



BUZZ POINTS



TELANGANA
EXPLORES
INDUSTRIAL
EXPANSION WITH
ORICA IN AUSTRALIA

As Part Of His Ongoing Tour To Australia, The Honorable Minister For It, Industries And Commerce, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Held A Productive Meeting With Mr. Sanjeev Gandhi, Ceo And Managing Director Of Orica, In Melbourne Today. Orica, Headquartered In Australia, Is Recognized As The World's Largest Manufacturer Of Industrial Explosives And A Global Leader In Mining And Infrastructure Solutions.

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MINISTER WARNS OF
STRICT ACTION IN
GURUKULA SCHOOLS

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CM Revanth Scraps All Transport Check Posts Across Telangana



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy Has Issued Orders To Immediately Abolish All Transport Check Posts On All Roads Across The State. The Transport Department Has Issued Orders Confirming The Immediate Implementation Of This Decision. The Chief Minister Instructed Concerned Officials To Submit A Complete Report On The Closure By 5 Pm Today.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: Following The Cm's Directives, The Transport Commissioner Issued Sudden Orders To Immediately Halt All Activities At The Check Posts. Instructions Were Also Given To Immediately Utilize The Staff Deployed At The Check Posts For Other Duties. District Transport Officers (Dtos) Have Been Advised To Take Steps To Ensure Smooth Traffic Flow Without Any Obstacles, And To Remove All Boards And Baricades At The Check Post Locations. Furthermore, Dtos Were Directed To Shift All Records, Equipment, And Furniture From The Check Posts To Their Respective Dto Offices. They Were Also Instructed To Verify And Secure All Financial And Administrative Records. This Decision Is Aimed At Ensuring Uninterrupted Vehicle Movement And Promoting Greater Transparency In The Transport Sector.



Hyderabad, A Hub of Science and Innovation, Says Dy CM

Attending The Bioinspired Frontiers 2025 International Conference In Hyderabad, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Declared That Hyderabad Has Been A Hub Of Science And Innovation Since The Time Of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He Asserted That Telangana Has Now Become A Centre For World-Class System Design. He Invited Global Research Institutions, Investors, And Innovators To Collaborate, Reaffirming The State Government's Commitment To Providing World-Class Infrastructure Under The Leadership Of Cm A. Revanth Reddy.

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Ponnam Prabhakar Unveils New Transport Initiatives After Check Post Abolition

Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Announced At A Press Conference In The Khairatabad Transport Office That The Government Order (Go) Abolishing Transport Check Posts In Telangana Is Being Implemented From Today. He Stated That The Decision To Cancel Check Posts Was Taken Two Months Ago To Create Public Awareness And Ensure Transparent Online Transactions, And Is Now Being Fully Implemented By Closing Them Down.

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: The Minister Highlighted That After Introducing The Ev Policy, The Government Has Already Exempted Rs 577 Crores In Tax. The Share Of Ev Vehicle Sales Has Increased From 0.03 To 1.13. To Prevent The High Pollution Situation Seen In Delhi, The Ev Policy Was Brought In. The City Has Authorized 20,000 Electric Autos And 10,000 Each For Lpg And Cng Autos. Approval Has Also Been Given For 25,000 Retrofitting Autos. The 'Vaahan' System Is In Effect In The State, And 'Saarathi' Will Be Introduced Soon. A Scrapping Policy Has Also Been Introduced, Along With Mandatory Radium Stickers On Vehicles As Per Central Government Norms.

The Minister Explained That Ai Tech-



nology Is Being Used To Record And Alert The Head Office About Frequent Visitors To Transport Offices, Helping To Curb Bro-

kerage. The Vehicle Tracking Process Is Also Underway. Programs Are Being Con-

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ED Begins Interrogation In Srishti Fertility Case

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: The Enforcement Directorate (Ed) Has Initiated Interrogation In The Srishti Fertility Case. Ed Officials Are Interrogating The Accused, Including Dr. Namrata, Kalyani, Nandini, Santho-

shi, And Jayantakrishna, With Permission From The Court. As The Accused Are Currently Lodged In Chanchalguda Jail, The Court Granted Permission For The Ed To Interrogate Them There. The Investigation Team Will Question The Accused From Today Until October

28.

The Srishti Fertility Case Initially Began With A Complaint Filed At The Gopalapuram Police Station, Followed By The Formation Of A Sit For Investigation, And Subsequently, The Ed Entered The Case. Officials Identified That The Accused Had Amassed

Huge Assets And Conducted Searches, During Which The Ed Confirmed The Possession Of Substantial Assets By The Accused And Seized Key Documents. The Ed Issued Notices To The Accused On Tuesday After The Court Granted Permission For Their Interrogation.

Telangana Cabinet To Meet Tomorrow; Key Calls On Bc Quota, Polls Expected



TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: The Telangana Cabinet Meeting Is Scheduled To Convene Tomorrow, Thursday, October 23, At 3 Pm At The Secretariat, Presided Over By Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. In This Meeting, The Cabinet Is Expected To Take Key Decisions Regarding Bc Reservations And Local

Body Elections. The Cabinet Will Discuss The Report Submitted By The Legal Expert Committee, Which Was Formed In Response To The High Court's Interim Orders And The Supreme Court's Verdict Regarding Bc Reservations. The Cabinet Will Deliberate On The Report And Decide On The Next Steps To Be Taken By The Government On

Bc Reservations. Additionally, The Cabinet Will Discuss Various Irrigation Projects, Including The Kaleshwar Project, The Restoration Of Slbc, Approval For Naming Srsp Second Phase After Ramireddy Damodar Reddy, The Restoration Of Kaleshwar, And The Construction Of Pranahita Chevella Near Thummidihatti.

HYDRAA Revives 38 Acres Of Journalists' Land In Petbashirabad

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: The Hydra (Hyderabad Development And Regulation Authority) Has Secured Government Land Allocated To Journalists In Petbashirabad, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. On Wednesday, Fencing Was Erected Around The 38 Acres Of Land In Survey Number 25/2. The Land Was Allocated In 2008 To The Jawaharlal Nehru Journalists Mutually Aided Co-operative Housing Society (Jnjmachs) By The State Government And Placed Under Hmda Custody. However, Plot Distribution Was Stalled Due To A Court Dis-

pute Initiated By Some Individuals.

During The Ongoing Dispute, Representatives Of Jnjmachs Complained To Hydra About Encroachments Occurring On The Site. Revenue And Hmda Officials Also Filed Similar Complaints. Following Instructions From Hydra Commissioner Shri Av Ranganath, Hydra Conducted A Field Inspection Jointly With Revenue, Municipal, And Hmda Officials, Which Confirmed The Encroachments. While Leaving Alone The Areas Where Some People Had Already Constructed Houses, Hydra Fenced The Remaining Vacant Land.

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Gold, Silver Prices Plunge In Hyderabad Market

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 22: Gold And Silver Prices, Which Recently Reached Record Highs, Have Started To Decline. In Hyderabad, The Price Of Gold Experienced A Significant Drop On Wednesday, Falling By More Than Rs 9,000 Compared To The Previous Day's Price. The Price Of

Silver Also Decreased. By 5 Pm On Wednesday, The Price Of 24-Carat Gold (10 Grams) In The Hyderabad Market Fell To Rs 1,25,250. The Price Of 22-Carat Gold Was Rs 1,14,843. The Price Of Silver Dropped By Approximately Rs 7,000, With One Kilogram Of Silver Retailing At Rs 1,58,000 Today. Notably, The Silver Price Has Fallen By Nearly Rs

28,000 In The Last Week Alone. In The International Market, The Price Of Gold Per Ounce Fell To \$4,022, And Silver Reached \$47.84. Bullion Market Analysts Attribute The Decline To Investors Booking Profits Following The Recent Record Peaks, The Strengthening Of The Us Dollar, And A Slight Easing Of International Tensions.



Ponnam Prabhakar Unveils New Transport Initiatives After Check Post Abolition

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ducted To Enhance Driving Skills And Promote Road Safety, Including Setting Up Road Safety Children Awareness Parks (One Inaugurated By The Governor In Nacharam And Another In Karimnagar). Automatic Driving License Systems Are Being Introduced. High-Security Number Plates Are Being Implemented For Tourism Vehicles To Curb The Practice Of Double Number Plates.

Road Safety Clubs Are Being Established In Colleges. The Minister Confirmed That The Cashless Treatment Program Under The Central Government Is Being Reviewed With Medical, Police, And National Highways Departments. He Mentioned That 112 Amvis And Four Rtos Have Been Recruited. The Transport Department Has Adopted A New Logo, Similar To The Police And Forest Departments, And The State Code Has Been Changed From Ts To Tg. He Demanded That Everyone Obtain A Driving License And Stressed That The Government Is Being Strict With Illegal And Overloading Enforcement. He Accused The Previous Administration Of Corruption Over The Last 10 Years. Though Check Posts Are Abolished, Enforcement Will Be Increased To Prevent Illegal Transportation.

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Responding To Objections Raised By Some Individuals, Hydra Clarified That The Land Allocation Would Proceed According To The Court's Verdict, But In The Meantime, The Fencing Was Necessary To Protect Government Property From Further Encroachment. Hydra Commissioner Shri Av Ranganath Also Announced That A Meeting Would Be Organized Soon With Those Currently Residing In Houses Built On The Land, In Collaboration With Hydra, Revenue, Hmda, And Municipal Officials, To Conduct A Full Review Of Their Records.

Minister Warns of Strict Action in Gurukula Schools



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He Directed Officials To Immediately Undertake Bush Clearance Within The School Premises. A Primary Focus Must Be On Providing Quality Education To Students, With Special Attention Given To Ensuring 100 Percent Results In All Schools And Colleges. He Reiterated That Action Is Inevitable If Principals Or Faculty Show Negligence.
The Minister Also Directed That Special Measures Must Be Taken To Prevent The Spread Of Seasonal Diseases. Discussions Were Held On Implementing Measures To Enhance The Safety And Protection Of Students On Sundays And Other Holidays. He Mandated That Principals Must Personally Supervise Duties, And Regional Coordinators (Rcos) Must Conduct Surprise Inspections Of Schools And Colleges. Furthermore, He Directed That Strict Supervision Must Be Maintained Over Student Discipline, The Prescribed Food Menu Must Be Strictly Implemented, And Student Washrooms Must Be Cleaned Regularly.

Hyderabad, A Hub of Science and Innovation, Says Dy CM

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: Bhatti Vikramarka Described Hyderabad As A City Where "The Precision Of Science Meets The Poetry Of Imagination," Expressing Pride That The Global Dialogue Connecting Biology, Technology, And Space Exploration Was Being Held Here. He Recalled Hyderabad's Enduring Association With Science, Noting That Under Nehru's Visionary Leadership, Premier Scientific Institutions Took Root Here, Including The National Remote Sensing Centre (Nrscc) And Key Laboratories Of The Defence Research And Development Organisation (Drdo) (Drdl, Dmrl, Rci). He Also Mentioned Public Sector Enterprises Like Bdl, Midhani, And Ecil, Which Laid Strong Foundations For Aerospace And Metallurgy.
He Stated That This Ecosystem Has Given Hyderabad A Unique "Science Dna," Which A New Generation Of Young Innovators Is Now Carrying Forward. He Highlighted The Success Of Hyderabad-Born Startups Like Skyroot Aerospace (Which Built And Launched Rockets) And Dhruva Space (Which Offers End-To-End Satellite Solutions), Proving That World-Class Systems Can Be Built Within Telangana. He Defined This As The "Telangana Model Of Innovation," Where Public Institutions Create The Foundation, Startups Build Upon It, And Universities Nurture The Talent Pipeline.
Today, Hyderabad Hosts Global Leaders In Various Sectors, With Industrial Clusters For Aerospace Manufacturing (Adibatla), Electronics (E-City), Pharmaceuticals (Genome Valley), And Mobility Technologies (Upcoming Mobility Valley Near Shamshabad). He Stressed That The Core Values Guiding These Clusters Are Innovation, Manufacturing, And Sustainability. Speaking On The Conference Theme, He Observed That "Nature Itself Is The Original Engineer," And Our Task Is To Learn From It. He Said Telangana Is Incorporating This Philosophy Into Its Development Strategy, Promoting Biomimetic Design And Clean Energy. Concluding, He Assured Global Partners That Telangana Will Be The Launchpad For India's Exponentially Growing Space Economy, Offering A Supportive Policy Environment And Infrastructure.



Telangana's First Cotton Center Opens in Husnabad

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: Minister Ponnampallabharathi Inaugurated The Cotton Procurement Center At Gomata Cotton Mill Near Konadapur In The Huzurnagar Constituency Of Siddipet District. He Personally Inspected The Moisture Content Of The Cotton. This Center Marks The First Cotton Procurement Center To Be Launched In Telangana Under The New System.



