramod Kumar In Nizamabad City, Who Was Recently Murdered While Arresting A Criminal Named Riaz. Dgp Sivadhar Reddy, Accompanied By Multi-Zone Ig S. Chandrasekhar Reddy, Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, And Others, Met With The Bereaved Family On Tuesday. He Conveyed That He Came On The Special Directives Of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Expressing Deep Shock Over The Incident, The Dgp Recalled That The Government Had Already An-



nounced An Ex-Gratia Of Rs 1 Crore, 300 Square Yards Of House Site, Pension, And A Job For One Family Member. He Lamented The Loss Of Pramod Kumar, Calling Him A Sincere And Well-Liked Policeman, And Guaranteed That All Necessary Facilities And Assistance From The Government And The Department Would Be Provided To The Family. LATER, AT THE COMMISSIONERATE OFFICE, DGP B. SIVADHAR REDDY DISTRIBUTED HOUSE

SITE PATTAS (DEEDS) TO 9 FAMILIES OF POLICE MARTYRS Along With Nizamabad Rural Mla Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy And Collector Vinay Krishna Reddy. He Noted That 18 Police Personnel From Nizamabad District Have Been Martyred Since 1989, And 9 Of Their Families Are Being Provided With 300 Square Yards Of Residential Plots Each In The Outskirts Of Gannaram Village In Indalwai Mandal. The Dgp Suggested That The Remaining Nine Families Could

Also Receive Residential Plots In The Same Area If They Come Forward. He Thanked Collector Vinay Krishna Reddy For His Readiness To Facilitate This. The Dgp Stressed That The State Government, Under The Leadership Of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Gives Immense Priority To The Sacrifices Of Police Personnel Who Died In The Line Of Duty To Protect Law And Order And Their Families. He Mentioned That Recently, On Police Martyrs' Commemoration Day, The Government Distributed 200 Square Yards Of House Sites In Gajularamaram To Families Of Police Martyrs Whose Cases Were Pending For A Long Time, And Also Mentioned The 33 Police Personnel Martyred In A Tragedy On The Odisha Border. The Dgp Commended The Government's Support In Keeping The Martyrs' Sacrifices Alive. Mla Bhupathi Reddy Pro-

posed That Syed Asif, A Young Man From Sarangapur Who Was Severely Injured While Aiding In The Arrest Of The Hardcore Criminal Riaz And Is Currently Undergoing Treatment In A Private Hospital In Hyderabad, Should Be Offered A Home Guard Job If Possible. Dgp Sivadhar Reddy Responded Positively, Stating That The Government Would Soon Issue A Notification For Filling Home Guard Posts In The State Police Department, And He Would Work To Ensure Syed Asif Is Provided With A Home Guard Job During That Time. Earlier, Upon Arriving At The Police Rest House In Subhash Nagar, Dgp Sivadhar Reddy Was Warmly Welcomed With Saplings By Ig Chandrasekhar Reddy, Collector Vinay Krishna Reddy, Cp Sai Chaitanya, And Others, And The Dgp Received A Guard Of Honour From The Police Contingent.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Steps In to Calm Party Storm

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Husband Expressed Regret That Their Daughter Had Spoken Inappropriately (Out Of Mistake). Cm Revanth Reddy Subsequently Advised Surekha To Report Any Future Issues Di-

rectly To Him. Mahesh Kumar Goud Assured That Internal Party Issues Would Be Resolved By The Disciplinary Committee. He Concluded By Stating That The Congress Party Would Resolve Its Problems With A

Great Deal Of Generosity. His Statement Was A Clear Attempt At Damage Control, Seeking To Bring Stability To The Party Following The Public Spats And Allegations Of Nepotism And Mental Harassment.

Seethakka Hits Doorsteps for Congress in Jubilee Hills



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st
Minister Seethakka Conducted A
Door-To-Door Campaign In Borab
anda On Behalf Of The Congress
Candidate Naveen Yadav For The
Jubilee Hills By-Election. Minister
Seethakka Engaged With Voters,
Explaining That The Congress Must
Be Elected For The Development Of
The Jubilee Hills Constituency. In

Her Interactions, She Met With Voters And Earnestly Requested Them To Give An Opportunity To The Congress Candidate, Naveen Yadav.

The Minister's Presence In The Locality Indicates The High Priority The Congress Party Is Placing On Winning This Crucial By-Election.

BJP's Lankala Deepak Reddy Files Nomination Amid Grand Rally



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st
The Bjp Candidate For The
Jubilee Hills By-Election, Lankala
Deepak Reddy, Filed His Nominati
on On The Last Day Prior To Filing,
Deepak Reddy, Accompanied By
Union Minister Kishan Reddy And
State Party President Ramchander
Rao, Offered Special Prayers At
The Vijayadurga Pochamma Tem
ple In Venkatagiri. From There,
They Proceeded In A Massive Rally
To The Shaikpet Tahsildar's Office

To File The Nomination Papers. Deepak Reddy Had Also Contested The 2023 Elections As The Bjp Candidate For Jubilee Hills And Currently Serves As The President Of The Hyderabad Central District Unit Of The Party.

Today Marked The Final Day For Filing Nomina tions For The Jubilee Hills By-Election. Officials Reported That As Of 12 Noon Today, A Total Of 13 Nominations Had Been Filed.

Harish Rao Slams Congress, Calls Secretariat 'Dharna Chowk'



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st
Former Minister Harish Rao Issued A Press Release Condemning The Congress Government, Stating That The Secretariat, Which Should Serve As The Center Of Administration, Has Been Transformed Into A Dharana Chowk (Protest Square) Under Congress Rule. He Highlighted The Pitiful Situation Where Small Contractors Recently Staged A Protest Inside The Secretariat Demanding Payment For Pending Bills. This Was Followed By Vehicle Owners, Who Had Leased Their Vehicles To The Government, Protesting Outside The Secretariat For The Payment Of Their Rental Bills. Harish Rao Asserted That This Plight Is Proof Of The Congress Government's Heinous And Inefficient

Rule. He Criticized The Congress Government For Paying Bills To Big Contractors To Obtain Commissions, While Keeping The Bills And Salaries Of Small Contractors And Minor Employees Pending For Months, Calling The Situation Deplorable. He Specifically Cited The Injustice Of Vehicle Rental Bills Being Pending For 10 Months In Hyderabad And Two Years In The Districts. He Questioned Whether The Government Was Withholding Payments For Rented Vehicles Because Owners Refused To Pay Commissions. Harish Rao Demanded That The Government Should Immediately Pay The Pending Bills For Rented Vehicles, Considering The Hardships Faced By The Owners.

