



Sridhar Babu Invites Indian-Origin CEOs In Oz To Partner in Rising Telangana

TPN Bureau,

Hyderabad, Oct 25: As part of his official visit to Australia, Telangana's Minister for IT and Industries, Mr. Duddilla Sridhar Babu, extended a direct invitation to Indian-origin CEOs of leading Australian companies. He encouraged them to partner with the state in its ongoing growth journey under the banner of 'Rising Telangana'. The Minister hosted a special interaction with the business community during a business conclave organized by the Centre for Australia-India Relations in Sydney on Saturday.

He emphasized Telangana's position as one of the fastest-growing states in India, driven by a strong economic foun-

ation, stable governance, and progressive leadership. Mr. Sridhar Babu pitched Telangana as a secure and globally attractive investment destination, highlighting its world-class infrastructure, transparent governance, and a conducive policy framework.

He provided a detailed overview of the state's industrial strengths, showcasing the single-window clearance system (TG-IPASS), progressive industrial policies, and a robust innovation ecosystem supporting both large-scale and emerging industries.

The Minister also underscored the government's commitment to building an industry-ready workforce through strategic collaborations with global and national institutions. He explicit-

ly invited investors to explore opportunities in key sectors such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Analytics, Machine Learning, Gaming, Animation, VFX, Semiconductors, Aerospace, Defence, Advanced Manufacturing, Green Energy, and Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturing.

He concluded by assuring full facilitation and support from the Government of Telangana to industries and investors seeking to establish or expand operations in the state. The meeting was attended by prominent figures, including Ms. Swati Dave, Chairperson of the Centre for Australia-India Relations, and Mr. Irfan Malik, National Associate Chairman of the Australia-India Business Council, among other business leaders.

Tummala Checks Pulse of Cotton, Soybean & Maize Procurement

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Hyderabad, Oct 25: Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms & Textiles, Tummala Nagewara Rao, held a review meeting at the Secretariat at 10:30 am today (October 25, 2025). The meeting was attended by the Director of Agriculture, Director of Marketing, and the Managing Director of Telangana Markfed. The session focused on key agricultural and marketing issues facing the state.

A detailed review was conducted on the Cotton Minimum Support Price (MSP) procurement program across the state, which is crucial for farmers' economic stability. Discussions also covered the status and action plan for the Kohe-da Market, a significant trading hub. The meet-

ing included a review of the status of newly approved works in the Marketing Department, ensuring projects are on track.

Furthermore, progress and actions related to the soybean and maize procurement programs were thoroughly discussed, as these are critical Kharif crops. The Minister directed officials to ensure smooth operations and fair prices for farmers. Participants also discussed various other issues pertaining to the functioning and efficiency of the respective departments.

The meeting underscored the government's commitment to supporting the agricultural sector and streamlining procurement and marketing infrastructure. The Minister emphasized the need for transparency and timeliness in all procurement activities.



Seethakka Hands Over Appointment Letters to 181 Supervisors

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Hyderabad, Oct 25: Minister Seethakka presented appointment letters to the Grade One Supervisors newly appointed in the Women and Child Welfare Department and extended her congratulations. One hundred eighty-one (181) individuals received their appointment letters today. The Minister lauded the appointees, stating they achieved these posts after competing with thousands of aspirants. She noted that their long wait and dreams were fulfilled by the Praja Government led by Revanth Reddy.

Minister Seethakka emphasized that their professional duty must align with the hopes and needs of the public. She stated that the government has prioritized women and child

welfare, recognizing that women are breaking barriers and reaching space despite numerous challenges.

She credited Indira Gandhi with giving life to ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) in India, starting Anganwadi centers to ensure respect for every woman and protection for every child. The Minister highlighted that the seeds of the Anganwadi system were sown in Telangana, with services experimentally launched in Mahbubnagar district in the 1970s and later expanded nationally due to their success.

She stated that the existence of positions ranging from Anganwadi Helper to Women's Department Secretary is due to Indira Gandhi's vision, and every woman is indebted to her. The government is strengthening

Anganwadi centers, not just limiting them to nutrition but also providing primary education to children, turning them into nests of a mother's affection. Telangana is the only state providing 57 types of toys and uniforms to Anganwadi children.

The nation's future lies in Anganwadi centers, so supervisors must adhere strictly to their professional responsibilities. Each supervisor is responsible for overseeing 25 Anganwadi centers. The Minister stressed the importance of empathy (Sahanubhuti), not just sympathy, toward Anganwadi children. She concluded by announcing that the government is providing many benefits to Anganwadi staff and will soon undertake the recruitment of 14,000 Anganwadi teachers and helpers.



BeeniHives Proposes Pure Honey Supply for Bhadrachalam Temple

Company Representative Hima Priya Request Endowments Minister Konda Surekha

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Hyderabad, Oct 25: Key representatives of Kothagudem-based natural honey brand BeeniHives have requested Telangana Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha to consider their request to supply pure, chemical-free honey to the Sri Sita Ramachandra

Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam. Today, BeeniHives owner Smt. Enagandhula Keerthi Priya personally submitted a memorandum to Minister Konda Surekha at the Secretariat in Hyderabad.

She explained that the honey supplied by BeeniHives would be used only in temple rituals, the preparation of prasadam, and other sa-

cred offerings. Ms. Hima Priya noted that the company adheres to quality standards and holds a valid FSSAI licence. She clarified that the honey will be procured directly from sustainable local beekeepers in rural areas.

After the meeting with the Endowments Minister, Smt. Hima Priya said, "It is a divine honour for Beeni-

Hives to serve Lord Rama and contribute to the holy offerings at the Bhadrachalam temple. We are committed to providing honey of the highest purity and quality in every batch." Minister Konda Surekha acknowledged the request and assured that the Endowments Department will review it and take appropriate action.

Minister Flags Off Akshaya Patra Vehicles At Hare Krishna Event

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Hyderabad, Oct 25: State Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha participated as the chief guest in the Maha Narasimha Homam and Garbhalaya Yantra Sthapana Puja ceremony. The event was part of the construction of the prestigious Hare Krishna Cultural Center being built under the aegis of the Hare Krishna Movement in the Kandi Mandal of Sangareddy district. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Rajanarsimha stated that the center, which will consecrate the idols of Sri Sri Radha Krishna, will stand as a magnificent spiritual and



cultural hub to propagate the illustrious cultural heritage and values of Sanatana Dharma.

During the event, Minister Rajanarsimha, along with TGHC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy, flagged off three

new food distribution vehicles managed by the Akshaya Patra Foundation. Subsequently, the Minister inspected the foundation's large-scale kitchen operations. He toured the modern kitchen facilities, observed the

preparation of snacks, and inspected the operation of automatic vegetable washing and cutting machines, expressing appreciation for the scale and modernity of the facilities dedicated to serving meals.

Surekha Orders Grand Karthika Deepotsavam Across Telangana

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Hyderabad, Oct 25: State Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha directed senior endowments officials to organize the Karthika Deepotsavam as a grand festival and ensure that every temple in the state is decorated with lamps. The Minister held a review meeting with senior endowments officials, including Shailaja Ramaier and Harish, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, and Executive Officers (EOs), via video conference on Saturday. The Deepotsavam is sched-

uled from October 22, 2025, to November 19, 2025.

Minister Surekha emphasized the sacred significance of the Karthika month in Hindu tradition, noting that lighting lamps during this period is considered highly auspicious. She stressed the importance of mass Karthika Deepotsavam, where devotees collectively light lamps and perform worship in temple premises.

Officials briefed the Minister on arrangements, stating that the mass Deepotsavam will be held every evening at 6:00 pm. Women devotees will be provided clay

lamps, wicks, oil, turmeric, vermilion, and tandoor (betel leaf offerings). On Karthika Mondays, additional items like fruits will be provided to devotees in major temples. Temporary water ponds will be set up for devotees to float lamps, and Aarti (lamp offering) will be organized at temples near riverbanks.

Cultural programs and discourses by prominent scholars like Brahmarshi Nagaphani Sharma and Sri Samavedam Shanmukha Sharma will also be organized. Minister Surekha instructed officials to coordinate with revenue, police, and

traffic departments in areas expecting large crowds, provide drinking water facilities, and ensure cleanliness. She urged vigilance, proper publicity, and strict adherence to ritualistic timings. Lighting arrangements in every temple are to be perfect, and cultural programs will be grandly organized with the Tourism Department's cooperation.

She suggested creating small booklets of slokas (verses) for distribution to devotees and personally congratulated the EO of Jogulamba Temple, Deepti, for her preparatory actions.

BJP AP, Telangana Units Gear Up with Joint Strategy Meet

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BJP Andhra Pradesh State President Sri P.V.N. Madhav met BJP Telangana State President Sri N. Ramchander Rao today at the BJP State Office in Hyderabad. The two leaders discussed strategies for strengthening the party in both states, planning for upcoming elections, coordinating activities, and boosting morale among party ranks.

They reaffirmed their commitment to expanding and consolidating the party at both the central and state levels through improved coordination between the two states. Speaking to the media, Telangana BJP President Sri N. Ramchander Rao expressed pleasure in receiving Sri P.V.N. Madhav, who was accompanied by Jammalamadugu MLA Sri Adinarayana Reddy and BJP Andhra Pradesh Chief Spokesperson Sri Jayaprakash. The dis-

cussions covered the implementation of central government schemes and the political situations in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Andhra Pradesh BJP President P.V.N. Madhav said he was delighted to visit the Telangana State Office for the first time since assuming charge. He recalled his earlier association with the office during his tenure as Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Vice President, General Secretary, and National Secretary, describing the visit as a “homecoming.”