Maize Procurement Center Launched at Husnabad

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: Minister Ponnampallabharathi Inaugurated The Maize Procurement Center, Established By The Vishala Cooperative Credit Society, At The Husnabad Agricultural Market Committee Office In Siddipet District. The Event Was Attended By District Collector Hymavathi, Library Corporation Chairman Lingamurthy, Husnabad Market Committee Chairman Tirupathi Reddy, Vice Chairman Banka Chandu, Directors, And Other Key Leaders And Officials.
The Minister Announced That Maize Will Be Procured At The Agricultural Market Yards With A Minimum Support Price (Msp) Of Rs 2,400. This Initiative Aims To Provide Farmers In The Region With A Fair Price For Their Produce And Eliminate The Need To Sell To Middlemen At Lower Rates. The Opening Of The Procurement Center Is Part Of The State Government's Efforts To Ensure That All Farmers Receive Timely Support And Fair Compensation For Their Crops, In Line With The Directives Issued By The Chief Minister To District Collectors. The Center Is Expected To Benefit Numerous Farmers In And Around The Huzurnagar Constituency, Which Is A Key Agricultural Area Spanning Three Districts.

couraged Farmers To Sell Their Cotton Through The "Tapas Kisan" Digital Platform.
The Minister Also Announced The Launch Of A Maize Procurement Center In Huzurnagar Today. He Assured That Chief Minister Revanth Reddy And Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao Are Taking All Necessary Steps To Ensure Farmers Face No Difficulties. The Telangana Government Has Instructed District Collectors To Start Paddy And Maize Centers Immediately. He Mentioned That All Procurement Centers Will Be Available For Farmers In Huzurnagar, Which Falls Under The Jurisdiction Of Three Districts.
He Highlighted That A Rs 500 Bonus Is Being Given For Fine Variety Paddy And That Money Is Being Credited To Farmers' Accounts Within 48 Hours Of Procurement. He Recalled The Recent Distribution Of Sunflower Seeds In Akkannapet And Noted That The Farm Oil Factory In Narmetta Is Ready For Launch, With Trial Runs Already Commenced. Special Programs Are Being Organized To Educate Farmers On The Benefits Of Oil Palm, Horticulture, And Sericulture, Emphasizing The Need To Cultivate Crops That Bring Higher Profits And Yields. He Concluded By Promising That The Gouravelli Project Will Be Completed Soon To Provide Water To Farmlands.

Harish Rao Slams Delays in Maize Procurement



TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: Former Minister Harish Rao Inaugurated The Paddy Procurement Center At The Siddipet Market Yard And Severely Criticized The State Government For The Delay In Starting Maize Procurement Centers. Harish Rao Stated That Due To This Delay, 14,000 Quintals Of Maize At The Siddipet Market Yard Have Already Fallen Into The Hands Of Middlemen. He lamented That Maize Farmers Were Forced To Sell Their Produce To Brokers For Rs 1,600, Which Is Significantly Lower Than The Minimum Support Price (Msp), Because The Procurement Centers Started Late.
He Strongly Condemned The Government's New Rule To Purchase Only 18 Quintals Of Maize Per Acre, Calling It An Outrageous Move. He Argued That If A Farmer Cultivates 25 To 30 Quintals Per Acre, The Remaining Produce Will Be Exploited By Middlemen. Harish Rao Questioned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Promise To Purchase Every Grain Produced And Provide A Bonus, Asking Why The Government Is Imposing Cuts Now.
He Alleged That The Congress Government, Which Promised Msp For Every Grain And A Bonus For Every Crop, Is Now Opening Procurement Centers Only After Excessive Persuasion And Difficulty. Harish Rao Demanded That The Government Immediately Lift The Restriction On Maize Procurement And Purchase The Entire Maize Crop Harvested By Farmers. He Also Accused The Congress Party Of Implementing Only Half Of The Loan Waiver Promised And Imposing Cuts On The Rythu Bandhu Scheme (Giving It For Two Crops But Skipping Two). He Characterized Revanth Reddy's Rule As "Half-Half And Chaotic". He Demanded The Government Immediately Complete The Remaining Loan Waiver, Provide A Bonus For All Crops, And Procure Every Grain Produced.

Minister Reviews RCO School Visits, Gurukula Issues

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: Minister Ponnampallabharathi Enquired About The Number Of Schools Visited By Regional Coordination Officers (Rcos) So Far This Month. He Instructed Secretary Saidulu To Provide A Detailed Report On How Many Schools Each Rco Has Visited. The Minister Directed The Secretary To Pay Special Attention To The Unresolved Issues Found During These Visits.
During The Review, The Rco Of Karimnagar Requested The Allocation Of Land For A Permanent Building For The Gurukula School In Veenvanka. The Minister Instructed Collectors To Take Initiative In Allocating Government Land For Gurukula Schools That Currently Lack Their Own Buildings. He Also Directed The School In Ganneruvaram To Be Shifted From Thimmapur To Ganneruvaram.
He Acknowledged That The Collector Of Peddapalli Had Already Allocated Government Land For A Gurukula School There. The Minister Emphasized That In Addition To Providing Quality Education, Focus Must Also Be Placed On Sports, Science Fairs, And Cultural Activities For The Students.

Telangana Launches 'Prabhatabheri' for Social Change

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: The Telangana Government Has Formally Launched "Prabhatabheri", A New Social Awareness Program, On October 19, Aimed At Eradicating Various Social Ills And Bringing About Transformation Among The People. As Part Of This Initiative, The Government Is Inviting Creative Writings And Art Forms From Creators To Bring About Change Through These Programs.
Creative Works Are Being Invited In Various Formats, Including Songs, Skits, Monologues, Street Plays, Chindu Yakshaganam, Short Films, Burakatha, Harikatha, Musical Dramas, Breathless Songs, Flash Mobs, Or Any Other Unnamed Creative Art Form, All Focusing On Bringing Social Change.
Narasimha Reddy, Director Of The Department Of Language And Culture, Appealed To All Artists, Poets, And Literary Figures Across The State To Submit Their Creations By November 10, 2025. The Submissions Should Be Sent To The Secretary, Telangana Sahitya Academy Office Located At Kalabhavan, Ravindra Bharati Premises, Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500004. He Explained That The Best Works Received By The Deadline Will Be Awarded Prizes And Utilized In Programs Conducted By The Government. Further Details Can Be Obtained By Contacting The Office During Working Hours (Phone: 040 29703142).



Telangana Explores Industrial Expansion with Orica in Australia

TPN Bureau,
Hyderabad, Oct 22: During The Meeting, Minister Sridhar Babu And Mr. Gandhi Discussed The Company's Ongoing Operations And Potential Expansion Plans In Telangana. Orica Currently Operates A Global Capability Centre (Gcc) In Hyderabad, Employing Approximately 600 Skilled Professionals In Areas Such As Digital Engineering, Automation, And Advanced Analytics.
The Minister Highlighted Telangana's Expanding Gcc Ecosystem, World-Class Infrastructure, And Progressive Industrial Policies That Are Attracting Global Enterprises. He Also Invited Orica To Explore Collaboration Opportunities In Industrial Innovation, Sustainability, And Digital Transformation Within Telangana's Manufacturing And Mining Sectors. Mr. Sanjeev Gandhi Appreciated The State Government's Proactive Approach To Industry Engagement And Assured Continued Partnership With Telangana To Expand Orica's Footprint In India.



BJP Chief Ramchander Rao Rallies for Deepak Reddy

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Telangana State Bjp President Shri N. Ramchander Rao Participated As The Chief Guest In A Padayatra (Foot March) Campaign In Support Of Bjp Candidate Shri Lankala Deepak Reddy For The Jubilee Hills By-Election. The Padayatra Commenced From Yadagiri Nagar Kaman Near S.g.b. School In The Vengal Rao Nagar Division.

Shri Ramchander Rao Received A Warm Welcome From The Public And Bjp Activ-

ists, Making The Padayatra Enthusiastic. A Large Number Of Locals Gathered To See Their Favorite Leader. During The Campaign, Ramchander Rao Went Door-To-Door And Interacted With The Residents. He Urged Voters To Elect Candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy, Who Will Work According To The Aspirations Of The People. He Stated That This Is Not Just A By-Election But A Symbol Of The Growing Opposition To The State Government Among The People.

Seethakka Hits Streets for Naveen Yadav Campaign

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Minister Seethakka's Campaign For The Jubilee Hills By-Election Is Progressing Vigorously. She Campaigned In Borabanda Along With Corporation Chairmen Muvva Vijay Kumar And Bandaru Shobharani, And Local Corporator Baba Fasiuddin. Minister Seethakka Conducted A Door-To-Door Campaign With Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav.

In The Morning, Minister Seethakka Served Breakfast To Congress Workers And Joined Them To Start The Campaign In Borabanda. She Personally Distributed Pamphlets, Appealing To Voters To Elect The Congress Candidate.

Minister Seethakka Stated That Despite Giving The BRS Three Opportunities In Jubilee Hills, No Development Took Place. She Alleged That The BRS MLA Did Not Even Provide Ration Cards And That Minimum Facilities Are



Lacking. She Asserted That The Development Of Jubilee Hills Requires The Congress To Win. She Praised Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav For Always Responding To Difficulties. She Urged Voters To Elect The Ruling Congress For

The Development Of Jubilee Hills, Stating That Rs 150 Crores Worth Of Works Have Already Been Sanctioned. She Highlighted The Welfare Schemes Provided By The Government, Including Free Electricity, Free Bus Travel, Distri-

bution Of Lakhs Of Ration Cards, Providing Fine Rice To Feed The Poor, And The Construction Of 4.5 Lakh Indiramma Houses. She Concluded That Electing Naveen Yadav Is Crucial For The Development Of Jubilee Hills.



Harish Rao Honors Komaram Bheem's Legacy

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Former Minister Harish Rao Paid Rich Tributes To The Revolutionary Hero Kumram Bheem On His Birth Anniversary, Remembering His Fight For The Rights And Self-Respect Of Adivasis Under The Slogan 'Jal, Jungle, Zameen'. Harish Rao Stated That Former Chief Minister KCR Developed The Porugadda Jodeghat Into A Great Memorial Site To Ensure Future Generations Know About The Greatness

Of Kumram Bheem. He Also Highlighted That A Kumram Bheem Memorial Building Was Constructed In The Heart Of Hyderabad, Symbolizing The Elevated Self-Respect Of The Adivasis.

Harish Rao Stated That Kumram Bheem's History Of Struggle Is A Constant Inspiration, And Called For Following In His Footsteps To Achieve His Ideals. He Concluded By Offering 'Johars' And Raising The Slogan, "Jai Komuram Bheem."

Etela & Ganesh Push Rs 303 Cr for Cantonment Infrastructure

Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 22nd
Cantonment MLA Shri Ganesh And Mp Etela Rajender Stated That The Cantonment Board Meeting Decided To Utilize The Rs 303 Crores Allocated To The Cantonment For Infrastructure Development, Which Was Part Of The Land Transfer For The Construction Of Elevated Corridors With The Defense Department. Mp Etela And MLA Shri Ganesh, Who Had Recently Boycotted The Board Meeting, Attended Today's Session. Bjp Leaders Performed A Milk Abhishekam To A Portrait Of Prime Minister Modi At The Cantonment Board Office, Claiming Credit For Bringing In The Rs 303 Crores. Mp Etela Rajender Urged That



The Funds Be Used Properly To Resolve Long-Standing Issues Like Sewerage, Drainage, And Drinking Water Problems In The Cantonment Area. A. MLA Shri Ganesh Stated That The Rs 303 Crores Were A Result Of The Efforts Made By Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Who Was The Malkajigiri MP At The Time, Along With CEOs Ajit

Reddy And Madhukar Naik. He Emphasized The Need To Use These Funds To Provide Basic Amenities And Resolve The Long-Standing Issues In The Cantonment Area. He Also Mentioned That He Requested The Board Meeting To Give Adequate Time For Residents To Represent Their Problems To The Authorities.

Madhusudana Chary Slams Congress Ahead of Jubilee Hills Polls

Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 22nd
BRS Legislative Council Leader Of Opposition S. Madhusudana Chary Strongly Criticized The Congress Government At A Press Meet In Telangana Bhavan, Asking Why People Should Vote For The Congress Party In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. He Called For The People To Severely Punish The Congress Party And Cm Revanth Reddy.

He Questioned Whether The Vote Should Be For Bringing Emergency-Like Conditions To Telangana, Or For Industries Moving Out Of Hyderabad. He Asked If Muslims Should Vote For The Congress For Not Giving A Ministerial Position To A Minority Leader. He Urged The People Of Jubilee Hills To Give Their Verdict Based On The Suffering Of Telangana People.