BRS Unveils 40-Star Lineup for Jubilee Hills By-Poll



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct
21st

The Telangana State Chief Electoral Officer's (Ceo) Office Has Approved A List Of 40 Star Campaigners From The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (Brs) Party For The Jubilee Hills 61 Assembly Constituency By-Election Campaign. Following A Proposal Submitted By Brs General Secretary Shri Soma Bharat Kumar, Vehicle Permit Passes Have Been Granted To These Leaders. The Election Campaign Is Scheduled To Run From

October 18, 2025, Until
06:00 Pm On November
09, 2025. The Brs Star
Campaigner List
Features Numerous
Prominent Figures,
Including The Former
Chief Minister And
Shri Kalvakuntla
Chandrashekar Rao.
Among The Other Key
Leaders And Former
Ministers Who Are
Participating In The
Campaign Are Shri K.
Taraka Rama Rao, Shri
T. Harish Rao, Shri T.
Srinivas Yadav, Shri V.
Prashanth Reddy, Shri G.
Jagadish Reddy, Shri
Gangula Kamalakara,

Smt. Sabitha Indra Reddy, And Shri S. Niranjan Reddy. The List Also Includes Other Former Ministers Such As Shri Mahmood Ali, Shri Errabelli Dayakar Rao, Shri V. Srinivas Goud, And Shri Koppala Eshwar. Also Set To Campaign Are Former Deputy Speakers Shri T. Padma Rao Goud And Smt. Padma Devender Reddy.

The Roster Of Star Campaigners Further Includes Several Sitting Mlas And Mlcs. The Mlas Listed Are Shri M. Krishna Rao, Shri K. P.

Vivekananda Goud, Shri
D. Sudheer Reddy, Dr.
Palla Rajeshwar Reddy,
S h r i K a l e r u
Venkatesham, Shri Padu
Kaushik Reddy, Shri
Chamakuram Mallareddy,
Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay,
Shri Anil Jadhav, Shri
Bandari Lakshma Reddy,
Shri Marri Rajasekhar
Reddy, And Shri Chintu
Prabhakar. The Mlcs
A p p r o v e d F o r
Campaigning Include
Shri Dasoju Shrvan,
Shri Mutha Gopal, Shri
Shambhipur Raju, Shri
Pochampally Srinivas
Reddy, Shri Tata
Madhusudhan, Shri L.

Ramana, And Shri
Takkellapally Ravinder
Rao. The List Also
Features Mp Shri
Vaddiraju Ravi Chandra,
Former Mlas Shri
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy,
And Shri Shaheel Amir
Mohammed, Former
Chairman Shri Raavula
Sridhar Reddy, And
Senior Leaders Shri R. S.
Praveen Kumar And
Shri Shaik Abdullah
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Group Of 40 Individuals
Is Expected To Lead An
Aggressive Campaign
For The Brs Candidate In
The Crucial Jubilee Hills
By-Election.

Adloori Laxman Challenges Harish Rao to Temple Oath Duel



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct
21st

Minister Adloori Laxman, Speaking From Gandhi Bhavan, Issued A Strong Challenge To BRS Leader And Former Minister Harish Rao, Proposing An Oath-Taking Ceremony At The Venkateswara Temple In Siddipet.

Minister Laxman Qu
 estioned Whether Har
 ish Rao, Who Considers
 The Temple A Sent
 imentally Significant
 Deity, Would Dare To Ta

ke An Oath. He Challenged Harish Rao To Join Him In Taking An Oath While Wearing Wet Clothes. Minister Laxman Asserted That He Would Take The Oath On His Parents, And Declared That He Would Seek Permission From The Chief Minister To Attend The Ritual.

He Stated Unequivocally That He Would Swear That Personal Matters Were Not Discussed In The Cabinet Meeting. Following This Assertion

ion, He Challenged Harish Rao To Swear That The Allegations He Made Were True, And Demanded That Harish Rao Must Issue An Unconditional Apology. Minister Laxman Reddy Condemned The Brs Leaders For Making Unseemly Comments Against The Cabinet, Specifically Referring To The Use Of The Term 'Dandupalyam Batch' To Describe The Cabinet Ministers. He Also Raised Questions About Harish Rao's Body Language

And Conduct. Minister Laxman Strongly Criticized The BRS For Propagating Information About Cabinet Proceedings That Never Took Place, Calling It Heinous. He Labelled The BRS Party As The 'Address Of Falsehoods' (Abaddalaku Kare Of Address). He Then Recalled That During The BRS Government's Tenure, Over 600 FIRs Were Filed Against Congress Social Media Activists. He Also Highlighted The Past Governme

nt's Cruel Treatment Of
Osmania University Stu
dents. Minister Laxman
Reminded The Public Of
The Kcr Government's
History Of Handcuffing
Farmers.

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For Ten Years,
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Rao's Absence And
Silence When Dalits
Were Attacked In Ktr's
Constituency.

Diwali Triggers Spike In Hyderabad’s Air & Noise Pollution

Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st As The City Celebrated Diwali On Monday, Hyderabad Recorded A Sharp Increase In Both Noise Levels And Particulate Matter Concentrations Compared To Normal Day Levels. According To The Telangana Pollution Control Board (Pcb), Which Conducted Special Ambient Air Quality Monitoring From October 13 To 20 For Diwali, There Was A Noticeable Rise In Both

Pm2.5 And Pm10 Concentrations On Diwali Day. The Pcb Data Shows That The Pm2.5 Concentrations Rose By A Significant 86 Per Cent On Monday Compared To A Normal Day. While This Increase Was High, It Was Slightly Less Than The Spike Recorded During The 2024 Diwali, When The Concentration Rose By 91 Per Cent. Similarly, The Pm10 Concentrations On Monday Went Up By 68.13 Per

Cent, Which Was A Slight Increase Compared To The 65.76 Per Cent Rise Recorded During The Last Diwali Festival. The Monitoring Of Gaseous Pollutants Showed That The Levels Of Sulphur Dioxide (So2) And Oxides Of Nitrogen (Nox) Also Increased On Monday Compared To A Normal Day Recording. However, The Pcb Noted That This Rise In Gaseous Pollutants Remained Within The Standards

Prescribed Limits Set By The Authorities. The Pcb Recordings Of Noise Levels Across Different Zones Of The City Also Showed A Distinct Spurt On The Day Of The Diwali Festival, Although These Levels Were Less Compared To The Previous Year. Specifically, On Monday, The Noise Levels In Industrial Areas Were Recorded To Be 3.1 Db Higher In The Daytime And 6.2 Db Higher In The Nighttime When

Compared With Pre-Diwali Recordings. In Commercial Areas, The Noise Levels During Diwali Increased By 2.5db In The Day And By 3.97 Db At Night Compared To A Normal Day. For Residential Areas, The Noise Levels Increased By 1.6db During The Day And 3.7db During The Nighttime When Compared With A Normal Day. Finally, In Sensitive Areas (Like Hospitals And Edu

cational Institutions), The Noise Levels Rose By 1.1db In The Day And 4db During The Nighttime, As Detailed In The

Pcb Report. The Data Collectively Indicates That Despite Public Awareness Campaigns, The Celebrations Led To

A Considerable Environmental Impact In Terms Of Air And Noise Pollution Across Hyderabad.