Congratulating Ramchander Rao on his appointment, Madhav said both states were like “two eyes” for Telugu people and vowed joint efforts for regional development. He highlighted Ramchander Rao’s strong connections in Andhra Pradesh due to his participation in Bar Council elections.

Madhav pledged full cooperation in organiza-

tional matters and expressed confidence in BJP’s victory in the Jubilee Hills by-election. He asserted that Andhra Pradesh was experiencing a “double engine bullet train” of growth under the dual leadership of the central and state governments, with rapid progress in Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, and Rayalaseema.

He cited major investments, including Google’s \$15 billion AI hub in Visakhapatnam, NTPC’s 1.80 lakh crore Green Hydrogen Hub, and BPCL’s 80,000 crore petrochemical complex near Nellore, crediting the progress to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership. Madhav concluded by expressing his desire for a double engine government in Telangana to accelerate development, assuring full participation of Andhra Pradesh BJP leaders, including Purandeswari, in the Jubilee Hills campaign.



Mallu Ravi Showcases Congress Development Drive in Jubilee Hills

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MP Dr. Mallu Ravi continued his vigorous campaign for the Congress in the Jubilee Hills by-election, highlighting the visible development under the Congress government.

Today, Minister Seethakka, Dr. Mallu Ravi (Borangadda Division Congress Party In-Charge and TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman, Nagarkurnool MP), and Borabanda Corporator Baba Fayazuddin conducted a door-to-door campaign. They explained various welfare schemes implemented by the Congress government and urged voters to elect party candidate Naveen Yadav with a strong mandate.

Speaking at the event, Mallu Ravi lashed out at the previous BRS government, saying it had been in power in the Jubilee Hills constituency



for ten years but failed to address local issues. He said that within just two years of the Congress coming to power, the Borabanda division has seen major progress, with 200 crore allocated for roads and drainage improvements.

He assured voters that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is personally monitoring the constituency’s development and is committed to turning Jubilee Hills into a model constituency. Several Congress leaders and activists participated in the campaign.

Ponnam Tears Into BRS, Backs ‘Pakka Local’ Naveen Yadav



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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar campaigned vigorously in the Yousufguda division for the Jubilee Hills by-election, launching a fierce attack on the BRS and its former MLA Maganti Gopinath.

He dismissed KCR’s public remarks as mere “blessings” for Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, asserting that the people of Jubilee Hills had suffered under the previous MLA’s tenure. “Maganti Gopinath was a source of fear for locals,” he said, citing criminal cases and demolition controversies.

Ponnam accused the BRS of neglecting welfare during its tenure.

“Not a single double bedroom house was provided, and despite being a three-time MLA, the area still faces drinking water shortages,” he said.

He highlighted the Congress government’s immediate action after taking office — resolving drainage issues, issuing ration cards after a decade, distributing fine rice, and filling job vacancies. He listed key schemes: free bus travel for women, 200 units of free electricity, and LPG cylinders at 500.

Ponnam questioned KCR’s moral right to comment, saying he “couldn’t even sit in the Assembly as Opposition Leader.” He claimed BJP leader Kishan Reddy had fielded a dummy candidate to secretly support BRS, alleging both parties were working together.

“The Congress flag will fly high in Jubilee Hills,” he declared. “Naveen Yadav — a pakka local and a man of the people — will win with a huge majority.”

Congress Leaders Cross Over to BRS in Maheshwaram

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In Maheshwaram constituency of Ranga Reddy district, several senior Congress leaders joined the BRS in a ceremony led by senior leaders Karrolla Chandraiah Mudiraj and Munagapati Naveen Padmashali at the Maheshwaram Mandal Centre.

Former Minister and local MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy welcomed the new members by draping them with the party’s pink scarf.

Among those who joined were Peddamma Pentaiah, Working President of Maheshwaram Village Padmashali Association and senior Congress leader, and Koukunthla Srinivas Padmashali, General Secretary of the association.



BRS village branch president Doddu Krishna Yadav, Teljiri Srisailam Yadav, Jella Nagesh Yadav, Mallesh Yadav, and several other local leaders were present. The event was part of BRS’s ongoing drive to strengthen its grassroots network in Maheshwaram constituency.

Push BC Bill into 9th Schedule, Says V Hanumantha Rao



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Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao has called for urgent parliamentary action on reservations for Backward Classes (BCs), emphasizing that the issue must not be delayed any further. He recalled Rahul Gandhi’s clear stance on BC reserva-

tions during his padayatra and noted that after coming to power in Telangana, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also undertook various initiatives to address BC concerns. However, he pointed out that the BC reservation case remains pending in court.

Hanumantha Rao strongly suggested that

the Telangana BC Bill be introduced in Parliament and placed under the 9th Schedule of the Constitution. He urged the government to convene an all-party meeting to discuss and advance the issue collectively. He recalled his earlier request to Sonia Gandhi regarding reservations in IITs

and IIMs, which was successfully implemented. Urging BJP MPs to take up the cause, he appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure BC reservation implementation, saying, “This is the right time — if not now, when?”

He noted that upper-caste leaders like Rahul

Gandhi and Revanth Reddy are already supportive of BC reservations, and if Prime Minister Modi, himself a BC, also extends support, the community would benefit greatly. As convener of OBC MPs, he appealed to all political parties to work together to ensure justice for BCs.

KTR: BRS ‘Jaitra Yatra’ Begins from Jubilee Hills

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) declared that the time had come to teach the Congress a lesson for deceiving the people, asserting that the BRS’s “Jaitra Yatra” (victory march) would begin from the Jubilee Hills constituency.

He accused the Congress of betraying public trust and crushing the hopes of the poor by failing to fulfill its promises. Recalling welfare schemes introduced under the KCR government — including free 20,000 liters of water, Basti Dawakhana, 5 meals, pensions, and property tax waivers — KTR said KCR’s administration genuinely cared for the poor.

He pointed to the construction of the Shaikpet Flyover and the BRS’s



consistent wins in GHMC and Hyderabad elections. KTR accused the Congress of burdening the state with debt while deceiving farmers, women, and the elderly.

“Don’t be fooled like those who were shown heaven in their palms,” he warned voters, attacking the Congress for treating its manifesto like “guarantee cards.”

He said none of the key promises — 2,500 monthly aid for women, scooters for young wom-

en, or one tola of gold for marriages — had materialized. “In two years, Revanth Reddy hasn’t laid a single new foundation stone,” he said.

KTR noted that while pensions continue, other schemes were hollow. “Free bus rides for women come at the cost of doubled fares for men,” he said. He also calculated that the CM owes 60,000 to each woman and 48,000 to each elderly or widow beneficiary.

He accused Congress of betraying BCs, Dalits, and minorities, including the unfulfilled 4,000 crore budget for Muslims. “A small shock is needed to wake up this government,” he said, urging voters to choose BRS in the November 11 polls to protect Telangana’s progress under KCR’s rule.

Former BJP Shaikpet Division President Thota Mahesh and several leaders joined the BRS in KTR’s presence.

BRS Alleges 8,000-Crore ‘HAM Scam’ in Road Projects

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Former Minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy and BRS General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging an 8,000 crore scam under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) for road development.

Addressing a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, Prashanth Reddy said, “Indiramma Rajyam has turned into a den of scams and corruption, with ministers fighting daily over bribe money.”

He accused the government of attempting an 8,000 crore road scam under the guise of the HAM model and demanded central intervention. “This is not a HAM model, it’s a SCAM model,” he said, alleging that BJP ministers’ silence indicated collusion.



Prashanth Reddy claimed that CRIF (Central Road Infrastructure Fund) works by the R&B Department cost 1.75 crore per km (including tax) for upgrading single to double lanes, while the HAM model cost 3.30 crore per km. He questioned the 85% cost escalation, stating that the 17,000 crore project should cost only 9,000 crore.

He criticized the decision to package tenders into large blocks to sideline small contractors

and slammed the 10% mobilization advance of 1,700 crore, saying the government claims to have no funds for pending bills. He warned contractors and officials of “serious consequences” and demanded immediate tender cancellation.

Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar, meanwhile, focused on the suicide of Srivardhita at Vangara Gurukul School, alleging harassment by the principal and vice-principal after she witnessed

them stealing groceries. He demanded their suspension and 1 crore ex gratia for the family.

He said 110 students have died in Gurukuls in two years and accused ministers of ignoring governance to campaign in Jubilee Hills with “blood-stained hands.” He questioned the government’s handling of juvenile homes under Minister Seethakka and the alleged protection of “basement gundas” by Congress.

RTA Launches Crackdown on Private Buses After Kurnool Accident

13,900 challans since 2023; five buses seized in safety checks

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The Telangana Transport Department intensified safety inspections of private travel buses across the state on Saturday following the Kurnool bus inferno on Friday that tragically killed 19 passengers. Officials placed the department on high alert to prevent similar disasters and ensure maximum passenger safety.

RTA teams conducted thorough inspections along major national highways, including the Vijayawada and Bengaluru highways, as well as at key checkpoints like Gagan Pahad in the Rajendranagar area. Buses arriving from Andhra Pradesh were closely scrutinized to ensure compliance with safety regulations, focusing on functional fire safety equipment, properly

stocked medical kits, and adherence to all mandatory safety norms.

During the inspections, five private buses were booked for flagrant safety violations. In one instance, a bus operating with a broken mirror was seized after passengers disclosed that it had recently been involved in an accident near Jadcherla. At Chintalakunta in LB Nagar, officials seized another bus for non-compliance and detained four more for operating without proper authorization.

Authorities affirmed that the crackdown will continue rigorously until strict adherence to transport rules is ensured. A review by the Rachakonda Commissionerate revealed a high rate of violations — 13,934 challans were issued between January 2023 and October 2025 for offences such as unauthorized entry, wrong parking, and signal jumping — underscoring the need for this intensified enforcement drive.