Chary Accused The Congress Party Of Deceiving The People Of Hyderabad And All Sectors. He Stated That The Congress Deceived BRS Voters By Promising 42% Reservations But Is Not Seriously Working Towards Implementing Them In Local Body Elections. He Also Recalled The Congress Promise To Allocate Rs

20,000 Crores Annually To The Bc Budget. He Asserted That The People Of Jubilee Hills Have An Opportunity To Teach The Congress Party A Lesson. He Accused The Congress Of Accumulating Debts Since Coming To Power, Claiming Rs 2.80 Lakh Crores In New Loans, While The Debt Under KCR Was Used For The Reconstruction Of

Telangana. He Accused Cm Revanth Reddy Of Destroying Things And Not Saying "Jai Telangana" Ever. Chary Said The Congress Party Failed Even To Get Passing Marks If Examined. He Pointed To The Visible Fights Among Ministers Over Shares. He Concluded That The Congress And Bjp Parties Have No

Right To Ask For Votes In Jubilee Hills, Calling The Congress's Treatment Of BRS A Triple Betrayal. He Insisted That Bc Reservations Cannot Be Implemented Without A Constitutional Amendment, Which Requires Pressure At The Delhi Level. He Also Criticized The Alleged "Destruction" Being Caused In The Name Of Hydra.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Seeks TJS Backing in Jubilee Hills

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Tpcc President Mahesh Kumar Goud Met With Telangana Jan Samithi (TJS) Party President Prof. Kodandaram At The TJS Party Office In Nampally. The Leaders Discussed TJS's Support For The Congress Party In The Jubilee Hills Assembly By-Election. Tpcc Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Stated That Kodandaram's Role In The Formation Of Telangana Is Historical And That He Worked Selflessly And Honestly For Statehood.

He Mentioned That The People Are Aware Of How The Ten-Year BRS Rule Went Astray, And That They Fought Together In 2023 To Free The State From The BRS's Dictatorial Rule. He Acknowledged The TJS's Cooperation In Bringing The Congress Government To Power. He Said That Kodandaram's



Advice And Suggestions Are Valuable In The Formulation Of Employment Notifications. He Assured That The Government Is Providing A People's Rule Aligned With The Aspirations And Goals Of The People.

He Requested TJS's Support For The Jubilee Hills Election, Appealing For The Victory Of The Young Candidate, Naveen Yadav, With A Huge Majority, Similar To Seeking Support From Cpi, Cpm, And Aimim. Criticizing Union Minister P.

Sanjay, Mahesh Kumar Goud Questioned Whether Sanjay Understands What He Is Saying, Calling It Deplorable For Someone Of His Stature To Speak Recklessly. He Accused Bjp Leaders Of Conspiring To Incite Religious Hatred And Exploiting Sentiment For Gain, Stressing The Need To Teach A Lesson To Communal Forces In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. He Reaffirmed The Commitment To Keeping Promises Made To Ally Parties.

Gadari Kishore Backs Harish Rao, Hits Congress Leaders

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Former MLA Gadari Kishore Kumar Defended Harish Rao, Stating That Harish Rao Only Spoke About Matters Discussed In The Telangana Cabinet. He Strongly Criticized Those Who Are Challenging Harish Rao Who Are Not Even Worth His Fingernail. He Attacked Congress Leaders Adluri Laxman And Chamala Kiran For Speaking Recklessly About Harish Rao.

He Mentioned That Minister Ponnampallabharathi Called Adluri Laxman A "Buffalo" But Laxman Did Not Respond, And Challenged Ponnampallabharathi To Swear In A Temple Regarding His Remarks. He Ridiculed Adluri Laxman For Winning After Contesting Five Times, Like "Ghazni Mohammed," And Being Called "Sollu Laxman" (Nonsense Laxman) In The Constituency.

Kishore Kumar Ques-



tioned The Congress Government About The Allegations Made By Minister Konda Surekha's Daughter Regarding The Government's Conduct, Asking If It Was Not True. He Questioned Why Gunmen Were Given To The Cm's Brothers, As Alleged By Surekha's Daughter. He Alleged That The Deccan Cement Issue Was All About Commissions And Was Settled After The Cm Intervened. He Cited Allegations That Rohini Reddy And Surekha's OSD Sumanth Threatened

Someone With A Gun, Asking Where The Gun Went, And Questioned If The Group Was Not A "Dandupalyam Batch" (Criminal Gang). He Also Attacked Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Calling Him A Cheater Who Forged A Rahul Gandhi Letter, And Accused Him Of Saying That If Congress Loses In Jubilee Hills, The Cm Will Step Down. He Concluded By Warning Them To Be Careful When Speaking About Harish Rao, Stating, "If You Say One, We Will Say A Hundred."



KCR Pays Tribute to Komaram Bheem

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Former Chief Minister And BRS Chief KCR Paid Rich Tributes To Komaram Bheem, The Gond Tribal Hero, Stating That His Struggle For Self-Respect And The Rights Of The Adivasi Community, Under The Slogan 'Jal, Jungle, Zameen,' Inspired The Telangana Statehood Movement. KCR Recalled The Sacrifices Of Komaram Bheem, A Hero Of The Telangana Armed Peasant Struggle, On The Oc-

casion Of His Birth Anniversary.

KCR Stated That The BRS Government, During Its Ten-Year Rule, Implemented The Ideals Of Komaram Bheem And Ensured That The Fruits Of Progress Reached The Last Adivasi Household. He Affirmed That Paying Tribute To Him Is Only Possible By Working Towards The Upliftment Of All Adivasi And Tribal Communities, In Line With His Aspirations.

CM Sets 2-Year Deadline for New Osmania Hospital

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday directed officials to complete the construction of the new building of the prestigious Osmania Hospital within two years.

The Chief Minister reviewed the progress of the project at a meeting with top officials at his residence on Wednesday.

He instructed officials to prepare detailed plans for procuring advanced medical equipment suitable for the hospital's future requirements.

The Chief Minister advised engineering officials to design rooms, laboratories, and other structures to accommodate the installation of modern medical technology. Along with the hospital construction, he emphasised that road

works around the hospital should be undertaken to ensure that local residents are not inconvenienced.

To accelerate the construction process, he ordered the immediate formation of a coordination committee comprising officials from the Health, Police, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Roads & Buildings, and Electricity Departments.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), this committee will regularly inspect the site and meet once every ten days to identify and resolve issues promptly, ensuring the speedy progress of the works.

The Chief Minister also instructed the Police Department to formulate plans in advance for security and traffic management once the hospital becomes operational.

The Roads & Buildings Department was directed to prepare plans for connecting the hospital to the surrounding roads from now on itself.

Revanth Reddy further instructed that for all hospitals and medical colleges currently under construction across Hyderabad and other districts, one officer must be appointed for each project. These officers will be given full responsibility to supervise the works 24x7.

Principal Secretaries V. Seshadri and Srinivas Raju, CM's Secretary Manick Raj, Director General of Police Shivadher Reddy, senior officials Vikas Raj, Christiana Zongthu, Ilam barathi, Musharaf Ali Faruqi, Hyderabad Collector Hari Chandana and others participated in

the review meeting.

Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), early this month, launched the construction of the new Osmania General Hospital complex at the Goshamahahal Police Stadium site.

Revanth Reddy, on January 31 this year, laid the foundation stone for a new complex worth Rs 2,700 crore.

Spread across 26 acres with a built-up area of 32 lakh square feet, the facility will accommodate 2,000 beds. It will include a hospital block covering nearly 23 lakh sq. ft., an academic block, separate hostels for men and women, a dharamshala, mortuary, utility facilities and a security building. The new complex is coming up three kilometres away from the existing hospital building on the banks of the Musi

River.

The present building of Osmania Hospital has long dealt with issues owing to its dilapidated condition, and there have been demands for several years to construct a new building.

Conceived after the Musi floods of 1908, the Osmania Hospital was built by Mir Osman Ali Khan, the last Nizam of Hyderabad State and named after him. Designed by British architect Vincent Jerome Esch and Nawab Khan Bahadur Mirza Akbar Baig in the Indo-Saracenic style, it was completed in 1919.

The existing space of 7.5 lakh square feet was proving insufficient for the growing needs of the people. A proposal by the previous BRS government to demolish the present building of Os-



mania Hospital to build a new structure was strongly opposed by historians, heritage activists, and concerned citizens. The move was challenged in the High Court.

Last year, the Congress government decided to construct the new building on 32 acres of land of the Goshamahahal Police Stadium. The Chief Minister said the government would protect the

present building of Osmania Hospital as a heritage structure. He said the building would be preserved as part of the Musi River Development Project to attract tourists.

Hyd Police Bust MDMA Peddlers, Seize Rs 1.77L Drugs

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On Credible Information Received On October 19, 2025, The Hyderabad Narcotic Enforcement Wing (Hnew) Team, In A Joint Operation With Tolichowki Police, Apprehended One Local Peddler And One Local Sub-Peddler. The Suspects Were Identified As Mohd. Imran @ Shukoor @ Sahil @ Immu (31), A Car Driver, And Shaik Baseer Ahmed @ Sameer (32), A Local Businessman. Police Seized 11 Grams Of MDMA, Two Mobile Phones, And A Two-Wheeler Vehicle (B. No: Tg 08 A 5748), With A Total Estimated Worth Of Rs 1.77 Lakhs. A Case Has Been Registered At Tolichowki Police Station Under Various Sections Of The Npds Act-1985.

Mohd. Imran, Who Was Previously Involved In Ganja And Hash Oil Peddling And Had Been Arrested And Remanded Twice In 2024, Did Not Reform. Drawn By A Lavish Lifestyle, He Resumed Drug Peddling, Procuring MDMA And Lsd Blots From Inter-State Suppliers Based In Bengaluru On A Cash-And-Delivery Basis, And Transporting Them By Road To Hyderabad For High Profits. Shaik Baseer Ahmed, An Intermediate Dropout Who Worked In Dubai, Is



Addicted To Liquor And Drugs, Particularly MDMA. Due To His Lack Of Personal Income, He Joined Imran As A Sub-Peddler, Delivering MDMA To Customers Within The City Limits As Per Imran's Instructions, Collecting Payment, And Sharing Profits.

The Modus Operandi Involved Imran Procuring The Drug From An Absconding Interstate Supplier In Bangalore, Transporting It To Hyderabad, And Then Utilizing Sameer To Deliver The Drug And Collect Payment. The Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (Hnew) Has Appealed To The General Public To Refrain From Substance Abuse, Noting That Petty Job Employers Are Becoming Victims, Leading To Disastrous Consequences For Society. Parents Are Advised To Keep A Watch On Their Children. The Hnew Team Urges The Public To Provide Information Pertaining To Drug Abuse At Mobile Number 8712661601 To Help Secure A Drug Free Hyderabad City.

School Bus Catches Fire Near Katedan

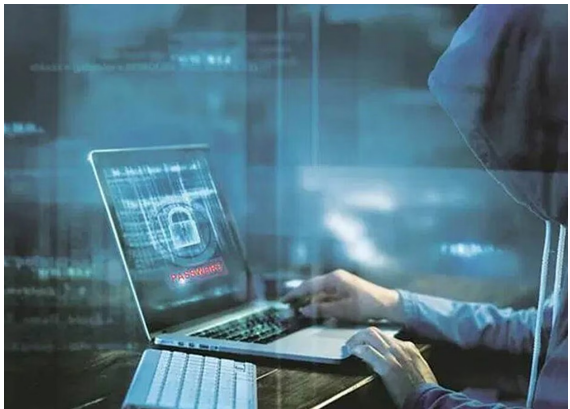
Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 22nd A Major Accident Was Narrowly Averted Near Katedan In Rangareddy District When A School Bus Caught Fire. The Incident Occurred When The Bus, Belonging To Delhi Public School In Nadergul, Was Returning After Dropping Off Students At Their Homes. Flames Suddenly Erupted In The Bus. Upon Noticing Smoke, The Driver Im-

mediately Stopped The Bus And Got Off, Moments Before The Fire Rapidly Spread Throughout The Vehicle. Firefighters Were Promptly Informed And Rushed To The Scene To Extinguish The Blaze.

Crucially, No Students Were On The Bus At The Time Of The Incident, Which Prevented A Major Tragedy. The Cause Of The Fire Is Yet To Be

Determined. The Swift Action Of The Driver In Stopping The Vehicle And Evacuating Was Instrumental In Ensuring No Casualties. The Event Highlights The Potential Dangers Associated With Vehicle Fires And The Importance Of Regular Maintenance For School Transportation. The Police Have Registered A Case And Are Investigating The Exact Cause Of The Fire.

Cyber Fraudsters Cheat IT Employee of Rs 1.36 Crore



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A Cyber Crime Gang Defrauded An It Employee From Kamal Nagar In Hyderabad Of Rs 1.36 Crores By Promising Stock Trading Tips. In September, The Victim Clicked A Link On Facebook And Was Added To A Whatsapp Group Named Bobcaps Information Learning Groups (F516). Two Cyber Criminals, Using Pseudonyms, Contacted Her, Offering Advice On Stock Investments And Profits.