Telangana Liquor Applicants Set To Challenge Deadline Extension

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Objections Are Being Raised Against The Prohibition And Excise Department's Decision To Extend The Deadline For Filing Applications For Liquor Shop Licences To October 23, With Applicants In Telangana Now Planning To Move The Court. The Applicants Are Likely To Move Court, Calling The Extension Arbitrary, Illegal, And A Violation Of Established Rules. According To The Original Schedule Issued By The Department, October 18 Was The Final Day For Application Submission. However, The Deadline Was Extended To October 23 Following Requests From A Few Officials, Who Cited Disruption Caused By The Bc Bandh As The Reason. This Move Has Drawn Sharp Criticism From Applicants Who Argue The Extension Is Arbitrary And Contrary To Procedural Norms. They Cited A Similar Incident In Neighboring Andhra Pradesh In 2019, Where The Extension Of The Deadline For Bar Licence Applications Led To Legal Challenges. In That Specific Instance, The



Ap Government Issued A Notification On November 29, 2019, Inviting Online Applications For Bar Licences With A Non-Refundable Fee Of Rs.10 Lakh Each. The Deadline, Initially December 6, Was Extended To December 9, Citing Technical Issues And Poor Response. Applicants Had Approached The Court, Arguing That The Extension Was Unfair To Those Who Applied Within The Original Timeframe. They Provided Examples Such As Rajampeta And Hindupur, Where Valid Applications Already Matched The Number Of Notified Bars, And Contended That The Extension Increased Competition Unnecessarily, Thereby

Reducing The Guaranteed Chances Of Timely Applicants. After Hearing The Arguments, The Court In 2020 Ruled That The State Government Had Driven The Petitioners To Court Due To Its Own Fault And Set Aside The Orders Extending The Last Date. The Court Explicitly Stated, "Such Extension Of Time Is Nothing But Arbitrary. The Extension Of Time Is Contrary To The Rules And Against Public Interest. The Procedure Adopted By The Respondents Is Irrational And Without Any Basis Or Statutory Power." Recalling This Precedent, Similar Objections Are Now Being Raised In Telangana. Many Applicants

Contend That Filing Applications Before The Original Deadline Involved Significant Time, Effort, And Expense. By Extending The Deadline, The Department, They Allege, Has Encouraged Unfair Practices And Compromised The Integrity Of The Lottery Process. Despite The Increase In The Application Fee From Rs.2 Lakh To Rs.3 Lakh This Time, Critics Claim The Department Appears Focused Primarily On Generating More Revenue, And Applicants Have Vowed To Explore All Legal Options To Challenge The Move. Other Sections Of The Public Have Also Questioned The Government's Intent. An X User Named Uttam Posted, "Scam Alert. Extending The Liquor Tender Application Deadline In Telangana Raises Serious Concerns. Many Applicants Had Already Submitted Their Forms For The Lottery, But Now, At The Last Minute, The Revanth Reddy Government Has Extended The Last Date." He Added, "When The Authorities Already Know How Many Applications Each Shop Received,

This Sudden Move Gives Room For Political Manipulation, Allowing Certain Groups To Enter The Lottery Strategically. Transparency And Fairness In The Tender Process Must Be Protected." In Its Official Order, The Department Stated That Deputy Commissioners Of Rangareddy, Warangal, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, And Medak Districts Had Requested An Extension, Citing Disruption Of Public Transport And Banking Services During The Bc Bandh On Saturday. They Argued That The Extension Was Necessary To Give A Fair Opportunity To All Applicants. However, Speculation Persists Over Possible Vested Interests Behind The Move. In The Previous Term, Approximately 1.30 Lakh Applications Were Received For 2,620 Shops Across The State. This Time, Till Sunday, Nearly 89,000 Applications Had Been Filed. Officials Noted That Although The Total Number Of Applications Was Lower This Time, The Revenue Generated From Application Fees Had Increased Due To The Higher Fee.

KTR Slams Congress Over Neglected Basti Dawakhanas

Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st Ktr, The Brs Working President, Along With Former Minister Tatikonda Rajaiah, The Local Corporator, And Other Brs Leaders, Today Inspected The Basti Dawakhana Located In Ibrahim Nagar, Khairatabad Constituency. During His Visit, Ktr Engaged With Patients And Enquired About The Problems They Were Facing, Bringing To Light The Deteriorating State Of Public Healthcare Under The Current Administration. He Recalled That The Previous Government Under The Leadership Of Kcr Had Established 450 Basti Dawakhanas To Ensure Healthcare Was Accessible To All Citizens, Especially The Poor. In Addition To These Local Clinics, The Former Government Also Set Up Telangana Diagnostics Centres, Offering Free Medical Tests To The Public. Furthermore, They Took Measures To Establish One Medical College In Each District, Along With An Attached Hospital. Ktr Strongly Alleged That Since The Congress Party Came To Power, They Have

Completely Neglected Public Health And Failed To Maintain The Basti Dawakhanas. As Part Of Their Protest, He Mentioned That Brs MLAs And MLAs Have Been Inspecting Basti Dawakhanas Across The State To Highlight The Neglect. A Major Issue Ktr Pointed Out Was The Non-Payment Of Salaries To The Basti Dawakhana Staff For The Last Four Months. He Stressed That These Clinics Should Have 108 Types Of Medicines Available, But The Current Government Is Failing To Pay Attention To The Stock And Supply. He Also Noted That The Services Provided By The Telangana Diagnostics Centres Have Come To A Standstill Under Congress Rule. Ktr Further Highlighted The Progressive Initiatives Of The Previous Government, Including The Commencement Of Four Tims (Telangana Institute Of Medical Sciences) 1,000-Bed Hospitals For The Poor, And The Expansion Of Nims (Nizam's Institute Of Medical Sciences) With An Additional 2,000 Beds. He Claimed That The Brs Government