CP Sajjanar Warns Public Against Cyber Scammers Using His Photo

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand Sajjanar issued a public alert warning citizens against cybercriminals misusing his name and photo in online scams. He cautioned, “Be careful, don’t be fooled by the photo. If you have any suspicion, call me

directly.” The warning came after reports that fraudsters were sending messages and fake donation requests impersonating him. The commissioner urged the public to remain alert and report suspicious activity immediately. Police have begun investigating the surge in impersonation-related cybercrimes.

Hyd Saree Festival Weaves a Tribute to Indian Handlooms

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The Hyderabad Saree Festival, inaugurated by Handlooms Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao at Kamma Sangham Complex, Ameerpet, turned the spotlight on India’s rich handloom traditions.

The week-long event (Oct 25–30) features sarees from 62

handloom artisans and 13 handicraft artisans across India, including Banaras, Kalamkari, Patola, Pochampally Ikat, and Pattachi weaves.

Organized with support from the National Design Centre and the Ministry of Textiles, the exhibition aims to promote artisans, boost sales, and foster cultural exchange.

Nine Injured as Private Bus Overturns on ORR

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In less than 24 hours after the fatal bus tragedy in Kurnool, another private bus overturned on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) at Peddamberpet in Hyderabad, injuring nine people.

The vehicle, an electric travel bus bearing registration number AP 39 UP 1963 and operating under the name New Go, was traveling from Miyapur to Guntur when it overturned. At the time, the bus was carrying 20 passengers.

Emergency services responded promptly,

and the injured were shifted to private hospitals in the DRDO area and Hayathnagar for treatment. The swift response ensured that injuries were not more severe.

Given the recent Kurnool tragedy, the incident has heightened concerns about private bus safety standards. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the cause, examining factors such as driver fatigue, vehicle malfunction, and compliance with safety protocols.

HYDRAA Fences Park Land In Machabollaram



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HYDRAA secured a park land from encroachment under Alwal mandal, Medchal– Malkajgiri district. The 520-square-yard site, earmarked for a park in the Sri Sai Surya Phase-2 layout

(1972), faced an encroachment attempt this week. Following a complaint from residents, Hydra officials inspected the land and fenced it off within 24 hours. Residents celebrated the swift action and thanked Hydra for protecting the long-delayed park site.



Major Fire At Container Corporation Unit In Sanath Nagar

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A major fire broke out at the Indian Container Corporation Limited facility in Sanath Nagar on Saturday morning. The blaze was reported around 8:40 a.m., prompting the dispatch of nine fire tenders.

After several hours

of intense operations, the fire was brought under control. Fortunately, no casualties were reported. Officials are investigating whether the cause was an electrical fault or operational issue.

Police are awaiting the fire department’s report to assess the extent of damage and losses.

Cops Encourage Officers’ Expression Through Essay Contest



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The Cyberabad Police organized an essay writing competition on Friday as part of Police Commemoration Week. The event, held at the CTC, CAR Headquarters, Cyberabad Commissionerate, aimed to encourage intellectual engagement and creative expression among police personnel. The competition featured two categories: Category-1 for PC/ARPC to ASI/ARSI rank

s, focusing on “Gender Discrimination at Workplace”; and Category-2 for RSI/SI ranks and above, focusing on “Strengthening Ground-Level Policing.” The event saw vibrant participation, with thought-provoking essays reflecting officers’ commitment to inclusivity and effective community policing. Officials said the initiative fosters awareness, analytical thinking, and communication skills within the force.

Blue Yonder Adopts Lions, Tigers at Zoo



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Blue Yonder, a global AI-driven supply chain solutions firm, has adopted several animals at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, under its CSR initiative in collaboration with United Way Hyderabad.

The adoption includes a pair each of Asiatic lions, Royal Bengal tigers, a panther, and a lion-tailed macaque. Company representatives visited the zoo and appreciated the upkeep and hygiene standards.

Zoo officials thanked Blue Yonder for its contribution and urged more corporates to support wildlife conservation.

MGM Pediatric Ward Faces Negligent Conditions



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A deplorable situation has come to light in the pediatric ward of MGM Hospital in Warangal, highlighting apparent negligence in medical services provided to the children receiving treatment. The incident reflects the overall condition of government hospitals across Telangana. Families expressed deep anxiety because necessary precautions were not taken while transporting two infants suffering from different ailments for para-medical and radiology services. Shockingly, a single oxygen cylinder was attached to both infants

while they were being transported for tests. Furthermore, the family members lamented that they themselves had to transport the children along with the oxygen cylinder due to a lack of caretakers or patient care staff. According to regulations, Dayamma (ward attendant) or patient care personnel are supposed to transport the patients. The negligence displayed by the ward in-charges has led to increased anxiety among the family members regarding the health condition of the infants, prompting calls for immediate improvement in staffing and care protocols.

Tummala Reviews Kharif Crop Procurement And Price Support Scheme



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Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao held a review meeting with concerned officials regarding the procurement of various crops at minimum support price (MSP) and the necessary precautions to be taken, considering the acceleration of Kharif harvesting and scattered rainfall. The minister instructed officials to once again bring to the notice of central authorities the

issue of non-receipt of central approvals for the procurement of soybean, black gram, and green gram under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). He advised officials to ensure that cotton sales only take place at the CCI (Cotton Corporation of India) to prevent farmers from being cheated by middlemen. He suggested educating farmers on reducing moisture content in cotton to secure the correct MSP. Tummala directed that mois-

ture meters be made available and that market yards are equipped with sufficient machinery, equipment, and staff. The state government has also requested CCI officials to relax the moisture content norms from 8-12% in light of the recent rains. The minister directed marketing officials to maintain an inventory of procurement machinery purchased by the Marketing Department, ensure their regular ser-

vice, and make them available to farmers during the season. He also ordered officials to escalate the issue of e-NAM server problems in some districts to the central government for a quick resolution. Tummala urged officials to ensure farmers don't face problems with the mapping system introduced by CCI for cotton procurement this year. He asked for an awareness program on cotton procurement to be held in 'Rait

hu Nestham' this week. The minister noted that despite no support from the Centre, the state government is procuring maize (not under PSS) at MSP with 2,400 crores of state funds. He expressed concern that farmers in border areas are selling their crops in Telangana markets due to non-implementation of MSP in neighboring states, directing strict action against any attempts to bring and sell maize from other states.

MLC Balmoor Venkat Blames BRS Corruption For Telangana's Debts

Tpn bureau | Hyderabad, Oct 25th
MLC Dr. Balmoor Venkat released a press note asserting that the corruption of the previous BRS government over the last ten years is the sole reason for Telangana state being burdened with debts. He stated that the state's debts could be settled with the stolen and hoarded money recovered from BRS leaders. The MLC demanded that the state government take action against these corruption and irregularities and reclaim the wealth stolen and accumulated by BRS leaders. He referenced allegations made by former MLC Kavitha, who was part of the previous government, who had



exposed irregularities and corruption involving four individuals: Harish Rao, Santhosh Rao, Naveen Rao, and Pochampally Srinivas Rao. Dr. Venkat demanded that cases be registered against this

"Kalvakuntla gang of thieves" for the corruption and irregularities they committed. He filed a complaint at the Narayana Police Station, demanding action against the "Anacondas of Corruption."

He alleged that the BRS leaders, who are now making a fuss with "debt cards," are the very people who bankrupted the state and made it debt-ridden. The MLC emphasized that Kavitha's allegations concern the looting of public money worth lakhs of crores during the previous regime, a fact she stated while being the daughter of the Chief Minister and a government partner. He demanded that, in the interest of the state and public, cases be registered and investigated against the four individuals named in her allegations, as well as against all other corruption and irregularities committed over the last decade.

Mancherial District Officer Caught By ACB In Bribery Case

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Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials successfully trapped and arrested a district officer in Mancherial District while he was accepting a bribe. The officer, Rathod Bikkun Naik, who serves as the District Cooperative Officer, was caught red-handed by the ACB team at his residence in Iqbal Ahmed Nagar, Mancherial Town, while accepting a bribe of two lakh rupees (2,00,000). Bikkun Naik had allegedly demanded a total bribe of 7 lakhs (7,00,000) to sanction enhanced salaries to a suspended employee. He was apprehended while taking the first installment of 2 lakhs. The victim approached the ACB, following which the officials laid a pre-



planned trap to apprehend the officer. Following the arrest, ACB officials are currently continuing their investigation at the District Cooperative Officer's office located within

the Mancherial Collectorate. The incident underscores the ongoing efforts by the ACB to combat corruption within government departments.