They Provided Her With A User Id And A Link (Bobcapscoolb-in-

Com), Where She Created An Account And Initially Invested Rs 2 Lakhs. After Seeing Small Profits And Successfully Withdrawing Rs 1,000, The Victim Was Convinced Of The Scheme's Legitimacy. A Week Later, They Lured Her Into Investing In A True Alta Bio Energy Ipo, Promising To Fund A Portion Themselves. She Invested Rs 53.96 Lakhs And Then Another Rs 68 Lakhs In Two Separate Transactions. Although The Screen Showed A Profit Of Rs 2 Crores, When She Tried To Withdraw The Money,

The Cyber Criminals Demanded A Rs 31 Lakhs Commission First. They Refused Her Request To Deduct The Commission From Her Account Balance.

Simultaneously, The Victim Invested In Another Stock Trading Group Called General Atlantic (BF04). After An Initial Rs 2 Lakhs Deposit Showed Profit, She Invested Rs 34 Lakhs. While She Managed To Withdraw Some Money, A Portion Remained Stuck. They Further Induced Her To Invest In Rubicon Research Limited Ipo Shares. When She Tried To Withdraw Money From These Platforms Too, The Fraudsters Refused. Across Both Platforms, She Invested Rs 1.55 Crores, Only Recovering Rs 19 Lakhs, Resulting In A Loss Of Rs 1.36 Crores. The Victim Has Filed A Complaint With The Rachakonda Cyber Crime Police, Who Have Registered A Case And Initiated An Investigation.

Siva Sivani Holds 30th Convocation for PGDM Graduates



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The 30th Convocation (Snatak) Of Siva Sivani Institute Of Management (Ssim) Was Held On October 22, 2025, At Its Campus In Kompally, Secunderabad. A Total Of 214 Pgdm Graduates Received Their Certificates From The Presiding Officer, Mrs. Aarathy Sampathy, President And Chief Executive, Siva Sivani Group Of Institution. The Event Was Graced Virtually By Prof. Tg Sitharam, Chairman Of The All India Council For Technical Education (Aicte), And Physically By Ramakrishna Sataluri, Ceo, Shakti Energy Solutions Limited (Sesl), Alongside Other Dignitaries.

In Her Welcome Address, S. Aarathy Emphasized The Institution's Commitment To Quality Education, Stating That Education Is Not Just About Degrees But About Becoming Responsible Citizens. Prof. Tg Sitharam Congratulated The Graduates, Stressing That In Today's Dynamic World, Skills And Knowledge Are The Real Currency. He Highlighted The Importance Of Staying Agile, Updated With Digital Transformations, And Embracing Adaptive And Continuous Learning In Line With The National Education Policy (Nep). He Urged Them To Use Their Knowledge For Positive Change And Sustainable

Development.

Ramakrishna Sataluri, The Guest Of Honour, Inspired The Students To Embrace Innovation, Sustainability, And Ethical Leadership. He Noted That The World Is Moving Towards Clean Energy And Digital Transformation And Encouraged Them To Align Their Careers With Emerging Sectors, Focusing On Creating Value That Benefits Both Business And Society. He Stressed The Importance Of Innovating Responsibly. Aarathi Sampathy Administered The Convocation Oath And Emphasized That 'Action' Is The Foundation To Success.

The Following Students Received Gold Medals For Academic Excellence For 2023-25: Chandana Naikal (President Gold Medal - Pgdm, And Kavitha Memorial Gold Medal - Pgdm - Hr Area), Gopu Vandana Dashrath (Shivraj Memorial Gold Medal-Pgdm - Marketing Area), Bondili Renuka Bai (Lakshmi Devi Memorial Gold Medal-Pgdm-Finance Area), And Prakhar Singh (President Gold Medal Pgdm - Bifs). The Event Celebrated The Achievements Of The Graduates And Reinforced The Importance Of Preparing Future Leaders Who Are Agile, Skilled, And Committed To Making A Difference.

Minister Launches Health Camp For Police Families



Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 22nd In Sangareddy District, The Comprehensive Health Camp Organized For District Police Families At Psr Garden Was Inaugurated By The State Health And Family Welfare Minister, Damodar Rajanarasimha. The Camp Was Held Jointly By The Sangareddy District Police, Ima, And Nmj Cancer Institute - Hyderabad. Addressing The Gathering, The Minister Stated That It Is The Government's Responsibility To Protect The Police And Their Families. He Highlighted

That The Government Is Giving High Priority To Health, Education, And Medical Services For The Public With A Sense Of Social Responsibility.

Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha Commended The Initiative To Conduct A Comprehensive Health Camp For Police Families, Which Features 13 Types Of Medical Specialists. He Affirmed That The Government Aims To Strengthen The Health System From Rural To Urban Areas And To Provide Corporate-Level Medical Services In Government

Hospitals, Making Them Accessible To All Without Being A Burden On The Common Man.

The Minister Noted The Increasing Number Of Dialysis Patients, Stating That There Are Currently 160 Dialysis Centers In The State, With Plans To Establish 80 More Centers Within A 30-Kilometer Radius Of Each Other. Furthermore, 80 Trauma Centers Are Soon To Be Established, Focusing On Black Spots On Highways And Utilizing The Golden Hour To Provide Timely Treatment For Accident

Victims. He Also Mentioned The Establishment Of Day Care Cancer Centers In Every District To Provide Chemotherapy.

The Minister Listed Several Healthcare Infrastructure Developments In Sangareddy District, Including The Launch Of A Medical College, A 500-Bedded Government Hospital, A Nursing College In Andole, A Paramedical College In Sangareddy, A Critical Care Block, Five New Phcs, And Three New Phc Buildings. He Also Mentioned The Establishment Of A Chc In Watpally And

A Uphc In Tellapur, Along With Dialysis Centers In Patancheru, Narayankhed Area Hospitals, And Chc Sadasivpet, And The Sanctioning Of Three More Sub Health Centers. The Minister Inspected All The Departments Set Up At The Health Camp And Personally Checked His Blood Pressure Via A Kiosk. The Event Was Attended By Tgiic Chairman Nirmala Jaggareddy, Collector P. Praveenya, Sp Paritosh Pankaj, Eminent Doctors, Ima Officials, And Members Of The District Police Families.

Telangana Extends Deadline for 2,620 Liquor Shop Applications



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The Deadline To Apply For 2620 Liquor Shops In Telangana Has Been Extended To Thursday, October 23, By The Excise Department. Interested Applicants Have The Opportunity To Submit Their Applications Until 5 Pm On Thursday, The 23rd.
The Excise Department Decided To Extend The Deadline Considering Issues Such As The Obc Bandh, The Non-Operation Of Public Transport Buses, And The Closure Of Banks In Some Areas. Following The Extension, 461 Applications Were Received On October 21, And Submissions For Wednesday, October 22, Are Still Being Tabulated. Previously, The Excise Department Had Accepted 89,344 Applications For Liquor Shops Until October 18.
To Accommodate The Rush Of Applicants On The Final Day, The Prohibition And Excise Department Has Set Up Division-Wise Counters At The Prohibition Office For All Districts. Arrangements Have Also Been Made To Accept Applications At The Dpeo Offices Across All Districts. The Excise Department Has Made Necessary Arrangements To Manage The Anticipated Crowds Of Applicants On The Last Day Of Submission.

Minister Srihari Joins Karnataka Leaders at Mantralayam Darshan



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Telangana State Minister For Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Sports, And Youth Services, Shri Vakiti Srihari, Visited Sri Guru Raghavendra Swamy Temple At Mantralayam Mutt In Andhra Pradesh. Minister Srihari Was Accompanied By Karnataka Deputy Cm Dk Shivakumar And Karnataka Irrigation Minister Bhoosnur Raju.
Together, The Dignitaries Offered Prayers And Took Darshan Of Sri Guru Raghavendra Swamy. Following The Darshan, Minister Srihari And The Karnataka Ministers Took The Blessings Of Mantralayam Peethadhipathi, Subudhendra Swami. This Visit Highlights The Shared Spiritual And Cultural Connections Between The Political Leaders Of The Neighboring States.

Man gets 32 years in jail in POCSO case in Nalgonda

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In a landmark verdict, the POCSO Court in Nalgonda sentenced a man to 32 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping a minor girl and coercing her into marriage.
The accused, Gurijala Chandu, a resident of Panagallu village near Nalgonda town, was arrested following a complaint filed in 2022 at the Nalgonda Two Town police station. The police registered a case under the Protection Of Children From Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and conducted an enquiry. It was alleged that Chandu had sexually assaulted the underage victim and subsequently forced her into a marriage to cover up the crime. During the trial, presided over by Judge Rojava Ramani, the court reviewed evidence, including witness testimonies and forensic reports.
The involvement of the accused was finally proved in the crime. Delivering the judgment on Wednesday, the court imposed a sentence of 32 years in jail on Chandu, along with a fine of Rs.75,000. Failure to pay the fine would result in an additional six months of imprisonment. The judge also directed payment of Rs.10 lakh as compensation to the minor victim to aid her rehabilitation and psychological recovery.

Eagle Force, NCB Seize 500kg Ganja in Jharkhand



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In A Well-Coordinated Joint Operation, The Rncc Khammam Team Of Eagle Force And The Narcotics Control Bureau (Ncb), Ranchi Division Successfully Intercepted A Lorry Transporting A Large Quantity Of Ganja At Simdega, Jharkhand, On October 21, 2025. Acting On Credible Intelligence, The Rncc Khammam Team Initiated Surveillance On Suspected Ganja Suppliers Operating In The Andhra-Odisha Border (Aob) Region.
The Team, Led By Inspector Vijay Ram Kumar And Si Ravi Prasad, Maintained Continuous Watch After Receiving Specific Input That A Truck Bearing Registration Number Hr73 B 4939 Would Be Transporting A Substantial Consignment Of Ganja On The Intervening Night Of October 20/21, 2025, To Evade Police Checks During Diwali.
The Suspect Vehicle Was Confirmed To Have Departed From Janpati Gp, Malkangiri District (Odisha), Enroute To Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Though Initially Expected To Transit Through Telangana, The Suspects Diverted The Vehicle Northward Via Biju Expressway, Avoiding Heavily Monitored Routes. The Rncc Khammam Team Immediately Redirected Their Pursuit And Alerted Enroute Police Stations. Despite Unsuccessful Interception Attempts Due To The Vehicle's High Speed, The Rncc Khammam Team Continued The Chase Throughout The Night, Relaying Real-Time Location Updates To Superior Officers.
This Intelligence Was Coordinated With The Ncb Ranchi Division, Enabling The Joint Team To Successfully Intercept The 10-Tyre Tata Heavy Goods Vehicle At Simdega, Ranchi-Rourkela Road, Jharkhand, Resulting In The Seizure Of 500 Kgs Of Ganja. The Accused Arrested Was Naseem Kamruddin (30, R/o Haryana). The Receivers, Identified As Mushthaq Khan And Arif (N/o Haryana, Residing In Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh), Are Currently Absconding. The Elite Action Group Of Drug Law Enforcement (Eagle), Telangana, Appealed To The General Public To Report Drug-Related Concerns Via Their Toll-Free Number 1908, Whatsapp 87126 71111, Or Email.

New Guidelines Mandate Gurukula Hostel Inspections



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Guidelines Have Been Issued Stating That Public Representatives Must Mandatorily Visit Gurukula Hostels. Furthermore, Students Should Not Be Sent Outside The Premises Without Proper Permission. The Guidelines Emphasize That The Teacher On Night Duty Must Regularly Inspect All Rooms.
Safe Drinking Water And To Ensure That Hot Meals Are Served On Time.
Maintenance Points Include Ensuring That Washroom Doors And Window Meshes Are In Good Working Order. The School Premises Must Be Cleaned Regularly, And Bushes And Debris Must Be Removed To Prevent Danger From Creatures Like Rats And Snakes. Health Supervisors Must Identify Chronic Diseases Among Students And Immediately Inform Their Parents. These Measures Aim To Ensure The Safety, Health, And Academic Well-Being Of Students Residing In Gurukula Hostels.
Special Attention Must Be Paid To Students During Study Hours. It Is Mandatory To Conduct Counseling Programs For Students Regularly. The Authorities Are Instructed To Provide Students With Quality And

Why States Deserve the Real Credit for GST ‘Savings’

As the Union government celebrates the conclusion of its much-publicised ‘GST Bachat Utsav’, it’s time to shift the spotlight where it truly belongs — the State governments. While the Centre has rolled out a campaign around recent GST rate revisions, it is the States, especially those ruled by Opposition parties, that have borne the brunt of revenue losses and deserve recognition for their role in the GST reform process.