Completed 90% Of These Projects, But The Current Government Has Failed To Complete Even The Remaining 10% Of Work. He Concluded That This Demonstrated The Lack Of Concern Revanth Reddy And The Congress Government Have For Public Health. Shifting His Focus To Civic Issues, Ktr Criticized The Congress For Failing To Maintain Basic Sanitation In Hyderabad. He Noted That Even Garbage Collection In The City Has Become Neglected, Leading To An Increase In Mosquito Menace And Causing Severe Viral Fevers Among The Public. He Issued A Strong Warning To The State Government, Referring To It As A 'Dunnapothu Prabhutva m' (Buffalo Government), To Wake Up From Its Slumber And Immediately Focus On The Maintenance Of Basti Dawakhanas And Sanitation. Ktr Challenged The Congress, Stating That If They Have Sincerity (Chitta Shuddhi), They Should Establish Another 450 Dawakhanas, Matching The 450 Established By The Brs. He Demanded The Immediate Completion



On Of The Tims Hospitals And Their Opening For Public Use, Failing Which The Brs Would Organize A Dharna At The Hospital Sites Soon. He Announced That Senior Leaders, Including Former Health Minister Rajaiah, Would Prepare A Detailed Report On The State's Health Conditions And Submit It To The Government. Finally, Ktr Also Raised The Issue Of Anganwadi Workers, Demanding The Immediate Release Of Their Pending Salaries And A Raise In Their Wages As Per The Promises Made. Ktr Also Launched A Sharp Attack On Danam Nagender And The Congress Leadership. He Questioned How Danam Nagender, Who Was Elected As A BRS MLA, Ended Up On The Co

ngress Star Campaigner List. Ktr Asserted That The Public Is Aware Of Which Party Nagender Won From And Which Party He Joined. He Accused The Congress Government Of Lacking Morality In Dealing With MLA Defections. He Mocked The Congress Party's National Body, Calling AICC (All India Congress Committee) The 'All India Corruption Committee.' Ktr Stated That Mallikarjun Kharge And Rahul Gandhi Are The Leaders Of The "Corrupt Congress Party." He Criticized The AICC For Shamelessly Including The Name Of A BRS MLA In Their Star Campaigner List While Simultaneously Denying That BRS MLAs Had Joined Their Party.

Woman, Granddaughter Drown In Peeram Cheruvu

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In A Tragic Incident, A Woman And Her Granddaughter Drowned In Peeram Cheruvu, Located In Narsingi, Hyderabad, On Tuesday Morning. According To The Police, The Elderly Woman, Identified As Yousuf Bee (55), Went To Peeram Cheruvu Along With Her Two Granddaughters, Sabiya (14) And Naziya (16), To Wash Clothes. The Incident Occurred When Yousuf Bee, While Washing The Clothes At The Water's Edge, Slipped And Fell Into The Pond. Upon Noticing This, Both Her Granddaughters Immediately Entered The Pond In An Attempt To Rescue Her. Unfortunately, Her Granddaughter Sabiya Also Drowned Along With Yousuf Bee. However, The Other Granddaughter, Naziya, Managed To Swim To Safety And Alerted The

Authorities. On Being Alerted About The Incident, The Narsingi Police Team Immediately Reached The Spot. They Called For Expert Swimmers From The Disaster Response Force (DRF) And The Fire Department To Conduct The Search And Rescue Operation. With The Help Of The Rescue Teams, The Bodies Of Yousuf Bee And Sabiya Were Successfully Retrieved From The Pond. The Police Have Registered A Case Regarding The Drowning Incident. Following The Registration Of The Case, The Bodies Of The Deceased Were Shifted To The Osmania General Hospital Mortuary For Post-Mortem Examination To Determine The Exact Cause Of Death. The Incident Has Cast A Shadow Of Grief Over The Family And The Local Community.

Over 150 Nominations Filed For Jubilee Hills By-poll

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The Deadline For Filing Nominations For The Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency By-Election In Hyderabad Has Concluded. A Total Of Over 150 Nominations Were Filed By The End Of The Day. BJP Candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy Was Among Those Who Filed His Nomination On Tuesday. In Addition To Candidates From The Main Political Parties, Nominations Were Also Filed By Independent Candidates, Farmers Affected By The Regional Ring Road (RRR) Project, Osmania University (OU) Leaders, And Representatives From

Unemployed Associations. After 3 PM, Only Those Individuals Who Were Already Inside The Gate Were Permitted To File Their Nominations. The Returning Officer (RO) Sairam Is Scheduled To Scrutinize The Filed Nominations Starting From Tomorrow. The Deadline For Withdrawal Of Nominations Is October 24. The Polling For The Jubilee Hills By-Election Is Scheduled To Be Conducted On November 11. The Large Number Of Nominations Reflects The High Interest And Political Intensity Surrounding This Key By-Election.

Child Dies After Car Hits Bike, Driver Arrested

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A Car Caused A Major Accident In Alka Puri Colony, Puppallaguda, Under The Jurisdiction Of Narsingi Police Station In Rangareddy District. A Speeding Car Collided With A Two-Wheeler On Which A Father And Son Were Travelling. In The Accident, Naveen Kumar And His Son Kushala Joel Were Thrown Off The Vehicle. The Car Then Reportedly Drove Over The Child. The Severely Injured Joel Was Being

Rushed To The Hospital, But He Sadly Died En Route. The Family Members Were Overwhelmed With Grief As The Young Boy Passed Away In His Father's Arms. The Police Have Taken The Software Engineer, Praveen, Who Was Driving The Car And Caused The Accident, Into Custody And Are Currently Interrogating Him. The Incident Highlights Concerns Over Rash Driving And Road Safety In The Area.

Teen Girl Killed As Scooter Hits Fire Truck In Hyderabad

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In A Tragic Incident In Hyderabad, A Teenage Girl Died While Two Of Her Family Members Were Seriously Injured Allegedly When Their Scooter Collided With A Fire Truck At RTC Cross Roads-VST Junction On Tuesday Morning. The Deceased Has Been Identified As Mehak (16). As Per Available Information, Fatima, A Resident Of Bandlaguda, Was Travelling Towards Ramnagar On A Scooter Along With Her Son Ibrahim And Daughter Mehak When The Collision Occurred. The Preliminary Report Suggests That A Fire Truck Allegedly Collided With Their Vehicle. The Severity Of The Collision Resulted In Mehak Sustaining Fatal Injuries On The

Spot. Her Mother, Fatima, And Brother, Ibrahim, Were Seriously Injured In The Accident. Upon Receiving The Information, Local Police Personnel Immediately Rushed To The Scene. They Secured The Accident Spot And Arranged For The Injured Mother And Son To Be Shifted To Gandhi Hospital For Urgent Medical Treatment. The Police Have Registered A Case Regarding The Incident And Have Initiated An Investigation To Ascertain The Exact Cause And Circumstances Surrounding The Collision Between The Scooter And The Fire Truck. Further Details Regarding The Condition Of The Injured And The Status Of The Fire Truck Driver Are Awaited As The Investigation Continues.