Advisory Issued On Illegal Sale Of Steroids And Cardiac Stimulants

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The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issued an advisory to all retail and wholesale medical shops in the state regarding the illegal sale and misuse of prescription medicines. The advisory addresses concerns that certain gyms and fitness centres are illegally procuring and selling anabolic-androgenic steroids and cardiac stimulants like methylphenidate injection to gym-goers. These individuals are reportedly misusing these prescription medicines solely for bodybuilding purposes, posing significant health risks. The advisory reiterated and reminded all medical shops that anabolic-androgenic steroids



and cardiac stimulants are strictly prescription medicines. They must be mandatorily sold only against a valid prescription issued by a registered medical practitioner. The administration emphasized that any illegal sale, diversion, or distribution of such medicines for non-therapeutic or abusive purposes constitutes a serious violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and its rules. The Drugs Con-

trol Administration stated it shall initiate stringent action against violators, including the cancellation of drug licences and prosecution under the relevant provisions of the Act. All medical shops were directed to exercise utmost vigilance when dispensing such medicines and to maintain proper prescription records as mandated by the rules, ensuring compliance and preventing misuse.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Inaugurates Mega Job Mela In Huzurnagar

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State Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies, Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, strongly affirmed the Congress government's firm resolve to actively create employment opportunities for unemployed youth across Telangana. He clearly stated that the mega job mela was specifically organized to provide jobs in both the government and private sectors. Highlighting the uniqueness of the event, he mentioned that this is the first time such a mega job mela is being held in a remote area like Huzurnagar, aiming to extend opportunities to rural youth. The job mela was organized under the minister's leadership in collaboration with the Digital Employment Exchange of Telangana (DEET), an affiliate of the Industries Department, and Singareni Collieries. The event was inaugurated on Saturday in the Huzurnagar constituency center. The event saw an overwhelm-

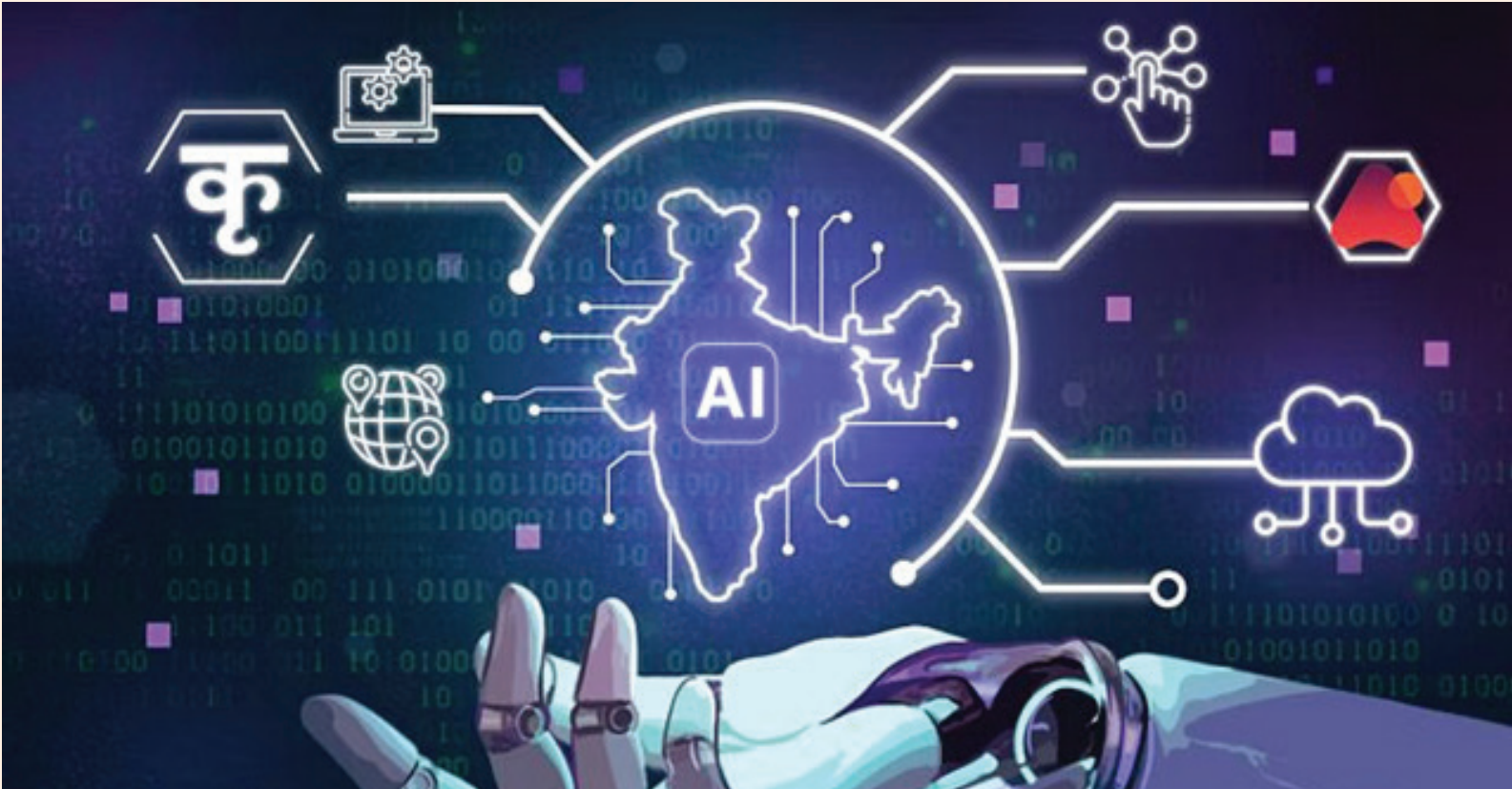


ing public response, with over 40,000 candidates registering their names, and an equally encouraging participation from 275 industries that came forward to conduct recruitment drives. The minister noted that this massive turnout necessitated the extension of the job mela to a second day to accommodate all registered candidates, with arrangements for

refreshments and meals made available. He asserted that the core purpose is to provide equal employment opportunities to rural youth on par with their urban counterparts, with a noble objective to bring light into the lives of the poor from Gond settlements, Dalit wadas, BC colonies, as well as minority and EBC communities. He recalled that the Congress

government has already filled 70,000 to 75,000 government jobs in its 20 months of rule, including the ongoing Group-1 and Group-2 recruitments. The minister concluded by calling this mela the first step in rural employment creation, promising a second mega job mela in Kodad if the current effort yields the desired results.

Centre Drafts India’s First AI Regulation To Curb Deepfakes, Tighten Social Media Oversight



In a landmark move, the Union Government has initiated steps toward enacting India’s first substantive Artificial Intelligence (AI) regulation, aimed at curbing the spread of deepfakes and synthetic media on social platforms. On October 22, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) issued draft amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules, 2021, proposing a detailed framework to govern the creation and circulation of AI-generated content online.

The new draft rules come amid global concerns over the misuse of generative AI tools capable of producing text, images, audio, and videos that mimic real people or events. The amendments propose that social media companies and any digital services facilitating AI-generated content must label, watermark, or embed meta-data to help users identify synthetic material.

According to the draft, such content must be visibly labelled, with at least 10% of the display area carrying a clear warning. In addition, major social media platforms would need to obtain and verify user declarations whenever synthetic or AI-altered content is uploaded.

The proposals are in line with international developments — China already mandates clear labels on AI-generated media, while the European Union’s AI Act requires disclosure of deepfakes. India’s initiative appears to follow a similar model of assertive digital governance while balancing innovation and accountability.

Erosion of Safe Harbour Protections

The most significant change, however, lies in the redefinition of “safe harbour” — the legal immunity enjoyed by intermediaries for user-generated content. Under the new draft, platforms can remove AI-generated content

based on user complaints, even without a court or government order. This marks a shift from India’s long-held “passive conduit” model, where platforms were not responsible for deciding what constituted illegal or harmful content.

Experts warn this could lead to over-censorship, as companies might prefer deleting content to avoid regulatory penalties. The

move also dilutes the “actual knowledge” standard established in the 2015 Supreme Court judgment in *Shreya Singhal v. Union of India*, which placed the responsibility for determining illegality on the government and courts rather than intermediaries.

“This change effectively turns social media platforms into arbiters of free speech,” a digital rights lawyer said, adding that it

may create tension between government expectations, user freedoms, and corporate accountability.

Implementation Challenges

While the draft seeks to enhance online transparency, experts caution that labeling AI content at scale will be technologically and operationally complex. Automated systems may fail to detect

some synthetic content or mistakenly label genuine posts, leading to confusion and misinformation.

To address these challenges, analysts suggest adopting global technical standards such as those from the Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity (C2PA), which establish traceable origins for digital content. Additionally, the government is being urged to complement the labeling mandate with public awareness and media literacy campaigns to help users identify manipulated media.

Balancing Regulation and Innovation

The draft’s release coincides with India’s growing optimism toward AI, highlighted by the upcoming AI Impact Summit 2026. However, critics argue that overly stringent controls could stifle innovation and mimic China’s tightly controlled digital ecosystem rather than democratic models of governance.

Policymakers emphasize that the proposed measures are open for public consultation, reflecting an attempt to balance the need for accountability with freedom of expression and technological progress.

If enacted, the new framework would mark India’s first major legal step toward AI governance, positioning the country among a select group of nations actively regulating synthetic media — a crucial move as the digital future grows increasingly artificial.

Pakistan’s Decades-Old Terror Playbook: Target Hindus to Divide India



For more than four decades, Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has followed a grimly predictable playbook—using terrorism as a weapon to weaken India from within. Since the 1980s, the ISI has deployed terror proxies to attack Hindus in India, hoping to provoke communal retaliation and internal instability. The ultimate aim: to vindicate Pakistan’s founding ideology, the two-nation theory, by showing that Hindus and Muslims cannot coexist peacefully.

The strategy’s origins date back to the post-1979 era, when Pakistan became a key U.S. ally during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The West, along with Saudi Arabia, empowered Pakistan’s military and intelligence establishment to use jihad as a tool of warfare. The ISI soon redirected this strategy toward India, framing Hindus as “infidels” and backing extremist groups that would strike at the country’s religious and cultural heart.

The first major manifestation of this plan appeared in Punjab in 1980–81 with the rise of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. Initially targeting rival Sikh groups and police, his men soon began attacking Hindus. The Dhillwan bus massacre of October 1983, where six Hindus were singled out and killed, marked the first targeted communal terrorist attack in modern India. It shocked the nation and led Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to impose President’s Rule in Punjab.