The revision in GST rates, which took effect a month ago, has been widely marketed by the Centre as a Diwali “gift” to citizens. However, behind the scenes, many States were hesitant and sought revenue loss assurances before approving the changes. Their concerns were valid — GST, in its very structure, limits State autonomy over indirect taxation. With delays in



compensation payments and a pattern of selective fund allocation, States have had to navigate not just financial shortfalls but also a Centre that

many say favours BJP-ruled States.

Data from the Reserve Bank of India backs these concerns. From 2014 to 2023, Gujarat and

Maharashtra — both BJP strongholds — topped the list in private corporate investment intentions, with Gujarat alone accounting for nearly a

quarter of total projects. Of the top ten States attracting such investments, nine were BJP-ruled. Several Opposition leaders have accused the

Centre of diverting investment projects — including multi-crore deals originally earmarked for Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and even NDA-ruled Ma-

harashtra — to Gujarat, particularly its GIFT City, which has received sustained incentives.

Such actions have increased calls from States

for a fairer federal approach. It’s no surprise then that non-BJP States insisted on revenue protection before agreeing to GST changes. Their unity on the issue shows how federal cooperation — not unilateral decision-making — led to the rate revision success.

Interestingly, back in 2014, Narendra Modi, then Gujarat’s Chief Minister, had criticised the Centre’s GST preparations for ignoring State concerns. A decade later, as Prime Minister, the same concerns persist — only now, the marketing has intensified, and the politics, more layered.

As the ‘GST Bachat Utsav’ concludes, it’s clear: while the Centre controlled the narrative, the States — especially those in the Opposition — ensured the policy didn’t come at a greater cost to the public. They may not have the spotlight, but they do deserve the credit.

Trump’s H-1B Policy Risks U.S. Edge as Global Competition for Indian Talent Grows

A recent move by the Trump administration to tighten the H-1B visa program has raised serious concerns about America’s long-term competitiveness in science, technology, and innovation. With a new \$100,000 fee per H-1B petition and entry restrictions for certain nonimmigrant workers, the U.S. may be ceding its advantage in attracting top Indian talent — long seen as vital to its tech economy.

In FY-2024, over 71% of H-1B visas were granted to Indian nationals, with 64% going to tech-related roles. These figures highlight how heavily U.S. companies rely on skilled Indian professionals. However, the revised policies — framed as measures to prioritize American workers — are already pushing students and professionals to explore friendlier alternatives like Australia, France, and Germany.

Shifting Global Preferences

Australia, for instance, has introduced the MATES program, allowing Indian STEM graduates to work for two years. France has committed to hosting 20,000 Indian students by 2030 and offers five-year Schengen visas for Indian postgraduates. Germany has tripled



skilled Indian worker visas and eased bureaucratic hurdles.

These moves make it clear: other nations are actively positioning themselves as welcoming destinations for Indian talent. Meanwhile, the U.S. risks undoing decades of goodwill by making it harder — and costlier — to work and stay.

Economic and Educational Impact

The U.S. higher education system is also under threat. In 2023-24, international students contributed \$43.8 bil-

lion and supported nearly 380,000 jobs. NAFSA estimates a potential \$7 billion loss and 60,000 job cuts if the current trajectory continues. Restricting H-1Bs doesn’t just affect the workforce — it hurts universities, research, and regional economies.

The Way Forward

Experts suggest that the U.S. revise its H-1B strategy to focus on merit over lottery and invest in domestic talent without alienating global contributors. Rather than tariffs, robust tax credits, skill-building programs, and

stakeholder consultations could help rebuild manufacturing while retaining top foreign talent. The U.S. must also consider how emerging global competitors like China, with its new “K visa” for STEM experts, are strategically recruiting the very minds America is pushing away.

In its attempt to protect domestic jobs, the U.S. risks losing its competitive edge. Striking a balance between safeguarding local employment and welcoming global talent is the key to long-term growth.

Bihar 2025: The Missing Music of Democracy



In 1995, Bihar’s elections were more than a political event—they were a festival. Streets came alive with drums, folk songs, colourful processions, and theatre-like campaign performances that turned even the most rural village into a carnival of democracy. Thirty years later, the scene has changed drastically. The Bihar of 2025 is witnessing a quiet, almost muted campaign season, leaving many to wonder: has democracy in Bihar lost its soul?

Veteran journalist Ajiit Kumar Jha recalls the electric atmosphere of the 1995 elections—where slogans echoed from every corner, local artists composed campaign songs, and participation wasn’t just a duty, but a celebration. Campaigns were loud, physical, and full of

community spirit, even with restrictions from the Election Commission. People sang, danced, debated, and believed.

Today, the election landscape feels eerily quiet. Gone are the bamboo loudspeakers and folk singers. Instead, social media reels, 30-second shorts, and hashtags dominate the campaign narrative. Walls once covered in political posters are now bare. Village gatherings have been replaced by livestreams and virtual speeches. The largest visible campaigner isn’t a candidate but strategist Prashant Kishor, whose Jan Suraa Yatra travels the state more on YouTube than on foot.

Some blame the silence on timing—Diwali and Chhath have left little room for campaigning before the first phase of polls on November 6. Others

point to the Election Commission’s hurried voter roll revisions. The broader truth, however, may be more troubling: a sense of political fatigue. Voters aren’t angry, they’re indifferent.

This shift isn’t just stylistic, it’s spiritual. When politics ceases to be participatory, democracy begins to lose its vitality. Voter turnout may drop. A subdued electorate often benefits incumbents. Yet, perhaps the silence offers a chance for thoughtful reflection—a pause before the people speak.

Still, many in Bihar miss the music, the hope, the drama. As the 2025 elections approach, it’s not just votes at stake—it’s the very spirit of democracy that once made Bihar’s elections a vibrant celebration of the people’s will.

Public Anger Grows Over Rising Customs Harassment in India

In recent months, Indians returning from abroad have taken to social media to voice growing frustration with the harassment and arbitrary treatment by customs officials at airports across the country. Despite government claims of improved governance and reduced ministerial corruption, a parallel rise in bureaucratic overreach and misconduct is triggering national outrage.

One recent case that drew attention was that of Wintrack, a tech company whose imported consignment was held up by customs for weeks under unclear allegations. Despite being eventually cleared, the ordeal involved extensive delays, informal demands, and financial losses. Rather than serve as a cautionary

tale, the incident seems to have emboldened some customs officials, as complaints from ordinary travellers and businesses continue to rise.

Journalist Vir Sanghvi, in a recent opinion column, highlights a troubling trend: a decline in political corruption balanced by a surge in bureaucratic corruption—particularly among customs, enforcement, and police personnel. He refers to this growing menace as the new “Inspector Raj,” where power is wielded without transparency and often without accountability.

Travellers often report being stopped for minor discrepancies, such as carrying electronics or luxury goods well within permissible limits, only to be subjected to intimidation,



unnecessary fines, and even demands for bribes. Many claim that the process is arbitrary,

lacking due process or consistent application of rules. Stories of harassment are common

among Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), who frequently express frustration at the treatment

they receive despite bringing valuable remittances and investments to the country.

Experts argue that this behaviour undermines India’s image as a global economic desti-

nation. While the government has made progress in digitising public services and launching ease-of-doing-business campaigns, customs harassment remains a black mark that threatens investor confidence and citizen trust.

Many are now calling for stronger oversight, real-time grievance redressal mechanisms at airports, and the urgent implementation of anti-corruption reforms within customs and enforcement agencies.

As Sanghvi notes, the real test of good governance lies not in stopping high-level corruption alone but in curbing the daily exploitation faced by average citizens. Until then, the anger and disillusionment will only grow—while the “Inspector Raj” thrives quietly in the shadows.

Modi-Trump Likely to Meet at ASEAN Summit to Revive India-US Trade Talks



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump are expected to hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the upcoming ASEAN Summit, with a focus on reviving stalled India-US trade negotiations. Speaking to reporters in

Washington, President Trump confirmed he had a recent phone conversation with PM Modi. “We’re working on a great deal with India,” he said, signalling renewed interest in strengthening economic ties between the two countries. Sources from the Indian

government also indicated that both sides are coordinating schedules to make room for a focused discussion during the ASEAN summit in Jakarta next week. The meeting, if it takes place, would mark the first in-person engagement between the two leaders

since Trump returned to office. India-US trade discussions had seen significant progress during Trump’s first term, but stalled amid disagreements over tariffs, market access, and digital trade. The two leaders are now reportedly keen

to restart the dialogue, especially with growing global supply chain realignments and rising strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. Officials familiar with the matter said the upcoming talks could include discussions on reducing tariffs, enhancing technology cooperation, and facilitating smoother investment flows. The proposed meeting may also touch on defence ties and collaboration in critical areas like semiconductors and artificial intelligence. The ASEAN summit will also provide a platform for broader regional dialogue, including maritime security and China’s expanding influence in the Indo-Pacific. With both leaders enjoying a strong personal rapport, expectations are high that their meeting could unlock long-pending trade hurdles and boost strategic convergence between the world’s largest democracies. Further details are expected to be finalised by the end of this week.

Karnataka Congress MLA Flags ₹900 Crore Fund Crunch In Free Bus Travel Scheme

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Congress MLA and NWKRTC Chairman Raju Kage has raised concerns over a massive ₹900 crore funding shortfall under the Karnataka government’s Shakti scheme, which provides free bus travel for women across the state. Kage revealed that the North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) is struggling financially and urged the state to release the overdue funds. “We are not making profits. We’re trying to reach a break-even point. We are owed around ₹900 crore under the Shakti scheme, which has not been released since its implementation two years ago,” Kage said. He explained that the government currently pays only 70% of the cost, holding back the remaining 30%, making it difficult for transport corporations to stay afloat. The MLA added that the issue has already been brought to the attention of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy.



In response, Minister Reddy defended the government’s efforts, stating that the state had sanctioned ₹2,000 crore to support road transport corporations when they were in distress. “Out of this, over ₹500 crore has already been allocated to

NWKRTC. Additionally, 700 new buses worth ₹350 crore are being provided. This totals ₹850 crore in support,” he said. Despite these measures, Karnataka’s road transport sector remains in financial turmoil. As of November 2024, total

liabilities across KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, and KKRTC stood at ₹6,330 crore, with ₹3,000 crore in immediate dues. KSRTC alone recently requested a ₹623 crore loan to clear fuel and statutory payments. Key reasons behind the

fiscal stress include the COVID-19 impact, delayed fare revisions, and the financial burden of the Shakti scheme. Stakeholders are now urging urgent financial intervention to sustain essential public transport services in the state.

Congress Leader Alleges Bias in Sarfaraz Khan Snub, BJP Slams “Communal Politics”

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Congress leader Shama Mohamed has stirred controversy by alleging religious bias in the exclusion of middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan from the India A squad set to play South Africa A later this month. Khan, a consistent performer in domestic cricket, was overlooked despite strong performances and improved fitness. Taking to social media, Mohamed hinted at communal discrimination, tweeting, “Is Sarfaraz Khan not selected because of his surname? #justasking.” She further targeted former cricketer and BJP leader Gautam Gambhir, suggesting his alleged bias influenced selections. Khan, 28, last played for India in a home series against New Zealand. Though left out of the Australia A series due to injury, his omission from the upcoming matches, under Rishabh Pant’s captaincy, has sparked debate. The BJP quickly hit



back. Party spokesperson CR Kesavan condemned Mohamed’s remarks, calling them “disgusting” and “divisive.” “This shows the toxic politics of polarisation Congress thrives on. They are now trying to communalise Indian cricket,” he said. Former cricketer Atul

Wassan also criticised the religious angle, stating, “Yes, Sarfaraz deserves more chances, but playing the religion card is unfair. Indian sport has never worked that way.” AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and spokesperson Waris Pathan echoed concerns, questioning



what more Sarfaraz must do to earn a spot. “He’s fit, lost 17 kg, averaged 110 in first-class cricket over five years—what else is required?” Pathan said. Sarfaraz’s fans also expressed disappointment, pointing to his 92-run knock for India A earlier this year before injury

sidelined him. His continued exclusion has revived concerns over transparency and merit in team selections. The India A vs South Africa A series begins October 30 in Bengaluru, with Rishabh Pant returning as captain following a foot injury.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella’s Pay Jumps to \$96.5 Million Amid AI Success



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella’s total compensation for the financial year 2024–2025 has surged to \$96.5 million, marking his highest annual pay since taking over the tech giant in 2014. The sharp increase is attributed to Microsoft’s dominant strides in artificial intelligence (AI) under his leadership. According to the company’s regulatory filing, nearly 90% of Nadella’s earnings came in the form of Microsoft shares, with a base salary of \$2.5 million. In comparison, he earned \$79.1 million the previous year. In a note to shareholders, Microsoft’s board credited Nadella and his executive team for positioning the company at the forefront of the glob-

al AI revolution during a “generational technology shift.” Other top Microsoft executives also saw significant compensation packages. CFO Amy Hood earned \$29.5 million, while Judson Althoff, who heads the commercial business, received \$28.2 million. Microsoft shares have climbed 23% this year, largely due to the strong performance of its Azure cloud services, which continue to challenge market leader Amazon Web Services. Since taking the helm in 2014—succeeding Steve Ballmer and co-founder Bill Gates—Nadella has reshaped Microsoft into a cloud-first, AI-driven company. His strategic bets on cloud computing and key acquisitions such as

LinkedIn, GitHub, and Activision Blizzard have expanded Microsoft’s reach across enterprise software, professional networking, and gaming. One of Nadella’s most transformative moves was backing OpenAI. What began as a \$1 billion investment evolved into a \$10 billion partnership, enabling Microsoft to integrate cutting-edge AI tools like ChatGPT across its products, from Office to Azure. Born in Hyderabad, Nadella earned his engineering degree from Mangalore University before completing a master’s in computer science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He joined Microsoft in 1992 and rose through the ranks before becoming CEO.