Indian Students on F-1 Visas Safe from New H-1B \$100,000 Fee



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Hyderabad: In a major relief for Indian students and professionals in the US, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clarified that the newly announced \$100,000 H-1B visa fee will not apply to current H-1B holders or those changing visa status within the country.

The September 19, 2025 proclamation mandating the fee applies only to individuals outside the US who do not hold a valid H-1B visa. “The proclamation does not apply to any previously issued and currently valid H-1B visas, or any petitions submitted prior to 12:01 am EDT on September 21, 2025,” the USCIS confirmed.

This means Indian students on F-1 visas can transition to H-1B or other work visas without incurring the \$100,000 fee. It also benefits prospective students who were previously concerned about the financial impact of the new rule on pursuing higher education in the US.

While the H-1B fee is paid by the employer, not the beneficiary, there were concerns that companies might hesitate to hire fresh graduates due to the steep cost. The USCIS clarification ensures US companies, universities, and other organizations eligible to hire foreign workers will not have to pay the new fee for students changing visa categories within the US.

The \$100,000 fee will now apply only to H-1B petitions filed after September 21, 2025, for individuals outside the US without a valid H-1B visa.

Bhikkanur Man Found Dead in South Africa on Diwali

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A Resident Of Bhikkanur Tragically Died In South Africa On Diwali Festival Day. The Deceased Was Identified As Battula Srinivas (32), Who Had Been Working As A Boring Driller And Driver In South Africa For Several Years. On Monday, Local Residents In South Africa Found Srinivas's Lifeless Body Hanging From A Tree. Upon Being Informed Of The Incident, His Family Members In Bhikkanur Were Overwhelmed With Grief. The Exact Cause Of Death Is Still Unknown And Under Investigation. However, Srinivas's Family Members Have Raised Suspicions Regarding The Circumstances Of His Death, Suggesting Foul Play.



Srinivas Is Survived By His Wife, Navitha, His Daughter, Lasya, And His Son, Nihal. The Family Is Now Awaiting Further Information On The Investigation And The Repatriation Of His Body.

Karimnagar Student Dies in Midnight Road Tragedy

Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st A Tragic Road Accident Resulted In The Death Of Nadimuddin, An Intermediate Student Of The Minority Residential School And Junior College In Karimnagar, Late On Monday Night. The Incident Occurred On Rajiv Rahadari At Mugdumpur In Karimnagar Rural Mandal. Nadimuddin, A Native Of Kothapalli Annaram In Mancherial District, Was Studying In The First Year Of Intermediate At The Residential College In Mugdumpur. According To Police Reports, The Student Was Unwilling To Stay In The Hostel And Reportedly Fled From The Campus By Jumping Over The Compound Wall After Midnight. While Walking Along The Rajiv Rahadari, He Was Hit By An Unidentified Speeding



Lorry. He Died Instantly At The Scene From Severe Injuries Sustained In The Collision. Upon Being Alerted To The Accident, Police Officials Rushed To The Spot. They Secured The Area And Shifted The Body To The Karimnagar Government Hospital

For Postmortem Examination. The Police Have Registered A Case And Are Investigating The Circumstances Surrounding The Student's Escape From The Hostel And The Fatal Accident, While Also Searching For The Driver Of The Lorry.

Nalgonda Drug Bust: 2,745 Opioid Tablets Seized



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A Major Joint Operation Conducted By The EAGLE FORCE (TGANB), Nalgonda Police, And The Drug Control Administration Successfully Busted An Illegal Network Involved In The Sale And Abuse Of Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus And Tramadol (Ultra King) Tablets In Nalgonda District. The Operation Led To The Arrest Of Two Peddlers, One Supplier, And Five Consumers, While Warrants Are Out For Nine Absconding Consumers. The Case Details Indicate That On October 20, 2025, Based On Credible Information, The EAGLE FORCE And Nalgonda Police Conducted Vehicle Checking Near Munugode Road, Nalgonda, And Apprehended Md. Zabinulla, A 35-Year-Old Fridge Mechanic. He Was Illegally Carrying Narcotic Tablets On A Two-Wheeler. Upon Interrogation, Zabinulla Revealed That He Had Become Addicted To Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus Tablets And Had Been Illegally Purchasing And Reselling Them For The Past Three Months. He Procured The Tablets From Venkata Ramana Medical Store, Thorur (Mahabubabad District), Without A Valid Doctor's Prescription, In Violation Of The Ndps Act And Drug Control Rules. He Used To Purchase Each Strip (8 Tablets) For 100 And Illegally Resell It To Local Consumers For 200 Per Strip, Thereby Earning Substantial Illegal Profit. The Investigation Further Revealed That Venkata Ramana Medical Store, Owned By Daram Krishna Sai (30 Yrs), Was Illegally Selling Schedule H1 Drugs (Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus And Tramadol) Without Obtaining Valid Prescriptions Or Maintaining Statutory Records, Leading To The Cancellation Of Its Licence. Several Local Consumers, Including Youth And Working Individuals, Were

Found To Be Regularly Purchasing And Abusing These Tablets For Intoxication. Their Statements Highlighted A Growing Dependence On Such Opioid-Based Drugs, Signalling The Alarming Spread Of Pharmaceutical Drug Abuse. The Authorities Seized A Total Of 2,400 Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus Tablets And 345 Tramadol Ultra King Tablets, Along With Two Mobile Phones And One Motorcycle. The Seized Property And The Arrested Persons Were Handed Over To The Nalgonda I Town Police Station, And A Case Was Registered As Cr. No. 292/2025 Under Sections 22(C), 27(a), 29 Of The Ndps Act. The Authorities Highlighted That Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus And Tramadol Tablets Contain Tramadol, A Synthetic Opioid That Can Cause Physical And Psychological Dependence. Symptoms Of Addiction Include Tolerance, Withdrawal, Compulsive Use, Mood Swings, Drowsiness, And Impaired Coordination, With Long-Term Use Potentially Leading To Organ Damage And Respiratory Depression. All The Identified Consumers Are Being Referred To A De-addiction Centre For Rehabilitation In Accordance With Section 64a Of The Ndps Act, 1985, Which Grants Immunity From Prosecution To Addicts Voluntarily Undergoing Treatment.