From there, the pattern spread and intensified. Between the 1980s and 2000s, ISI-backed groups—from Khalistani militants to Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed—launched over a hundred attacks specifically targeting Hindus and Hindu places of worship. These included the Lalru (1987, 38 dead) and Fatehabad (1987, 34 dead) bus massacres, Ludhiana train killings (1991, 125 dead), Coimbatore bombings (1998, 58 dead),

Amarnath Yatra attacks (2000, 21 dead), Raghunath Temple assaults (2002, 26 dead), and the Akshardham Temple attack (2002, 33 dead).

The Indian Mujahideen, formed later with ISI support, carried out serial blasts in Delhi (2005, 62 dead) and Jaipur (2008, 63 dead). The purpose was not merely to kill but to provoke Hindu retaliation against Muslims—pushing India toward internal communal conflict.

Analysts note that the ISI’s long-term goal has been to present India as a country divided by religion, thereby justifying Pakistan’s creation. This is why Pakistan’s leaders, including current Army Chief General Asim Munir, frequently invoke religious narratives and accuse India of persecuting minorities.

India’s response, however, has evolved. Leaders across ideological lines, from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, have

avoided communal language even in the face of provocation. The RSS, too, described recent attacks as assaults on “tourists” rather than “Hindus,” signaling restraint and unity. Owaisi’s harsh condemnation of terrorists as “kameene” and “haramzaade” reflects an effort to show solidarity across communities.

The ISI’s strategy—what experts call “Subversion 101”—has repeatedly failed. Despite the pain inflicted, India has resisted turning on its own people. Even during the 1993 Bombay bombings, then Chief Minister Sharad Pawar’s quick action in controlling communal tension prevented a nationwide crisis.

As Pakistan’s internal stability crumbles, its attempts to export unrest to India continue. But after 45 years of provocations, India’s resilience stands firm. The challenge now is to ensure that the old Pakistani playbook—designed to divide—fails yet again.



Trump Effect: How America’s Tough Talk Could Spark India’s Next Reform Wave

Is Donald Trump’s return to global prominence and the resurgence of “Trumpism” good or bad news for India? On the surface, his “America First” rhetoric and frequent targeting of India as the “tariff king” suggest an adversarial stance. Yet, a closer look reveals that Trump’s aggressive economic posturing could become the external shock India needs to trigger long-overdue reforms — much like past crises that reshaped the country’s economy.

From the moment Trump entered the White House, his message has been blunt: “Everybody has robbed us, friend or foe.” He has chastised allies in Europe, Canada, Mexico — and India — over trade, defense, and tariffs. For New Delhi, this renewed Trump-era assertiveness feels like a gun pointed at its head. But as history shows, India often reforms best under pressure.

India’s two previous waves of deep economic reform were born of crisis. The first came in 1991 when a balance of payments emergency forced Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and Finance Minister Manmohan Singh to seek an IMF bailout. That external compulsion dismantled decades of socialist controls and opened the Indian economy. The second came after the Pokhran-II

nuclear tests in 1998, when global sanctions isolated India. The Vajpayee government, led by Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha, responded with bold liberalisation, disinvestment, and a push for foreign investment.

Trump’s renewed pressure, particularly on trade and tariffs, could provide the third such moment. His worldview is transactional — nations must earn America’s friendship through fair trade and strategic alignment. For India, this may be a catalyst to confront longstanding inefficiencies, improve competitiveness, and deliver on the “Make in India” promise that has struggled to take off.

Reforms during past crises did not come easily. In the 1990s, powerful corporate lobbies like Rahul Bajaj’s “Bombay Club” resisted liberalisation, arguing that Indian industries were not ready to face global competition. Rao held firm, citing the IMF loan as an unavoidable necessity. The result was transformative — creative destruction that cleared space for modern, competitive enterprises. Legacy companies like Hindustan Motors and Premier Automobiles faded, while the likes of Tata and Mahindra thrived in the new era.

Similarly, post-Pokhran re-

forms — ranging from PSU disinvestment to FDI liberalisation and tariff cuts — unleashed a second wave of growth. India’s integration into the global economy deepened, and ordinary citizens benefited from new freedoms such as overseas investment under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme.

Since then, however, reform momentum has slowed. India has often fallen back on slogans of being the “world’s fastest-growing major economy” rather than confronting structural bottlenecks. The manufacturing revolution repeatedly promised has yet to arrive.

Trump’s economic nationalism, though seemingly hostile, could jolt India’s political and bureaucratic establishment out of complacency. Just as past “guns-to-the-head” moments created reform breakthroughs, this one might force India to accelerate trade rationalisation, boost exports, and modernise domestic industry.

In the long run, a tough, transactional America might be exactly the partner India needs — not one that flatters, but one that forces reform. Trump’s pressure may sting in the short term, but it could push India toward the next phase of its economic transformation.

PM Modi Endorses Nitish as NDA CM Face, Slams RJD’s ‘Jungle Raj’



TPN Bureau | Patna
Prime Minister Narendra Modi endorsed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as the face of the NDA ahead of the Assembly elections, framing the contest as a choice between the “NDA’s good governance” and the “RJD’s

jungle raj.” Modi launched the campaign from Samastipur, the ancestral land of late socialist icon and former CM Karpoori Thakur. “This time, under the leadership of Nitish Kumar, the NDA is going to break all past records of victory,” Modi said,

marking his first public endorsement of Nitish for the upcoming polls. The Prime Minister recalled the BJP-JD(U) alliance formation in 2005, which ended Lalu Prasad’s 15-year rule in Bihar, emphasizing NDA’s role in bringing stability and governance to the

state. Modi accused the Congress-RJD government at the Centre of obstructing Bihar’s development in the years following the NDA’s rise in the state, claiming they sought revenge for the RJD’s 2005 defeat. “It was in October 2005 that Bihar was liber-

ated from ‘jungle raj’ and began witnessing good governance under Nitish Kumar,” he said. The campaign launch from Samastipur was symbolic, underlining NDA’s claim as the “actual inheritor” of Karpoori Thakur’s pro-poor and OBC-focused legacy. Modi highlighted the alliance’s focus on development and welfare while contrasting it with the RJD’s past governance. The Prime Minister’s announcement ends any speculation over Nitish Kumar’s future role in the NDA and comes a day after the INDIA bloc named RJD’s Tejashwi Yadav as its CM candidate. The election battle is now clearly framed as a contest between continuity under Nitish Kumar and a potential return of RJD’s past regime. The rally drew significant local attention, with NDA leaders emphasizing governance, development, and social justice as the core themes of their campaign strategy.

Delhi Air Quality Shows Slight Improvement; Anand Vihar Still ‘Severe’



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Delhi’s air quality improved slightly on Saturday, though pollution levels remained a concern across the city. The overall Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 261, placing it in the ‘poor’ category and showing a mar-

ginal drop from 290 the previous day, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Despite the slight improvement, Anand Vihar remained the most polluted area, registering a ‘severe’ AQI of 415, the

highest among all monitoring stations in the capital, as per the Sameer app developed by the CPCB. Seven monitoring stations in Delhi recorded AQI levels in the ‘very poor’ range, while the remaining stations stayed in the ‘poor’ category. Ex-

perts warn that such pollution levels continue to pose significant health risks, particularly for children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory conditions. The CPCB categorizes air quality on a scale where 0–50 is ‘good’, 51–

100 ‘satisfactory’, 101–200 ‘moderate’, 201–300 ‘poor’, 301–400 ‘very poor’, and 401–500 ‘severe’. While the slight dip in AQI offers minor relief, authorities caution residents to take preventive measures, including wearing masks outdoors, avoiding strenuous physical activity, and using air purifiers indoors where possible. In response to rising pollution, Delhi authorities have continued efforts such as deploying anti-smog guns, controlling vehicular emissions, and limiting construction activities. Images from the city show anti-smog guns spraying water along key areas like Kartavya Path, near Rashtrapati Bhavan, in a bid to reduce dust levels. Environmental experts emphasize that sustained measures and public awareness are crucial to improving air quality in the coming weeks, as seasonal factors like crop stubble burning in neighboring states and weather conditions continue to influence pollution levels in the capital.

Amit Shah Vows to Deport Infiltrators in Bihar Poll Rally

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday promised that every infiltrator in Bihar would be detected, deleted from electoral rolls, and deported to their countries, while criticizing the INDIA bloc for opposing the special intensive revision (SIR) of voters’ lists. Addressing a rally in Khagaria district, Shah said the ongoing Assembly elections would decide whether Bihar would continue on the path of development or witness a return of ‘jungle raj.’ “Let Rahul Gandhi launch yatras to protect these infiltrators. It does not matter. He cannot safeguard them through his ‘Ghuspetiya Bachao Yatra’. Every infiltrator will be detected, deleted from the voters’ list, and deported to their countries,” Shah asserted. The Home Minister also targeted RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, alleging that he focused solely on his family’s prosperity rather than Bihar’s overall devel-



opment. “Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji and CM Nitish Kumar ji want the overall progress of Bihar, but Lalu Prasad wants ‘vikas’ only for his family,” Shah said, adding that voters do not want the return of ‘jungle raj.’ Shah further claimed

that heinous crimes in Bihar, including murders and dacoity, had substantially decreased under the NDA government, contrasting it with the RJD rule, which he alleged had normalised such criminal activities. The rally highlighted

the BJP’s emphasis on law and order, development, and strict action against infiltrators, with Shah framing the Bihar Assembly elections as a choice between governance that ensures safety and progress versus a return to chaotic administration un-

der past regimes. The Home Minister’s comments come amid heightened political activity in Bihar as parties gear up for the crucial state elections, with voter lists and security issues emerging as major campaign themes.