Delhi Lifts Ban on Chhath Puja at Yamuna, Over 1,000 Ghats to Be Set Up



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a significant move ahead of Chhath Puja, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced on Wednesday that the long-standing ban on organising the festival on the banks of the Yamuna river has been lifted. This marks a major shift in the capital’s festive preparations and religious policy. Speaking at a press briefing, CM Gupta stated, “For years, the government had banned Chhath Puja on the Yamuna. This time, after our government came to power, we have lifted the ban and are providing all necessary arrangements for devotees.”

To facilitate smooth celebrations, the Delhi government will construct over 1,000 Chhath ghats across the city, with at least one model ghat in every district and sub-district. Seventeen of these model ghats will be built along the Yamuna itself. Each site will be equipped with tents, lighting, sanitation, drinking water, and mobile toilets to ensure a safe and clean environment. The Chief Minister also said that grand welcome gates will be installed at major locations across the capital to greet devotees. “Last year, Chhath was celebrated at 929 locations. As of today, we’ve received over 1,000 appli-

cations from committees for organising Chhath Puja this year,” she added. The decision has been widely welcomed by the Purvanchali community in Delhi, for whom Chhath Puja is a significant religious occasion. The lifting of the ban reflects a more inclusive approach by the current administration and a focus on better management of religious events in the city. It also places a renewed emphasis on cultural and religious traditions while ensuring public safety and environmental care. Preparations are already underway, with the festival scheduled to begin in the first week of November.



PM Carney Confirms Arrest of Netanyahu if He Enters Canada

Advocates Palestinian State

TPN Correspondent | Ottawa
Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney confirmed that he would enforce the International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrant against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he sets foot in Canada. Carney affirmed this stance during a Bloomberg interview on Sunday, directly responding “Yes” when asked about arresting Netanyahu. Carney also addressed Canada’s position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, stating, “The end goal is a free and viable Palestinian state living side by side in peace

and security with the State of Israel.” He sharply criticized Netanyahu’s administration, accusing it of actions aimed at ending any possibility of a Palestinian state, which he said violates the UN Charter and contradicts longstanding Canadian policy. Despite disagreement from the United States, Carney stressed that Canada’s approach aligns with over 150 UN member states, including Spain, France, and the UK. He noted that while the US opposes Canada’s stance, their shared objective remains regional peace and security. Carney’s comments come amid ongoing tensions in the region, following a recent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, bro-

kered under former US President Donald Trump’s peace plan. Reports from The Jerusalem Post indicate there is little chance that Netanyahu or Israel’s Defense Minister Yoav Gallant will have their ICC arrest warrants lifted as part of any political deal or apology. Earlier discussions on “transitional justice” have largely faded. The Post further noted that Netanyahu’s legal risks could increase if he loses the 2026 elections, as sitting heads of state often have immunity from prosecution which may expire once they leave office. Though the ICC’s Appeals Chamber softened the arrest warrants in April, the cases remain active, with final rulings expected

Trump celebrates Diwali at White House, calls PM Modi ‘great friend’

TPN Bureau | United States
US President Donald Trump joined the Diwali celebrations at the White House on Tuesday, extending warm greetings to the people of India and Indian-Americans on the festive occasion. In his remarks, Trump praised Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him a “great person” and “a great friend.” Trump highlighted the strengthening ties between the US and India, especially in trade and regional peace. “I just spoke to your Prime Minister today. Had a great conversation. We talked about trade... and also about having no wars with Pakistan. The fact that trade was involved made it a very, very good thing,” Trump said. He emphasized the friendly relation-

ship between the two countries and Modi’s role in it. The President spoke about the symbolic importance of Diwali, saying, “We’ll light the diya as a symbol of faith in the victory of light over darkness... knowledge over ignorance and good over evil.” He explained that during Diwali, people recall stories of enemies defeated and obstacles removed, and the diya’s flame encourages wisdom, diligence, and gratitude. After his speech, Trump lit the diyas at the White House to mark the festival. Several senior officials were present, including FBI Director Kash Patel, ODNI Director Tulsi Gabbard, White House Deputy Press Secretary Kush Desai, India’s Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan



Kwatra, and US Ambassador to India Sergio Goro. The event also saw participation from prominent Indian-American business leaders, underscoring the Indian diaspora’s growing engagement in

US-India relations. In a related development, US Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi and Brian Fitzpatrick introduced a bipartisan resolution in the US House recognizing Diwali’s religious and his-

torical significance to over three million Indian-Americans. Diwali, a five-day festival beginning with Dhanteras, celebrates prosperity, wisdom, and the triumph of good over evil.

Motorist Crashes Into White House Gate, Arrested by Secret Service

TPN Correspondent | US
A man was arrested late Tuesday night after crashing his vehicle into a security gate near the White House complex, the U.S. Secret Service confirmed. The incident occurred at approximately 10:37 pm near the corner of 17th and E Streets NW. According to the Secret Service, the vehicle struck a security barrier located on the southwest perimeter of the White House, close to the American Red Cross headquarters. The driver was immediately taken into custody by responding officers. The agency stated that

a thorough inspection of the vehicle was carried out by Secret Service officers alongside Washington Metropolitan Police officials, who later confirmed that the car posed no threat. The vehicle was cleared and subsequently towed from the scene. No injuries were reported, and the White House was not placed on lockdown. However, the area around the impacted gate was temporarily closed off while authorities completed their investigation and secured the site. Footage from the scene circulated widely on social media, showing officers examining the ve-



hicle, measuring its position, and taking photographs. The crash drew public attention due to its proximity to one of the most heavily secured

government buildings in the country. At the time of the incident, U.S. President Donald Trump was present inside the White House,

the Secret Service confirmed. Authorities have yet to release the identity of the driver or provide any details regarding a potential motive behind the crash. The investigation remains ongoing. This is not the first time a vehicle has rammed a security gate at the White House. Similar incidents were reported in January and May of last year, raising ongoing concerns about perimeter security around the presidential complex. The Secret Service has reiterated its commitment to ensuring the safety of the White House and its occupants.

Jaish-e-Mohammed Launches Online Jihadi Course for Women with 500 PKR Fee



TPN Correspondent | Tehran
In a disturbing development, Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), led by UN-designated terrorist Masood Azhar, has launched an online jihadi training course exclusively for women. The course, named Tufat al-Muminat, aims to recruit and indoctrinate women into the group’s newly formed women’s unit, Jamat ul-Muminat. According to exclusive documents obtained by NDTV, the course is scheduled to begin on

November 8 and will be conducted entirely online to bypass extremist social norms in Pakistan that discourage women from venturing out alone. Each session will last 40 minutes daily and be led by Masood Azhar’s sisters, Sadiya Azhar and Samaira Azhar. Sadiya, who heads the women’s unit, will be one of the primary instructors encouraging women to participate actively in the organization. The course requires a fee of 500 Pakistani Rupees (approximately 156 Indian Rupees) from eve-

ry woman enrolling, with participants required to fill out an online information form. This fee collection appears to be part of an intensified ‘donations’ drive by Masood Azhar, following his recent public address at the Markaz Usman O Ali in Bahawalpur. Sadiya’s husband, Yusuf Azhar, was among ten members of Masood Azhar’s family killed during India’s Operation Sindoor airstrike on the Jaish headquarters in Bahawalpur earlier this year, a retaliatory action

against the April terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam. Also involved in the course is Afreer Farooq, wife of one of the Pahalgam attackers, Umar Farooq. This online initiative not only highlights the group’s attempt to expand its influence through women but also exposes Pakistan’s claim of compliance with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) regulations, revealing a worrying nexus between militancy and financial channels.



Hamas Returns Remains of Two More Hostages to Red Cross Amid Ceasefire

TPN Correspondent | Iran
Hamas has handed over the remains of two additional hostages to the Red Cross in Gaza, the Israeli military confirmed on October 22. This development comes amid the ongoing ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, which began on October 10. Since the ceasefire took effect, the remains of 13 hostages have been returned to Israel as part of efforts to recover those captured or killed during the recent conflict. Following this latest transfer, Israeli officials say that the remains of another 13 hostages are still held in Gaza and await recovery and handover.

The transfer of bodies is being facilitated by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which is overseeing the humanitarian aspects of the ceasefire agreement. Red Cross vehicles were seen escorting a truck transporting the remains in the Gaza Strip’s Deir Al-Balah area, highlighting the fragile but ongoing cooperation between the conflicting parties. The return of the remains marks a significant humanitarian step in the tense and complex aftermath of the conflict, which saw numerous kidnappings and casualties on both

sides. Families of the missing hostages in Israel continue to seek closure as the process of recovery and identification continues. The ceasefire, brokered earlier this month, has provided a temporary halt to active hostilities but challenges remain in resolving the broader conflict and addressing humanitarian concerns in the region. With the recovery of these two additional remains, efforts continue to locate and retrieve the rest of the hostages’ bodies still held in Gaza, underscoring the ongoing humanitarian impact of the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Core Sector Growth Slows to 3% in September, Hits 3-Month Low

Growth in India's eight core infrastructure sectors slowed to a three-month low of 3% in September 2025, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The deceleration was mainly due to contractions in key fuel-related sectors — coal, crude oil, natural gas, and refinery products — as well as a marked slowdown in fertiliser production.

The Index of Eight Core Industries, which represents about 40% of the weight of items in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), showed that although growth in September 2025 was higher than the 1.5% growth recorded in the same month last year, it was the weakest performance since June 2025.

Sector-Wise Performance:

Coal, crude oil, natural gas, and refinery products all registered declines in output compared to September 2024.

Fertiliser output, while not contracting, saw significantly slower growth, further dampen-



ing the overall index.

Sectors like steel, cement, and electricity provided some cushion with moderate gains but were not enough to offset the drag from energy-related sectors. Analysts attributed the slowdown to seasonal factors, lower global demand, and operational bottlenecks in certain sectors. The contraction in coal and refinery products, in particular, may affect downstream industries and overall industrial momentum in the coming months.

Despite the setback, the government maintains that the medium-term outlook remains stable, with core sector growth for the first half of FY2025-26 still showing positive trends.

The data will likely be closely watched by policymakers and the Reserve Bank of India, as it offers early signals for industrial output and broader economic performance. The next few months will be crucial in determining whether the slowdown is temporary or indicative of a more sustained moderation.

Silver Prices Likely to Fall as Global Supply Increases



Silver prices in India are expected to decline further after a sharp correction, following an increase in global supply aimed at cooling down soaring demand during the Diwali festival season, according to industry experts.

Kumar Jain, national spokesperson for the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA), said the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) has released additional silver stocks into the international market to counterbalance India's high demand, which led to a recent price surge. This increase in supply has caused silver prices to drop sharply, and further declines are anticipated.

During the festive season, Indian investors heavily bought silver jewelry and silver ETFs, leading to a shortage of physical silver. This demand spike was intensified by financial influencers promoting silver as an attractive investment with a favorable ratio compared to gold. The demand pressure

was so intense that MMTC-Pamp, India's largest precious metals refinery, exhausted its silver stock for the first time ever.

Silver premiums in India surged above \$5 per ounce, far exceeding normal levels. Due to the shortage, several mutual fund houses, including Kotak MF, UTI, and SBI MF, had to halt new silver fund subscriptions. Globally, the silver market faces supply challenges due to China's holiday slowdown and increased silver shipments to the US amid tariff concerns.

Following Dhanteras, silver prices fell over 5-6% in the past two days, with international spot prices dropping below \$50 per ounce after a 60% rally year-to-date. In India, silver traded at Rs 1,62,000 per kg on October 22.

Despite recent corrections, structural demand for silver remains strong, driven by industrial uses such as solar panel manufacturing, which continues to outpace mining and recycling supply.

Net FDI Plunges 159% in August 2025 as Outflows Exceed Inflows



India's net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) plunged 159% in August 2025, with more capital leaving the country than entering, marking a rare instance of negative net FDI, according to official data. This is

only the second time in the current financial year that outflows have surpassed inflows.