Their Parents And Families Are Being Informed And Counselling To Support The Recovery Process And Prevent Relapse. The Telangana EAGLE FORCE Appealed To Youth And Parents To Stay Vigilant And Report Any Drug-Related Activities Via The Toll-Free Number 1908, Whatsapp 87126 71111, Or Email: Tsnambho-Hyd@Tspolice.Gov.In, Promising Strict Confidentiality And Rewards For Informants, As They Call On The Public To Join Hands To Build A Drug-Free Telangana.

Nizam Sagar Sees Second-Highest Inflow in 50 Years



Tpn Bureau, Hyd, Oct 21st The Nizam Sagar Irrigation Project, A Historic Reservoir Constructed 94 Years Ago By The Seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, Has Recorded Its Second-Highest Inflows In The Last 50 Years. This Unprecedented Influx Followed Intense Monsoon Rains In The Manjeera River Basin And Its Tributaries This Year. The Project, Situated On The Border Of Sangareddy And Kamareddy Districts, Has Recorded Cumulative Inflows Of 291 Tmcft This Monsoon Season. This Figure Is Significantly Higher Than Its Full Storage Capacity Of 17,802 Tmcft. To Manage The

Massive Volume Of Excess Water, Irrigation Officials Were Forced To Lift Multiple Crest Gates Periodically Between August And October, Releasing The Surplus Water Downstream. The Construction Of This Historic Project Began In 1923 And Was Successfully Completed Eight Years Later In 1931. The Record Inflows Are Largely Attributed To The Intense Rainfall Upstream, With Much Of The Water Flowing In From The Singur Project, Which Itself Broke Its Own Inflow Record This Year. The High Inflows Have Ensured Ample Water Reserves For Irrigation And Drinking Water Needs.

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



A recent image showing former U.S. President Donald Trump flanked by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir has triggered intense debate in Indian strategic circles. While at first glance it may seem like a geopolitical reset, it actually signals something far more familiar: a return to the old normal in Washington’s view of the Subcontinent. The image is symbolic—not of changing

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

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

rising power but knows New Delhi will never be a client state. That limits the transactional, control-based engagement Washington often prefers. Meanwhile, Pakistan’s military remains its most reliable interlocutor. Munir’s presence also represents a renewed extremism in Pakistan’s military leadership. He is not just another general—he believes in the eventual disintegration of India and views the

relationship through a deeply religious, almost apocalyptic lens. Peace with India is impossible under such leadership. The image is not a break from the past but a continuation. And for India, it’s a reminder that Pakistan’s stability, democracy, or peace process has always been hostage to its army. The Trump-Munir-Shehbaz photo doesn’t show a world turned upside down—it shows the world as it has long been.

India Tops Innovation Efficiency, But Job Growth Lags Behind



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

However, despite this remarkable efficiency, India ranks only 38th in WIPO’s Global Innovation Index (GII). The top five countries — Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, South Korea, and Singapore — dominate the GI largely due to their heavy investments in R&D and high per capita resource inputs. China stands at 10th position.

This contrast raises important questions about how innovation is measured and what it means for real

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

Many of the global indices reward resource-intensive innovation models, favoring countries that pour billions into research labs, defense tech, or biotech. India’s approach, born out of necessity, is more inclusive and grassroots-driven, often leveraging local knowledge and cost-effective technologies. However, such efforts don’t always translate into high global rankings, even when they have

meaningful domestic impact. What matters more, however, is whether innovation leads to better lives — especially through livelihood generation. Startups, MSMEs, and rural entrepreneurs must become the focus of policy if India wants innovation to translate into employment and equitable growth. To truly reflect progress, we need to rethink global innovation benchmarks. The real measure of growth is not just GDP or patents, but how many good jobs are created, how many lives are improved, and how inclusive the economic outcomes are.

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

Netanyahu Slams West Over Palestinian Statehood at UN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a fiery speech at the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, fiercely condemning Western nations that recently recognized Palestinian statehood. Calling out countries like France, Britain, Australia, Canada, and others, Netanyahu accused them of caving under pressure from activists, biased media, and anti-Israel sentiment. “These leaders recognized a Palestinian state unconditionally, even after the horrors of October 7,” Netanyahu said, referencing the Hamas-led attack that killed approximately 1,200 Israelis, according to Israeli figures. “This is a reward to terrorism,” he added, accusing 90% of Palestinians of praising the attack. Despite facing an international arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes in Gaza—a charge Israel rejects—Netanyahu defiantly addressed the global assembly. As he began speaking, scores of delegates walked out, while others in the balcony gave him a standing ovation. Netanyahu used the



platform to reject allegations of genocide in Gaza and reiterated that Israel would not accept a Palestinian state. “There will be no Palestinian state. Not now. Not after what happened. Never,” he declared. Over 65,000 people have reportedly died in Gaza since Israel launched its military response to the October 7 attack, leaving the region in ruins. As international criticism intensifies, so has pressure from within Israel—particularly from

families of hostages still held by Hamas. Speaking in Hebrew, Netanyahu addressed the hostages directly: “We’ve not forgotten you—not even for a second.” His speech followed a wave of support for Palestinian statehood from several Western and Arab nations, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas thanking them in a video address. Abbas called Israel’s actions “a war of genocide” and pledged the Palestinian Authority’s readiness to govern Gaza post-war.

Despite Netanyahu’s hardline stance, U.S. President Donald Trump—who spoke with him by phone and is set to host him at the White House—warned against Israel annexing the West Bank. “It’s not going to happen,” Trump said. With deepening divisions and a fragile Israeli coalition, Netanyahu’s speech reaffirmed his hard stance on Hamas and Palestinian statehood, setting the stage for a tense meeting with Trump and a volatile geopolitical landscape ahead.