“This Government Doesn’t Hide Reports”: Delhi Minister To AAP On Yamuna Revival



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Delhi’s political discourse heated up on Saturday after the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) released a report indicating worsening water quality in the Yamuna River, just ahead of Chhath Puja, when thousands of devotees are expected to take a holy dip. The DPCC October 2025 report, based on October 9 water samples, revealed that most stretches of the river remain unsafe for bathing, except at Palla, where the Yamuna enters Delhi. Key pollution sources include the city’s 27 major drains, many exceeding safe limits for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). The Molarband and Sahiba-

bad drains were the worst offenders, with BOD at 145 mg/l and COD at 416 mg/l, nearly five times the permissible limits. Some drains, including Sweeper Colony and Old Agra Canal, had no flow, while only the Abul Fazal drain approached safe levels. Responding to the report, Delhi Water Minister Parvesh Verma defended the BJP-led government, emphasizing transparency and ongoing cleanup efforts. “The difference between samples taken on the 9th and those taken today is like night and day. Women visiting the ghats say they’ve never seen the Yamuna this clean. This is the result of seven months of hard work,” Verma said. He added that the river’s revival is part of a three-to-four-year plan, noting visible improvements

compared to the past decade. In contrast, Delhi Aam Aadmi Party President Saurabh Bhardwaj accused the government of politicizing pollution ahead of the Bihar elections. “The Yamuna is neither fit for drinking nor bathing. The BJP is playing with the lives of Purvanchal residents,” he said. The government has set up temporary ghats and deployed sanitation and safety teams for Chhath Puja. Officials also noted water quality improvement after Har yana increased releases from the Hathnikund Barrage on October 21, boosting river flow. Despite ongoing challenges, the administration maintains that its efforts have brought measurable improvements and continues to focus on long-term river restoration.

Tejashwi Promises Government Jobs to Every Family in 20 Days



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RJD leader and INDIA bloc Chief Ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday promised that if the coalition comes to power in Bihar, a law will be enacted within 20 days to provide government jobs to every family, with recruitments to be completed within 20 months. Addressing an election rally in Gogri, Khagaria district, Yadav emphasized that his fight in the Assembly elections was not just about forming a government but about building Bihar as a developed state. “We need to make Bihar number one, and for

that, we must attract investment, promote education, and ensure proper health facilities for all,” he said. Highlighting his vision for the state, Yadav stressed the importance of holistic development, saying the INDIA bloc aimed to focus on infrastructure, employment, and welfare schemes that would benefit all sections of society. He argued that creating opportunities and ensuring proper governance were essential steps to transform Bihar into a progressive state. The RJD leader also underlined his commitment to youth empowerment and employment generation, stating that

providing government jobs to every family would not only boost livelihoods but also strengthen public confidence in governance. Tejashwi’s announcement comes amid a fierce campaign battle in Bihar, with the BJP emphasizing law and order, development, and deportation of infiltrators, while the INDIA bloc is highlighting employment, social welfare, and state development as its key promises. The rally in Khagaria attracted large crowds, reflecting growing political mobilization as parties intensify efforts to win voter support ahead of the crucial state Assembly elections.

Early Voting Begins in NYC Mayoral Race



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Early voting opened on Saturday in New York's high-stakes mayoral race, with Democratic candidate Zohran Mamdani emerging as the surprise frontrunner. The 34-year-old state lawmaker, a self-described socialist, has captured widespread attention and energized young voters across the city, positioning himself as a formidable challenger to the political establishment and potential national figures, including former President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly criticized him.

The mayoral contest has seen dramatic twists. The incumbent mayor chose not to seek re-election, leaving a vacuum that reshaped the race. A once-favored Democratic contender also lost in the primaries, opening the path for Mamdani, whose campaign has gained momentum with grassroots support and extensive engagement on social issues important to younger constituents. Analysts note that his rapid rise reflects a growing appetite among New Yorkers for fresh leadership and alternative voices in city politics.

Mamdani's platform focuses on affordable housing, climate action, and expanding social services, which has

resonated particularly with progressive voters. His outsider status and hands-on campaign approach—holding rallies, town halls, and social media outreach—have amplified his visibility and appeal.

Political observers are also watching closely to see how the race shapes up in a general election that could carry national implications. Mamdani's potential victory would mark a significant shift in the city's political landscape, challenging both traditional Democratic power structures and drawing attention from Republican figures, including Trump, who has repeatedly weighed in on New York politics.

Early voting is expected to continue through the week, with election day set for early November. Campaign teams from all sides are mobilizing volunteers and final messaging strategies, while polls suggest a highly competitive race, reflecting New Yorkers' engagement and the unpredictable nature of the current political climate.

The outcome of this mayoral election could set the tone for future national contests, with Mamdani's rise signaling a potential new chapter in progressive urban leadership.

Pakistan, Afghanistan Hold Second Border Talks in Turkiye



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Officials from Pakistan and Afghanistan convened in Türkiye on Saturday for the second round of talks aimed at easing tensions along their shared border and addressing security concerns, including cross-border terrorist activities. The dialogue comes after a brief period of calm was restored following the first round of discussions in Doha on October 19, which was mediated by Qatar and Türkiye.

The talks are focused on finding a negotiated solution to recurring clashes between Afghan and Pakistani forces that have disrupted trade and daily life along key crossing points. Notably, the Spin Boldak border had been closed for nearly two weeks following violent incidents, affecting the movement of goods and creating economic strain for border communities on both sides. Trucks carrying essential supplies have been reported stranded near the closed crossing, highlighting the urgency of a resolution.

Officials emphasized that the Istanbul talks aim to implement practical measures to prevent further escalation and enhance cooperation on counter-terrorism efforts. Both sides

are expected to discuss border management, intelligence sharing, and joint patrol mechanisms to reduce misunderstandings and build trust.

The dialogue reflects broader diplomatic efforts to stabilize relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, two countries with a history of complex cross-border security challenges. The first round in Doha established a framework for continued engagement, and the Istanbul meeting is seen as a step toward operationalising agreements reached earlier.

Observers note that maintaining peace along the border is crucial not only for bilateral relations but also for regional stability, particularly as trade and civilian movement are directly affected by intermittent border closures. Both governments have expressed optimism that sustained dialogue will create a predictable and secure environment, reducing the risk of future clashes and facilitating coordinated action against militant groups operating along the frontier.

The outcome of these talks could set the tone for longer-term cooperation and help mitigate the security and humanitarian challenges faced by border communities.

Trump Calls North Korea 'Sort of a Nuclear Power'

TPN Bureau | SEOUL

U.S. President Donald Trump described North Korea as "sort of a nuclear power" on Friday, as he departed for South Korea to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum. The comment comes amid speculation that Trump could meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his Asia trip.

Asked whether he would consider recognizing North Korea as a nuclear state, a condition Pyongyang has repeatedly demanded for talks with Washington, Trump said: "Well, I think they are sort of a nuclear power." The remarks suggest a pragmatic acknowledgment of Pyongyang's nuclear capabilities while leaving room for diplomatic engagement.

Trump's statements come at a time of heightened attention on North Korea's missile tests and nuclear ambitions, which have drawn global concern. Analysts note that his comments signal a potential willingness to engage in negotiations



without formally granting North Korea nuclear recognition, a delicate

balancing act in U.S. foreign policy. The U.S. president's

Asia trip will include the APEC summit in South Korea, where regional

security and economic issues are expected to dominate discussions.

While no formal meeting with Kim Jong Un has been confirmed, Trump's remarks fuel speculation that such a dialogue could occur, continuing a pattern of personal diplomacy that has characterized U.S.-North Korea relations in recent years.

Experts caution that any recognition of North Korea as a nuclear power could have significant implications for non-proliferation efforts, regional security, and U.S. alliances in East Asia. However, Trump's phrasing suggests he is stopping short of a formal acknowledgment, framing the statement as a practical observation rather than a policy shift.

The trip also provides Trump an opportunity to address broader security concerns in the region, including North Korea's missile tests and ongoing tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Officials will be closely watching his statements and potential meetings, as they could set the tone for renewed diplomatic efforts with Pyongyang.

Russian Strikes Hit Kyiv, At Least Eight Wounded

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Russian forces launched a series of missile and drone attacks on Ukraine's capital on Saturday, causing damage to buildings and homes across multiple districts and injuring at least eight people, city officials confirmed.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko described the situation on Telegram, stating, "Explosions in the capital. The city is under a ballistic attack." Emergency services were deployed immediately to assess the damage and provide medical assistance to the wounded. Several residential buildings sustained structural damage, and authorities have urged residents to stay in shelters and avoid open areas.

The strikes come as the war in Ukraine enters its fourth winter, with Kyiv's Western allies intensifying pressure on Moscow. Recent months have seen increased military and economic support from NATO countries to Ukraine, along with diplomatic efforts to hold Russia accountable for its continued aggression. Analysts warn that attacks on major cities like Kyiv may aim to undermine civilian morale and test the limits of Ukraine's air defense capabilities.



Local authorities have confirmed that the casualties include civilians caught in residential areas, and the full extent of damage is still being assessed. Hospitals in Kyiv are reportedly treating those injured, while city officials are coordinating with emergency responders

to ensure essential services continue uninterrupted.

This latest strike adds to a string of attacks on Ukrainian cities in recent months, highlighting the ongoing volatility in the region. Kyiv residents have been urged to remain vigilant and follow safety advisories

issued by local authorities.

The international community has condemned repeated attacks on civilian areas, emphasizing that such actions violate international humanitarian law. The Ukrainian government continues to call for increased global support, including ad-

vanced air defense systems, to protect its population and infrastructure.

The situation in Kyiv remains tense as authorities monitor potential follow-up attacks and work to stabilize the city in the aftermath of Saturday's bombardment.

US-China Talks Aim to Salvage Trump-Xi Meeting

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Top economic officials from the United States and China met on Saturday in Kuala Lumpur to avert a renewed escalation of their trade war and pave the way for a high-stakes meeting between President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping next week at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in South Korea.