Gross FDI into India during August stood at \$6,049 million, which is 30.6% lower than August 2024 and a significant

45.5% drop compared to July 2025. The sharp decline signals a temporary slowdown in foreign investment interest or increased repatriation of funds by foreign investors.

Despite the disappointing

figures for August, the broader picture remains positive. Over the five-month period from April to August 2025, net FDI rose by more than 121% compared to the same period last year, indicating robust inflows

earlier in the year helped offset the recent dip.

Experts suggest the August outflows could be linked to global economic uncertainties, portfolio rebalancing by multinational companies, or sector-specific challenges within India. However, sustained government reforms and easing regulatory frameworks continue to attract foreign investors over the longer term.

The decline in net FDI during August is likely to raise concerns for policymakers who are keen to maintain India's position as a top destination for foreign investment. The government has recently emphasized initiatives to boost manufacturing, digital infrastructure, and ease of doing business to sustain and grow foreign capital inflows.

As the economic landscape evolves globally, the coming months will be critical for India to stabilize FDI flows and ensure continued confidence among foreign investors. Market watchers will closely monitor upcoming data to assess whether August's net outflow is an isolated incident or a sign of shifting investment trends.

India Emerging as Global Hub for Services Exports: NSE



India is rapidly establishing itself as a global hub for services exports, outpacing the growth of goods exports, according to the National Stock Exchange (NSE). NSE chief economist Tirthankar Patnaik said, "India will be to services what China has been to manufacturing," highlighting the country's transformation in the global economic landscape.

The NSE reported that India's services exports have been growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 14.8%, significantly higher than the 9.8% CAGR observed in goods exports. This robust expansion is attributed to several factors, including structural reforms, digital innovation, and demographic advantages that position India favorably in the global services market.

The services sector, which includes IT and software services, finance, telecommunications, and professional services, has become a key driver of India's economic growth. Investments in technology, skill development, and infrastructure have accelerated the sector's

ability to compete on a global scale. Additionally, India's young and dynamic workforce provides a demographic edge that fuels the expanding services industry.

The NSE also pointed out that policy reforms aimed at easing business regulations and boosting digital infrastructure have created a conducive environment for growth. These reforms have enhanced efficiency and enabled Indian service providers to tap into international markets more effectively.

This rise in services exports is transforming India's economic profile, reducing dependence on manufacturing and goods exports, and contributing to higher foreign exchange earnings. It also reflects the global shift toward a knowledge and technology-driven economy, where services play a pivotal role.

As India continues to capitalize on these strengths, experts believe it will solidify its position as a global leader in services exports, further integrating into the global value chain and contributing to sustainable economic development.

Stock Markets Closed for Bali Pratipada; Trading Resumes October 23

Indian stock markets remained closed on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in observance of the Bali Pratipada festival, according to the official National Stock Exchange (NSE) holiday calendar. Trading activities will resume on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

The day prior, on Tuesday, October 21, the benchmark indices closed marginally higher during the special Muhurat trading session, which is conducted annually to mark the auspicious occasion of Diwali. The Muhurat session saw cautious but positive investor sentiment as participants welcomed the festival season.

Bali Pratipada is a significant Hindu festival that celebrates the legendary victory of Lord Vishnu's Vamana avatar over the mighty yet righteous demon king Bali. The festival is symbolic of humility, devotion, and the restoration of cosmic balance. Traditionally, it is regarded as an auspicious day for new beginnings, prosperity, and success, often marked by rituals and prayers across many parts of India.

The closure of the stock markets for the festival is part of the broader tradition of observing major cultural and religious events in India, reflecting the country's re-



spect for its diverse heritage.

Investors are expected to resume trading with fresh enthusiasm on October 23, following the mid-week break. Market participants

will be closely watching for movements in global cues and domestic developments as the festive momentum continues through the week. As the markets reopen,

analysts anticipate a return to regular trading patterns with potential volatility driven by global economic factors and corporate earnings announcements sched-

uled later in the week.

For now, investors and traders observe the festive pause, marking a moment of cultural significance amidst the fast-paced world of finance.



Smart Bed Worth 1.75 Lakh Malfunctions , Users Face Sleepless Night

Owners of the high-end Eight Sleep “Pod” smart beds, priced around 1.75 lakh (\$2,000), were left frustrated after a global Amazon Web Services (AWS) outage caused widespread malfunctions late Monday night. The Pod beds, known for their automated temperature control and adjustable settings, suddenly overheated and froze in fixed positions, leaving users stuck and

sleep-deprived. The issue was traced to a disruption in AWS’s US-EAST-1 region, which began around 3 a.m. ET. The beds rely on AWS servers to function via app-based controls. By morning, Downdetector had recorded over eight million outage reports globally, affecting not just smart home devices but also apps, gaming platforms, and banking services.

Several users took to Reddit and X (formerly Twitter) to share their ordeal. Some reported intense heating issues, while others were unable to adjust their beds, leading to discomfort and panic during sleep. Eight Sleep’s CEO Matteo Franceschetti issued a public apology on X:

“The AWS outage has impacted some of our users since last night,

disrupting their sleep. That is not the experience we want to provide, and I want to apologize for it.” Franceschetti added that the company would work round-the-clock to ensure such issues don’t happen again. He revealed that developers were building an “outage-proof mode” that would allow the bed to operate independently of AWS during similar incidents.

While some services have been restored, Franceschetti noted that data processing delays may persist, and full functionality would return as AWS stabilizes. For now, frustrated users are demanding a “real solution” — with many questioning the reliability of smart home devices that rely entirely on cloud services for basic operations.

Modern Problems Require Modern Solutions

Bengaluru’s crumbling roads have long been a sore spot for its residents, but a recent incident near KR Road has pushed the frustration to new heights — or depths. A pothole nearly half a foot deep was spotted covered by an old couch, reportedly placed there by local shopkeepers as a warning for drivers and two-wheelers.

The unusual workaround gained attention after a photo of the scene was shared on Reddit. The uploader explained that despite the pothole being a hazard large enough to trap a scooter wheel, civic authorities had done little beyond placing traffic cones and barricades.

“The shopkeepers didn’t complain or attempt to fix it, they just placed a couch there,” the user wrote, noting how pedestrians and drivers merely avoid the pothole instead of addressing the larger issue. The Redditor also mentioned filing a complaint through the Namma Bengaluru (Sahaya) app, but said no response was received from civic authorities.

The image has since gone viral and reignited public anger over BBMP’s (now GBA’s) inaction. “I honestly don’t expect anything from the authorities,” the Reddit user added. “Unless people force change, things will remain the same for another decade.”

This pothole protest comes amid increasing scrutiny of Bengaluru’s urban infrastructure. Recent comments from top entrepreneurs like Rajan Anandan and Aadit Palicha highlight growing concern about the city’s traffic congestion and road conditions, while civic issues have sparked political debates between BJP and Congress leaders.

While the couch-covered pothole may have served as a creative — albeit desperate — safety measure, it also symbolizes the city’s deeper problem: citizens losing faith in civic accountability and choosing to improvise rather than wait for official action.



How Do Engineers Keep The Water Out While Building Bridges On Rivers?

Ever wondered how massive bridge foundations are laid in deep, fast-flowing rivers? Unlike land construction, building in water poses serious challenges, including strong currents, limited visibility, and high risk for workers. To overcome this, engineers use a remarkable technique called a cofferdam — a temporary watertight structure that makes underwater construction possible in dry conditions.

A cofferdam is essentially an enclosed area built within the river using interlocking steel sheet piles, typically 10 to 20 metres long. These sheets are hammered deep into the riverbed using hy-

draulic or vibratory hammers, forming a sealed circle or rectangle that blocks water from entering. Once sealed, powerful pumps remove the water from the inside, creating a dry workspace. This method was used in major Indian infrastructure projects like the Thane Creek Bridge, where engineers noted that vibrations from the pile-driving process even scared off nearby fish.

Before construction begins, a thorough survey of the riverbed is conducted to measure depth, soil stability, and current speed. These details determine how deep the foundation needs to be and how many support pillars are

required. Once water is pumped out and the space is dry, workers can safely descend into the cofferdam — often via ladders or crane platforms — to begin laying the bridge foundation. Strict safety measures are in place, with helmets and life jackets mandatory on site. Despite its temporary nature, a cofferdam plays a critical role in ensuring bridge stability and safety. Once the foundation work is complete, the structure is dismantled, and water is gradually reintroduced to the area. This ingenious engineering solution allows for massive construction projects to succeed — even in the middle of a river.

What Should Disappear From Earth?

Internet Replies with UV Rays, Tobacco Stains & More

In a thread that quickly turned hilarious and insightful, a Reddit user recently asked: “Delete one thing from Earth that you think would make it better?” What followed was a mix of clever, quirky, and unexpectedly deep responses that reflected the internet’s creativity and collective frustrations.

Among the most viral responses was one user suggesting “UV rays because sunscreens are oily,” blending humour with a common skincare complaint. Another top comment simply read: “My browsing history”, drawing laughs and thousands of upvotes.

Others were slightly more practical but still amusing, such as “tobacco stains”, “occasional cold that brings immense throat pain”, and even “alarm clocks”. One user mused, “Mosquitoes. No one would miss them.”

However, the conversation also took a more philosophical turn. One Redditor stated: “Greed—the root of all problems.” Another added: “Remove the concept of



politics,” though that sparked a debate, with one reply noting, “Politics isn’t inherently bad. It’s how people use it.” The post spurred hundreds of responses within hours, ranging from light-hearted irritants like pop-up ads and spam emails to global issues such as poverty, corruption, and pollution. Many agreed that removing even one small annoyance could drastically improve daily life,

while some believed only deeper systemic changes could bring true transformation. As the thread grew, it became a mix of meme-worthy answers and real reflections — a rare internet moment where entertainment met empathy. One thing is clear: from UV rays to rude drivers, the world might be a little better with a “delete” button — if only it existed.

Viral Metro Art Mistaken for Madhubani Is Actually Warli, Confirms AI

A viral image showing a metro coach covered in stunning traditional artwork had the internet buzzing, with many believing it was part of Patna Metro’s initiative to celebrate Madhubani art. The vibrant patterns and cultural designs led social media users to praise the effort — but it turns out, the art isn’t Madhubani at all. As appreciation poured in, eagle-eyed users began questioning the authenticity of the claim. “This doesn’t look like Madhubani,” one user wrote. Another chimed in, “Looks more like Warli art to me.” The confusion prompted a fact-check from an unusual but modern source — Grok, the AI chatbot from X (formerly Twitter). When asked to identify the art form, Grok responded clearly: “That’s Warli art. Those geometric stick figures and tribal motifs are classic Warli style from Maharashtra

— fits the Pune Metro hint perfectly.” The revelation shifted the narrative. Not only was the artwork not Madhubani, it also wasn’t from Patna Metro. It was actually a Pune Metro coach, decorated in Warli art, a tribal style native to Maharashtra known for its simple stick figures and depictions of rural life. Despite the confusion, the viral post highlighted public appreciation for India’s diverse folk art traditions. While one user joked, “At least it’s not the floor — or it would be covered in pan masala stains,” others celebrated the creative fusion of culture and urban transit. The mix-up sparked debate but also showcased how India’s artistic heritage continues to thrive, even on modern platforms like metro coaches — whether it’s Madhubani in Bihar or Warli in Maharashtra.



LaLiga Cancels Barcelona-Villarreal Miami Match Amid Controversy

LaLiga has officially canceled its plans to hold the December 2025 league match between Barcelona and Villarreal in Miami, citing growing uncertainty in Spain in recent weeks. The announcement came on October 21, 2025, following widespread backlash and disputes surrounding the move.

The controversial plan to stage a LaLiga match outside Spain, specifically in the United States, had initially received reluctant approval from UEFA, European football's governing body. UEFA acknowledged the match's relocation but noted that there was no existing FIFA framework to prevent such a move, which raised concerns about precedent and the future of domestic leagues.

The decision to cancel the Miami match followed strong opposition from players and unions. Over the weekend, players in LaLiga staged a symbolic protest by standing still for the first 15 seconds of their matches. This was orchestrated by the Span-



ish Footballers' Association (AFE) to express frustration over what they described as the league's "lack of transparency, dialogue and coherence" in handling the situation.

The players' protest underscored broader tensions between LaLiga's management and stakeholders, highlighting issues over how decisions impacting the sport and its fans are made without sufficient consultation.

The Miami match was seen by many as an attempt to globalize LaLiga's brand and tap into the lucrative U.S. market. However, it also sparked fears about the erosion of traditional league structures and the potential alienation of local fanbases.

With the cancellation, the Barcelona-Villarreal game will now be held in Spain as part of the regular season schedule, maintaining the integrity of the domestic league format.

This episode reflects the growing challenges European football faces in balancing commercial ambitions with the interests of players, fans, and the sport's heritage.