Trump’s TikTok Deal Raises More Questions Than Answers

More than five years after President Donald Trump first called for a ban on TikTok over national security concerns, the app remains at the center of geopolitical tensions between the U.S. and China. While Trump is celebrating a deal that keeps TikTok operating in the U.S., the details suggest that Beijing may have walked away with far more than Washington bargained for. The deal, reportedly valued at \$14 billion, allows a U.S. investor consortium to acquire TikTok’s American operations. However, ByteDance will retain ownership of TikTok’s powerful algorithm, licensing a

version of it to the U.S. buyers. This arrangement raises concerns over whether the core issue — eliminating Chinese influence — has truly been addressed. Chinese officials, who once drew a hard line against giving up TikTok’s “secret sauce,” have changed tone publicly. State-backed media now call the deal a “win-win.” But according to veteran observers, in China’s lexicon, that often means “China wins twice.” While the U.S. claims a legal victory and avoids shutting down a platform with 170 million American users, Beijing appears to have used TikTok as a bargaining chip to push

broader trade and investment negotiations forward. Xinhua reports indicate the agreement also includes a framework to reduce investment barriers and improve U.S.-China economic cooperation — suggesting concessions were made elsewhere. President Trump, who once campaigned on banning the app, now credits TikTok for helping him reach younger voters. Despite four deadline extensions and a brief shutdown earlier this year, Trump ensured the app returned, calling it “saved” under his leadership. Meanwhile, ByteDance is moving on. In China

, the company is focusing heavily on artificial intelligence, with its Doubao chatbot becoming the country’s most used AI app. Its latest AI model ranks among the top globally, surpassing many domestic rivals. Ultimately, the U.S. may have secured TikTok’s presence at home, but questions remain: What did Washington trade for it? And can ByteDance’s continued algorithm control truly satisfy U.S. legal and security requirements? While Trump basks in the optics of a deal, the strategic victory may belong to Beijing — one that plays into a long-term vision far beyond short videos.

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



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

enous aircraft carrier as a symbol of modern India's strength and commitment.

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

praised the Navy's capabilities and said that India's defence sector has entered a new era of indig-enous excellence.

Highlighting the recent Operation Sindoor, Modi said, "It was the extraordinary coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force that led to Paki-

stan's surrender. This operation will be remembered for showcasing our forces' unity and swift precision."

Though official details of Operation Sindoor remain classified, it is understood to be a high-stakes joint mission conducted earlier this

year in response to cross-border provocations.

Modi also emphasised India's growing maritime power, stating that the Indo-Pacific region remains a key strategic focus. He underscored the government's commitment to strengthening the Navy through domestic ship-building and advanced defence technologies.

During the Diwali celebrations, the Prime Minister interacted with officers and sailors, sharing sweets and festive greetings. He reiterated his longstanding tradition of spending Diwali with security forces, calling them "the real protectors of India's light and peace."

In a symbolic gesture, Modi lit a ceremonial lamp aboard the carrier, marking the festival of lights with a message of strength, unity, and gratitude.

This is the second consecutive year the Prime Minister has marked Diwali with naval personnel, underscoring the strategic importance of India's maritime security.

Prashant Kishor Alleges BJP Pressure Forced Jan Suraaj Candidates to Withdraw

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Jan Suraaj Party founder and political strategist Prashant Kishor on Tuesday alleged that three of his party's candidates in the ongoing Bihar Assembly elections were forced to withdraw their nominations under pressure from the BJP.

Addressing a press conference in Patna, Kishor claimed that candidates fielded from Danapur, Brahampur, and Gopalganj constituencies were intimidated or coerced into exiting the electoral race.

"The BJP and the ruling NDA are so afraid of the people's support shifting to the Jan Suraaj Party that they are using fear and force to eliminate competition," said Kishor. "This is not democracy. This is a blatant misuse of power to rig the elections before a single vote is cast."

While Kishor did not provide specific evidence of the alleged coercion, he said that the candidates were "reluctant to speak publicly" due to fear of repercussions. He urged the



Election Commission of India (ECI) to investigate the matter and ensure a free and fair electoral process.

The BJP has not officially responded to Kishor's allegations at the time of reporting. However, NDA sources dis-

missed the claims as "baseless" and "an attempt to gain sympathy."

Kishor, a renowned election strategist who played a key role in BJP's 2014 national victory, launched Jan Suraaj as a people-centric political platform focusing on gov-

ernance reforms and clean politics in Bihar. The party is contesting the Assembly polls for the first time.

Despite being a political newcomer, Kishor has drawn large crowds during his campaign and is seen as a disruptive force

in Bihar's traditional political landscape.

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

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

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

A well-marked low-pressure area formed over the southwest Bay of Bengal on Tuesday (October 21), triggering widespread weather alerts across Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh. The system is likely to intensify into a depression over the central and west-central Bay within the next 24 hours, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Tamil Nadu is expected to bear the brunt of the system with widespread intense downpours along its coastal districts. The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, has issued orange and yellow alerts for several regions through the week. Thangachimadam in Ramanathapuram district has already recorded the highest rainfall so far.

In Kerala, heavy rains have triggered yellow alerts in 11 districts, including Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Ernakulam, and Kozhikode. An orange alert was also issued for five districts on Tuesday. Flash floods struck Cheru-



puzha in Kannur, inundating homes and shops. A compound wall collapse in Prappoil caused damage but no casualties were reported.

The IMD has also warned that the northeast monsoon is likely to intensify over Kerala in the

next 48 hours, with squally winds and thunderstorms forecast.

Andhra Pradesh has been issued a seven-day weather warning, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall in parts of South Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema until October 23.

Winds may reach 55 kmph, accompanied by lightning. North Coastal Andhra and Yanam are expected to receive heavy rainfall on October 26 and 27.

Meanwhile, in western India, the Gujarat government announced a 947

crore relief package for farmers in five rain-affected districts due to crop damage from August-September rains.

The IMD continues to monitor the evolving weather systems over both the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

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



TPN Correspondent | Patna

The opposition AIADMK has taken a sharp dig at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin after Google chose Andhra Pradesh for its massive \$15 billion Artificial Intelligence hub project, calling it a "historic missed opportunity" for the state.

The AI hub, to be developed in Visakhapatnam over the next five years, has already triggered political friction in neighbouring Karnataka over Bengaluru's infrastructure. Now, it's become a talking point in Tamil Nadu politics, with the AIADMK accusing the DMK government of lacking foresight and initiative.

Speaking to report-

ers, AIADMK leader RB Udayakumar said, "Despite Google CEO Sundar Pichai being a Tamil, born in Madurai, the DMK failed to leverage that connection. If they had shown proactive engagement, this landmark investment could have come to Tamil Nadu."

"This isn't just about money. It's about positioning Tamil Nadu as a national leader in AI and digital innovation. The Stalin government has let the state down," he added.

The criticism comes with Assembly elections due next year, and the AIADMK - in alliance with the BJP - has been attacking the DMK over rising crime and alleged misgovernance.

In response, Tamil Nadu Industries Minister TRB Raaja defended the DMK's track record, stating the state is attracting major global investments, including 15,000 crore from Foxconn, the Apple supplier.