The talks come after Trump threatened to impose 100% tariffs on Chinese goods starting November 1, in retaliation for China's expanded export controls on rare earths and minerals. The dispute has disrupted a fragile trade truce negotiated over four rounds of talks since May between US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng.

Officials are focused on finding a compromise on rare earths and US technology export curbs, which remain the core sticking point. Analysts say the meeting must restore an "intermediate ceasefire" in trade tensions to allow Trump and Xi to meet successfully. The truce, initially brokered in Geneva in May, had lowered tariffs on both sides and ensured the flow of critical magnets, but it frayed after the US expanded its export blacklist in late September, affecting



thousands of Chinese firms. China countered with strict export controls on rare earths in early October.

The Kuala Lumpur talks are being closely watched, as any breakthrough could stabilize global supply chains and prevent tariffs from spiraling to

triple-digit levels again. US officials are also pressing China to resume purchases of American soybeans and manufactured goods, commitments from the 2020 Phase One trade deal that were largely unmet.

The outcome remains uncertain, with observers warning

that failure to reach a compromise could trigger harsher trade measures, escalating economic tensions with global repercussions. Meanwhile, details about the Malaysian meetings, including the venue and media briefings, remain tightly controlled, highlighting the high-

stakes nature of the discussions.

This session is seen as crucial for maintaining at least a temporary truce before the Trump-Xi summit, which could determine the trajectory of US-China economic relations in the coming months.

Indian Markets at a Crossroads: Weekly Wrap on Sector Swings and Key Stock Moves



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Indian share markets wrapped up the week ending October 24, 2025, with moderation after a n enthusiastic post-Di-wali rally, with benchm ark indices Sensex and Nifty displaying early strength before suc-cumbing to profit-book-ing and mixed global cu-es in later sessions. The Sensex began the week on a buoyant note, open-ing at 84,363 and nudg-ing higher through Muh-urat trading.

But by Friday, the inde x had fallen 344 points in the last session, to 84, 211. This cautious ap-proach was reflected in the Nifty, which finished the week at 25,795, 96



points lower than its midweek peak.

Additionally, Nifty Midcap and Smallcap experienced modest drops of 0.24% and 0.21%, respectively, whi ch were indicative of widespread profit book-ing in smaller stocks.

Sector Highlights & Investment Picks:

As financial stocks found support from stro ng quarterly results and firm credit growth fig-ures, the banking sec-tor's resilience was de-mons trated, with ICICI Ba nk (1,004) and HDFC Bank (1,550, up 0.84%) both offering attractive value.

Due to expectations of further digital transfor-mation, IT stocks, which are typically strong dur-ing earnings season, at-tracted buying interest.

With a number of do-mestic companies intro-

ducing new AI-driven products and analytics platforms, artificial in-telligence (AI), which is currently at the core of IT innovation, remained in the spotlight and in-creased investor inter-est and sectoral growth.

Because of widespre ad digital adoption and AI-led service launches, Tata Consultancy Ser-vices (TCS, 3,698, up 0.79%) and Infosys (1,576, up 0.72%) have emerged as dependable momentum trades in the information technology and artificial intelli-gence space.

Drones emerged as a star theme for the fu-ture, thanks to renewed government policy sup-port and swelling pri-vate investment.

Major IT and indus-trial players are anti-cipated to announce new ventures in the upcom-ing months as a result of the "Atmanirbhar Bha rat" incentives, which are driving fresh capital into drone infra stru ctu

re. BEL (Bharat Electron-ics, 222, up 0.85%) stands out as a robust pick in the drone and de-fense market, driven by new sectoral policies and government direc-tives.

The performance of energy stocks was ro-bust. With production-linked incentives, ONGC (217, up 0.90%) and Tata Power (374, up 0.68%) provide strong exposure to both tradi-tional and emerging en-ergy trends.

Due to a spike in in-vestor interest in solar stocks and the demand for renewable energy, Waree Energies was one of the market's biggest winners. With a sharp 6.92% increase (671.70 719.10), the stock led the energy sector's gains this week, closing at 3529.5 this Friday.

Healthcare was a two-way street; while lead-ing pharmaceutical sto-cks, such as Cipla (1,308) and Max Healthcare

(805), underperformed during the week due to profit-taking, the long-term outlook is still posi-tive, particularly for businesses utilizing AI in digital health and diagnostics.

The week's top gainers:

Hindalco Up 3.76% (793.10 822.20), buying interest was fueled by the global metal rally and strong quarterly earnings.

Infosys: Up 3.86% (1,473.85 1,528.85) due to strong momentum for AI contracts and posi-tive guidance.

Waree Energies: Lea-di ng renewables due to policy incentives and solar demand, up 6.92% (671.70 719.10).

Bharti Airtel: Higher ARPU and growing 5G drove a 1.03% increase (2,007.15 2,027.50).

ICICI Bank: Strong growth in retail and dig-ital banking, up 0.88% (1,364.16 1,375.45).

Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL): Up 0.85%



(417.10 422.05), thanks to government direc-tives for defense techn ology.

Sun Pharma: Up 0.63% (1,690.00 1,699.65) due to an increase in exports of specialty drugs.

ONGC: Up 0.90% (183.80 185.80), as high-er crude prices favored upstream energy stocks.

The week's top Losers:

Hindustan Unilever: Due to profit-booking and margin pressure in the FMCG sector, Hindu-stan Unilever saw a 3.20% decline (2,597.40 2,517.10).

Cipla: After a sector rotation and significant previous gains, it is down 2.57% (1,646.60 1,602.80).

Kotak Mahindra Bank: Down 2.30% (2,225.60 2,174.50), as

banking stocks saw weakness post-rally. Max Healthcare: As profit-taking hit health-care counters, the com-pany fell 1.75% (1,217.80 1,189.80).

UltraTech Cement: Despite ongoing de-mand in infrastructure construction, UltraTech Cement saw a 1.70% de-crease (12,112.00 11,939.00).

Adani Ports: Down 1.65% (1,450.00 1,434.60), amid global trade uncertainties.

Tata Motors: After its recent demerger, the company experienced a sector-wide cool-off and restructuring, which re-sulted in a significant decline (672.00 403.50).

Sagar Cements: The cement industry under-performed the overall market, resulting in a 4% decline (285 273.60).

Titan: As discretion-

ary spending stocks de-creased, the stock fell 1.52% (3,781.00 3,724.90).

Prospects and Outlook:

Given the continued emphasis on global pol-icy and macroeconomic data, investors are en-couraged to give prefer-ence to businesses that exhibit innovative lead-ership and sectoral re-silience. With AI, re-newables, and digital transformation provid-ing conviction-led growth into next week, the top investment op-portunities are still found in ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, TCS, Info-sys, BEL, ONGC, and Tata Power.

As markets process the post-festival reset, rotational movements between defensive and innovation-led stocks are anticipated.

Tata Motors Shares Fall 40% After Demerger

Shares of Tata Mo-tors opened nearly 40% lower on Tuesday, trig-gering concern among investors. However, the company clarified that the sharp fall is a tech-nical adjustment fol-lowing the demerger of its commercial vehicle business.

The stock opened at 399, significantly down from Monday's close of 660.90, bring-ing the company's mar-ket capitalisation to around 1.45 lakh crore. Despite the steep fall, the move does not re-flect any erosion in in-vestor wealth, but rat-her a realignment due to the demerger.

As part of the re-structuring, sharehold-ers as of the record date (October 14) will receive one share of Tata Motors Com-mercial Vehicles Limited (TMLCV) for every share they held in Tata Motors. This adjust-ment explains the price



drop in Tata Motors' existing stock, which now represents only the passenger vehicle, electric vehicle (EV), and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) busi nesses.

The company's re-structured entity is now listed as Tata Mo-tors Passenger Vehi-cles Limited (TMPVL). Meanwhile, the com-mercial vehicle arm, TMLCV, will be re-named Tata Motors Limited after complet-ing regulatory app-ovals.

TMLCV shares are not yet available for trading and will be list-ed separately in the coming 45-60 days, pending exchange ap-

proval. Also, derivative contracts for the old Tata Motors expired on Monday. New F&O con-tracts for TMPVL be-gan trading on Tues-day, while TMLCV will not be available for F&O trading for now.

No Loss to Investors For those holding Tata Motors shares as of the record date, the allocation is clear:

100 shares of TMPVL (passenger ve-hicle business)

100 shares of TML-CV (commercial ve-hicle business)

Investors are advised not to panic, as the per-ceived drop is simply a restructuring formal-ity, not a decline in ac-tual value.

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

Indian equity markets ended lower on Monday, dragged down by IT and FMCG stocks, as global markets reacted nega-tively to fresh trade ten-sions between the US and China. The down-turn followed US Presi-dent Donald Trump's an-nouncement of a 100% tariff on Chinese im-ports starting November 1.

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

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

Sectorally, IT and FMCG stocks bore the brunt of the sell-off. Ma-jor laggards included



Tata Motors, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, Bharat Electronics, ITC, and UltraTech Cement. The renewed tariff threat has sparked fears of a further slowdown in global trade, dampening investor sentiment across Asian and Euro-pean markets.

"With Trump's an-nouncement of addition-al tariffs on Chinese ex-ports, markets globally have turned risk-averse," said a market analyst at a domestic brokerage. "Investors are also book-ing profits ahead of key US economic data and corporate earnings re-ports due later this

week."

The imposition of new tariffs threatens to dis-rupt fragile global sup-ply chains already deal-ing with inflationary pressures and geopoliti-cal uncertainties.

On the domestic front, concerns also linger over the impact of high gold and commodity prices on inflation and consump-tion, especially ahead of the festive season.

Going forward, inves-tors will closely watch developments around US-China trade talks, in-flation data, and com-mentary from central banks for further cues.