Lakshya Sen Exits French Open After First-Round Defeat



Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen bowed out of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament following a straight-game loss to Ireland's Nhat Nguyen in the men's singles opening round in Paris on October 21, 2025.

Lakshya, who had recently reached the finals of the Hong Kong Open, appeared off-colour from the outset and struggled to find his rhythm against the world number 29. He was defeated

7-21, 16-21 by Nguyen, who dominated the match with consistent play and sharp shot-making.

The early exit was a disappointing outcome for Lakshya, who had entered the tournament with hopes of

making a deep run after his strong performance in Hong Kong. Despite a better showing in the second game, he was unable to overcome the challenge posed by Nguyen, who controlled the tempo and capitalised on Lak-

shya's errors.

In contrast, the Indian mixed doubles pair of Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde made a winning start to the tournament, showing promise as they advanced through their initial match.

Lakshya Sen's loss highlights the growing competitiveness in men's singles badminton, with emerging talents from across the globe pushing the boundaries at major tournaments. The French Open, a Super 750 event on the BWF World Tour, attracts top-ranked players, making every match a tough contest.

While this defeat is a setback for Lakshya, he remains one of India's brightest badminton prospects and will look to bounce back in upcoming tournaments. The young player's recent performances signal potential for future success, provided he can maintain form and fitness.

The French Open continues with several exciting matches ahead as players vie for crucial ranking points and titles.

Haaland Shines Again as Manchester City Beat Villarreal 2-0

Erling Haaland continued his impressive scoring streak as Manchester City secured a comfortable 2-0 victory against Villarreal in the Champions League on Tuesday. The win at Estadio de la Ceramica kept Pep Guardiola's side unbeaten in the group stage.

Haaland opened the scoring in the 17th minute, finishing off a neat move set up by Rico Lewis. The Norwegian striker has now scored in 12 consecutive games for club and country, tallying 22 goals in that run. Bernardo Silva added the second before halftime with a well-placed header from a Savinho cross, effectively sealing the win.

Guardiola made four changes from the side that beat Everton, resting Phil Foden as City aimed to end their year-long winless streak on the road in European competition. Despite Villarreal, third in La Liga, gaining some foothold after conceding, City controlled most of the game.

City faced a setback when midfielder Nico Gonzalez left due to injury, compounding worries with Rodri Hernandez already sidelined.



However, City's defense held firm, with goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma making key saves, including one from Nicolas Pepe.

Villarreal's best chance came late when Renato

Veiga's header struck the post, but City managed to keep a clean sheet. Guardiola was optimistic, stating, "Things are looking good, we are playing a little bit better day after day,

and that's a good sign."

The victory reinforces Manchester City's status as group leaders as they build momentum in their Champions League campaign. Villarreal, on the other hand,

remain winless in Europe this season with just one point from three matches.

With Haaland continuing to fire, City look strong as they aim for success in Europe.

Novak Djokovic Withdraws from Paris Masters Due to Injury



Novak Djokovic has announced his withdrawal from the upcoming Paris Masters, citing a leg injury sustained during an exhibition match. The 24-time Grand Slam champion shared the news on social media on October 22, 2025, just days after he was forced to quit the exhibition event due to the injury.

Djokovic's decision to pull out comes amid a challenging season for the Serbian tennis star, who has been competing sporadically. This year, he has participated in only eight ATP Tour events outside of the four Grand Slam tournaments, indicating a cautious approach to managing his fitness and form.

The Paris Masters, one of the ATP Tour's most prestigious indoor hard-court events, was expected to be an important tournament for Djokovic as he looks to regain momentum. However, his recent injury setback has

put those plans on hold.

Djokovic, known for his resilience and competitive spirit, has been dealing with various physical issues over the past seasons, which have affected his tournament schedule and performance. His absence in Paris is a blow to the event, which draws many of the world's top players competing for valuable ranking points ahead of the ATP Finals.

Fans and analysts alike will be watching closely to see how Djokovic recovers and plans his return to competitive play in the remaining part of the season. His health and readiness will be key factors in determining his prospects for the 2026 season and beyond.

Meanwhile, the Paris Masters will proceed without the former world No. 1, who remains one of the sport's most decorated and influential figures.

Women's ODI World Cup: South Africa Crushes Pakistan to Seal Semis Spot



South Africa stormed into the semifinals of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 with a commanding victory over Pakistan in a rain-hit encounter at the R. Premadasa Stadium on Tuesday. Skipper Laura Wolvaardt and veteran all-rounder Marizanne Kapp led the charge as Pakistan crumbled under pressure while chasing a daunting 306 in 40 overs.

Opting to bat first, South Africa set the tone with a clinical batting performance. Wolvaardt anchored the innings with a fluent 87, while support came from the middle order to post a challenging 305/6, capitalising on a slightly shortened match due to early rain delays.

In response, Pakistan's innings never got going. Muneeba Ali fell in the second over, setting the tone for a collapse. Kapp, in top form, removed Sidra Amin and Bismah Maroof in the same over, reducing Pakistan to 24/3. Her fiery spell of 3/26 shattered the chase early. Pakistan struggled to build

partnerships, with rain interruptions doing little to aid their rhythm. Fatima Sana's team looked out of depth against South Africa's disciplined bowling attack and aggressive fielding. Despite a brief resistance from Aliya Riaz and Nida Dar, the run rate climbed beyond reach, and Pakistan was eventually bowled out for 167 in the 34th over.

This defeat ends Pakistan's World Cup campaign, having won just one match in the group stage. Their batting inconsistencies and inability to counter pressure situations were exposed throughout the tournament.

For South Africa, this victory underlines their title ambitions. With Wolvaardt's leadership and Kapp's all-round brilliance, they now look ahead to the semifinals with momentum and belief.

The match also highlighted the resilience of teams to adapt to weather-hit games in a tightly scheduled tournament.

Prabhas Sparks Spy Rumours In Pre-Look Poster Of Hanu Raghavapudi Film



Ahead of his birthday Rebel Star Prabhas has already given fans a reason to celebrate. The makers of his upcoming film with director Hanu Raghavapudi and Mythri Movie Makers have released a striking pre-look poster, adding to the Diwali festivities and stirring massive buzz online.

Set against the backdrop of colonial India, the pre-look hints at a gripping tale of mystery, bravery, and espionage. Prabhas is seen donning a long trench coat and boots, exuding a secretive, spy-like aura. The visual style, along with quotes like “A Battalion Who Walks Alone” and “Most Wanted Since 1932”, suggests that he may be playing a lone warrior or undercover agent involved in India’s silent freedom struggle.

The poster’s background features soldiers marching in formation, subtly symbolizing resistance and rebellion. Intriguingly, Sanskrit verses are overlaid on the de-

sign, adding a spiritual and philosophical tone to the already intense visuals.

The concept poster released earlier had already piqued curiosity, but today’s pre-look has amplified expectations for the official title poster, which is scheduled for release tomorrow on Prabhas’ birthday.

Fans are now eagerly speculating whether Prabhas will portray a spy, revolutionary, or unsung hero in what appears to be a patriotic period drama. The project marks the actor’s first collaboration with Hanu Raghavapudi, known for his rich storytelling and visual flair.

With the title reveal just hours away, the pre-look poster has succeeded in creating a storm on social media, placing the film among the most anticipated upcoming Indian releases. The blend of action, history, and mystery promises yet another epic from Prabhas.

Pradeep Ranganathan on the verge of creating sensation



Actor-director Pradeep Ranganathan is on the verge of creating a sensational box office milestone with his latest film ‘Dude’, which is raking in impressive numbers across Tamil and Telugu markets.

Directed by Keerthiswaran in his debut, Dude is a rom-com entertainer that has struck a chord with audiences. Featuring Mamitha Baiju as the female lead, the film has managed to draw large crowds despite stiff competition in both language circuits.

According to the latest update from the production team, Dude has grossed ₹95 crore globally in just five days, and is expected to cross the ₹100 crore mark by the end of the day. This makes Pradeep Ranganathan one of the few stars to achieve consecutive ₹100 crore grossers early in his career, following the success of his previous film Love

Today.

The film’s strong performance underlines Pradeep’s growing popularity as a pan-South Indian star, with significant traction in both Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh/Telangana. Industry trackers believe this marks the emergence of a new-gen crowd puller who blends relatable storytelling with commercial appeal.

Dude also stars Sarathkumar, Hridhu Haroon, Rohini, and Aishwarya Sharma in important roles, while the music is composed by Sai Abhyankkar, whose peppy tracks have helped boost the film’s youth appeal.

With Dude marching towards blockbuster status, Pradeep Ranganathan seems well on his way to establishing himself as one of the most bankable young stars in Indian cinema. All eyes are now on how far this rom-com will go in the coming weeks.



Kantara: Chapter 1 English Release Set for Oct 31

Kantara: Chapter 1, the Kannada blockbuster that has dominated the Indian box office in 2025, is now set to make its mark globally. The makers have officially announced the English version of the film, scheduled for release on October 31, 2025. However, fans are left with two pressing questions.

The announcement came with a fresh poster and key detail — the English version will have a runtime of 2 hours, 14 minutes, and 45 seconds, nearly 30 minutes shorter than the original Kannada version currently running in cinemas. This has sparked concern among die-hard fans, who are questioning what scenes were removed and whether this will dilute the story’s impact for international audiences.

Adding to the online chatter is the lack of clarity around the Tulu version, which was widely expected given the film’s coastal and cultural roots. Fans from Karnataka’s Tulu-speaking regions expressed disappointment, with many assuming the Tulu version will now skip theatrical release and head straight to OTT platforms.

Despite the concerns, the film’s English release is being welcomed as a major step forward for Indian regional cinema on the global stage. Kantara: Chapter 1 is a visually rich mythological action-drama starring Rishab Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, Jayaram, Gulshan Devaiah, and Pramodh Shetty. It is backed by Hombale Films, the banner behind hits like KGF and Salaar.

The powerful score by Ajaanesh Loknath is another highlight that has helped elevate the film’s immersive storytelling. With the global release days away, the international box office response — especially in Western markets — will be closely watched.

Whether the trimmed runtime affects the film’s core narrative remains to be seen. For now, fans are waiting, curious and hopeful.

Bill Gates To Make A Cameo In Indian Serial?



In what could be a surprising crossover between global philanthropy and Indian television drama, reports have emerged suggesting that Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates may soon appear in a cameo role on the popular Hindi serial ‘Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 2’.

The show, which marks the acting comeback of Smriti Irani, actress-turned-politician and former Union Minister, premiered on July 29, 2025,

and has since received a positive response from viewers. Irani reprises her iconic character in a modernised setting with a storyline that now integrates social awareness themes, particularly surrounding maternal and child health.

According to media reports, Gates’ cameo will involve a video call sequence with Smriti Irani’s character, focusing on issues related to the health of pregnant women and newborn babies—a cause close to Gates’ philanthropic work through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The segment is expected to be featured over three episodes.

Though the rumour has created buzz across fan communities and social media, the show’s producers have not yet confirmed Gates’ involvement. Sources suggest the idea stemmed from the show’s mission to raise awareness on real-world health issues, and that Gates’ global reputation for advocacy in this area made him an ideal fit for the appearance.

If true, Gates’ cameo would follow a series of special appearances on the show, with actors Sakshi Tanwar and Kiran Karmarkar having recently featured in guest roles.

Whether the tech billionaire’s debut on Indian television materialises or not, the speculation has already brought renewed attention to the serial’s evolving storyline and its focus on blending entertainment with social messaging.

Vishal To Compete With Dhanush, But Not as An Actor!



Actor Vishal is taking a bold new step in his film career — by turning director. Known for his action-packed roles, the Tamil star has now joined the league of actor-directors in Kollywood, sparking comparisons with Dhanush, who has already made his mark in the dual role.

Vishal recently surprised fans with two major announcements — his engagement to actress Sai Dhansika and his decision to helm his next film, Makutam, as a director. Interestingly, Makutam was originally set to be directed by Ravi Arasu, with first-look posters already released. However, Vishal has now taken over the project, citing “circumstances and a sense of responsibility” as the key reasons for the directorial switch.

In Tamil cinema, it’s rare for mainstream actors to successfully wear the director’s hat. Among Vishal’s contemporaries, only Dhanush has emerged as a successful actor-

director. After debuting with Power Paandi, Dhanush returned to direction with projects like Raayan, Jabilamma Neeku Antha Kopama, and Idly Kottu, most of which were critically and commercially well-received — except his most recent release, which underperformed.

Now, the industry is closely watching how Vishal’s Makutam shapes up under his vision. With his career needing a strong comeback after a series of underwhelming performances at the box office, this directorial venture could be a turning point.

While Vishal has not yet revealed much about the film’s plot or cast updates, fans are intrigued by his new creative direction. If Makutam strikes the right chord, Vishal could join Dhanush as a rare success story among Tamil actor-directors.

One thing is clear — the competition between Vishal and Dhanush is no longer just in front of the camera.