Raaja also denied claims that Tamil Nadu made no effort to woo Google. "We are engaging with all global tech leaders and continue to be a preferred destination for manufacturing and innovation," he said.

With election season nearing, the Google investment row is likely to feature prominently in campaign debates, as both parties position themselves as champions of Tamil Nadu's development.

Delhi Sees Spike in Burn Injuries After Diwali Celebrations



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Hospitals across Delhi reported a significant rise in burn injuries following Diwali celebrations, with dozens of people injured due to firecracker-related accidents.

Data from the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Burns Surgery at AIIMS revealed that 60 burn cases were recorded between October 19 and 21, including 33 cases on Diwali night alone. Most of the injured were between 10 and 40 years of age.

Among these, 29 patients required hospitalisation, with 10 admitted to the ICU.

Alarmingly, 11 patients suffered life- or limb-threatening injuries, while 13 cases involved partial or complete loss of fingers or limbs. Additionally, 16 patients reported eye injuries, including three with damage to both eyes.

No deaths were reported during the period.

At Dr Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, 10 patients were admitted on Diwali for burn injuries, while 68 others visited the OPD with minor burn-related complaints. According to Dr Pulin Gupta, Director of Medicine at RML, one patient remains in critical condition and two

are being treated in the ICU.

The youngest patient treated was 1 year and 6 months old, while the oldest was 52, Dr Gupta added.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) reported receiving 269 emergency calls on Diwali night, reflecting a 15% decrease compared to 318 calls last year, as per PTI.

Despite continued awareness efforts and firecracker regulations, Delhi continues to see a spike in injuries post-Diwali, highlighting the need for stricter enforcement and public caution during festive celebrations.

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



TPN Correspondent | Iran

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

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

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

Khamenei accused Trump of trying to “boost the morale of

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

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

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

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

Napoleonic Jewels Stolen From Louvre In Paris In Daring Sunday Heist



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

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

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

The Louvre, the world’s most visited

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

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

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

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

Trump Eyes ‘Fantastic Deal’ with Xi Amid China Tensions



TPN Bureau | United States

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sanae Takaichi Becomes Japan’s First Woman Prime Minister

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

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

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



spending.

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

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

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

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

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

TPN Correspondent | US

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

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

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

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



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

available to fill the role.

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



ing skilled labor shortages.

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

and financial uncertainty.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

India Becomes Top Expansion Market for APAC 3PL Firms:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Navigating a Tough Year

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

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

MARKET EVOLUTION AND FUTURE DRIVERS

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

boost demand significantly, alongside growing agricultural and replacement requirements.

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

POLICY AND REGULATORY TAILWINDS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Samsung India Announces Festive Discounts Across Galaxy Smartphones



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



larger animals and plants has transformed biodiversity monitoring.

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

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

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

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

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

Apple Responds to iPhone 17 ‘Scratchgate’ Concerns



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

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

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

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

ability that some customers weren’t expecting.

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

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

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

Quantum Entanglement Breakthrough Brings Nuclear Spin Computers Closer

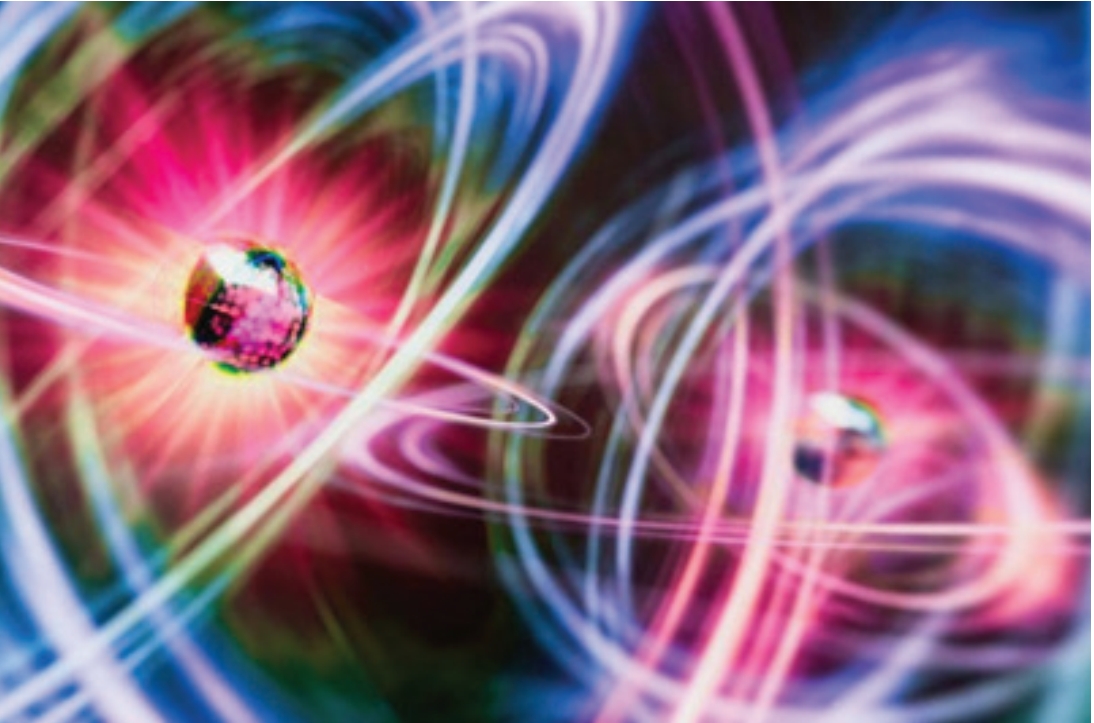
Quantum entanglement — famously called “spooky action at a distance” by Albert Einstein — is the key feature that makes quantum computers powerful. It allows particles to be connected in ways that enable computations impossible for classical computers, such as simulating molecules, pharmaceuticals, or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

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

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

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

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



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

computers closer to reality.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



she delivered economical spells and key breakthroughs.

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

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

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

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



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

Late goals in each half

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

Igor Thiago opened the

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

West Ham offered little in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Maharaj, whose roots trace back to India, contin-

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

of South Africa vs Pakistan Test cricket.

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

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



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

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

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

Inter Miami controlled possession and dictated the pace

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

PrabhasHanu Diwali Poster Lights Up Buzz



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

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

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

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

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

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



Thamma : Great Concept, Uneven Execution

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

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

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

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

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

Nagabandham Set for Ugadi 2026 Release



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

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

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

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

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

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

Chiranjeevi's Star-Studded Diwali Bash Shines Bright



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

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

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

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

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

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