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



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

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

Analysts noted that softening prices in key segments — in-cluding vegetables, ce-reals, and cooking gas — played a major role in easing WPI infla-tion for the month. Crude petroleum prices also remained rela-tively stable, further contributing to the lower overall index.

The data suggests that supply-side pres-sures have started to ease, especially in the food and energy sec-tors, after months of volatility caused by global disruptions and erratic monsoon pat-terns.

"The decline in WPI inflation reflects im-

proving supply chains and a drop in global commodity prices. This is a positive sign for producers and in-dustries dependent on wholesale inputs," said an economist with a leading finan-cial services firm.

The continued mo-deration in WPI also bodes well for overall inflation man-age-ment, as it may even-tually translate into lower retail inflation (CPI) in the coming months. However, ex-perts caution that ex-ternal risks, includ-ing global oil price fluctuations and geo-political tensions, re-main potential chal-lenges.

WPI inflation had been volatile over the past year, touching negative territory for several months before turning positive in re-cent readings. The September figure re-inforces a trend of moderation, which may provide addition-al space for the Re-serve Bank of India (RBI) to maintain a balanced monetary policy approach.

Further data on sec-tor-wise WPI trends is expected in the de-tailed release later this week.

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



The GST portal has officially opened the window for filing the GSTR-9 annual return and GSTR-9C reconcil-iation statement for the financial year 2024-25. These filings are mandatory for all tax-payers registered under GST and provide a comprehensive sum-mary of the year's tax transactions, includ-ing outward and in-ward supplies, tax paid, and input tax credit claimed.

GSTR-9 must be filed annually, consolidat-ing all monthly or quarterly GST returns filed during the year. GSTR-9C, applicable to taxpayers whose turn-over exceeds the pre-scribed limit, serves as a reconciliation state-ment and requires cer-

tification by a Char-tered Accountant or Cost Accountant.

According to Prab-hat Ranjan, Senior Di-rector at Nexdigm, while most taxpayers are familiar with GSTR-9 and 9C filings, this year's filing comes with new disclosure re-quirements and strict-er validations on the GST portal. He urged taxpayers to be meticu-lous while filing to avoid errors and poten-tial penalties.

Important Points to Note: Deadline: The last date for filing GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for FY25 is December 31, 2025. Taxpayers are advised not to wait for any extensions, as no grace period is ex-pected this year, unlike previous years when ex-

tensions were somet-imes granted due to technical glitches.

Turnover Limits: GSTR-9C filing is man-datory for taxpayers with a turnover ex-ceeding the threshold specified by the gov-ernment, usually above 5 cror e. Co mpliance Tips: Early preparation, accurate reconciliation of data with annual financial statements, and cross-verification of input tax credit claims are essential for smooth filing. The GST portal now enforces stricter validations to mini-mize discrepancies and improve compli-ance. Taxpayers should ensure their re-turns for the entire fi-nancial year are cor-rectly filed before attempting the annual return. With the finan-cial year-end app-ro-aching, businesses are urged to prioritize GS T annual return filing to avoid last-minute rush and penal ties.

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



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

Sequentially, HCLT ech's net profit and revenue grew by 10% and 5.2% respectively, signal-ing a steady business momentum amid a chal-lenging global tech envi-ronment. The company's

diversified portfolio, in-cluding digital transfor-mation and AI services, continues to fuel growth and resilience.

In a surprising move that bucks the trend of layoffs in the technology sector, HCLTech report-ed a net addition of 3,489 employees during the quarter. This brought the total workforce count to a robust 2,26,640 employees, underscoring the company's confi-dence in expanding op-erations and talent ac-quisition despite un-certainties in the glob-al IT market.

The company also an-nounced an interim di-vidend of 12 per equity

share for the financial year 2025-26, reflecting its strong cash flow position and commitment to shareholder returns.

Analysts view HCL Tech's results positively, noting that the com-pany's balanced growth in revenue and workforce, coupled with stable prof-itability, positions it well to capitalize on emerging opportunities in AI and digital services. The on-going investments in talent and technology un-der-score HCLTech's strategy to deepen client engagements and scale up high-value services.

With the IT sector fac-ing headwinds globally, HCLTech's ability to sus-tain growth and expand its workforce highlights its robust business fun-damentals and strategic agility in a competitive landscape. Investors and market watchers will keenly watch the com-pany's performance in the coming quarters as it navigates evolving in-dustry dynamics.



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

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

On the islands of Lanzarote and Tenerife, grapevines grow

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

surface.

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

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

Locals take immense pride in this legacy—turning devas-

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Google Launches \$15-Billion AI Hub in Visakhapatnam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

ments, calling for stricter enforcement and public responsibility.

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



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

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

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

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

This move is expected to boost Apple's market

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

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

Lakshya, Diksha, Shaina Advance To Quarterfinals At Badminton Asia U-17 & U-15 Championships

India's young shuttlers continued their impressive run at the Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Championships 2025, with Lakshya Rajesh, Diksha Sudhakar, and Shaina Manimuthu storming into the girls' singles quarterfinals on Friday.

In the U-17 category, sixth seed Diksha Sudhakar displayed remarkable control and composure to overcome Chinese Taipei's Pin Hsuan Chiang 21-19, 21-15, securing a spot in the last eight. Lakshya Rajesh joined her compatriot with a commanding 21-16, 21-11 win over Korea's Lee Yun Seo, showcasing her agility and precision throughout the match.

Meanwhile, in the U-15 segment, top seed Shaina Manimuthu lived up to her billing by defeating China's Li Man Lin 21-17, 21-16 in straight games. Shaina's dominance at the net and consistency in long rallies ensured a smooth passage into the quarterfinals.

India also impressed in doubles action. The girls' pair of Aditi Deepak Raj



and BV Ponnamma Vridhi battled past Korea's Lee Yun Seo and Park Yoo Jeong, bouncing back from a first-game loss to win 17-21, 21-15, 21-17. In the boys' doubles, Charan Ram Thippana and Hari Krishna Veeramreddy produced a clinical performance, dispatching Japan's Kosuke Shinohara and Hiroto Nakatsuka 21-14, 21-8.

In singles, Jagsher Singh Khangurra advanced with a comfortable 21-12, 21-17 victory over Malaysia's Winson Choh, while Wazir Singh narrowly missed a quarterfinal berth after a heartbreaking 19-21, 22-20, 22-24 defeat to Indonesia's seventh seed Revan Adrilileo Saputra in the

U-15 boys' category.

With multiple Indian players progressing, the contingent remains in strong contention for medals as the tournament heads into its decisive stages in Chengdu.

Rybakina Books WTA Finals Spot With Tokyo Semifinal Win



Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina sealed the final qualifying spot for next month's WTA Finals after defeating Canada's Victoria Mboko 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) in the Pan Pacific Open quar-

terfinals on Friday. The 2022 Wimbledon champion's victory also secured her place among the elite eight players set to compete in Saudi Arabia from November 1-8.

Rybakina, who recently lifted the Ningbo Open title in China, continued her strong form in Tokyo, reaching the semifinals for the first time. "It's great to qualify and play some more

matches, especially against top players," said the world number seven. "I knew it was going to be a long road, but everything worked out pretty well."

The 26-year-old made a

blistering start, taking the first three games against the 19-year-old Mboko before comfortably sealing the opening set. The second set saw tighter exchanges, with Mboko pushing Rybakina to save a set point before the Kazakh held her nerve in the tiebreak.

Rybakina dominated with five aces and 23 winners, compared to Mboko's 17. "It was a very difficult match. I'm glad I managed to win in two sets," she said. "The tiebreak was tight, but I served well and stayed focused."

The second seed will next face Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic in the semifinals, while on the other side of the draw, Belinda Bencic meets Sofia Kenin, who survived four match points to oust third seed Ekaterina Alexandrova.

Rybakina joins Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff, Amanda Anisimova, Madison Keys, Jessica Pegula, and Jasmine Paolini at the WTA Finals. "I'll try to do well there," she said, "but for now, I just want to finish the season healthy."

Pakistan Withdraws from Junior Hockey World Cup in India

Pakistan has officially withdrawn from the FIH Junior Hockey World Cup, scheduled to be held in India from November 28 to December 10, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) confirmed on Friday. The tournament will take place across Chennai and Madurai, featuring the world's top junior teams.

The FIH, in a statement to PTI, said it will announce Pakistan's replacement team soon. Details regarding the reasons behind Pakistan's withdrawal have not been disclosed, but the move comes amid ongoing geopolitical and logistical challenges that have occasionally impacted sporting events in the region.

Pakistan's withdrawal is a significant development, given the country's historic presence in hockey at both senior and junior levels. The nation has a strong track record in international hockey tournaments, and their absence will be felt in the competitive balance of the junior championship.

The Junior Hockey World Cup is a key event for



emerging talent, offering young players a platform to showcase their skills on the global stage. With Pakistan's exit, the FIH will work to ensure that the tournament maintains its full complement of teams, confirming a replacement to preserve the event's format and competitiveness.

India, as host nation, is expected to field a strong side and will now compete against a revised lineup of international teams. The tournament remains a crucial opportunity for scouts and hockey federations to identify the next genera-

tion of world-class players.

The FIH emphasized that preparations for the event are continuing as planned, with strict adherence to safety and organizational protocols. Fans and stakeholders can expect further announcements regarding fixtures, groups, and the re-

placement team in the coming days.

The Junior Hockey World Cup 2025 promises intense competition, with young athletes from across the globe aiming to leave their mark on the sport, even as Pakistan steps back from participation.

Messi Brace Powers Inter Miami Past Nashville SC in MLS Playoffs



Argentine superstar Lionel Messi scored twice as Inter Miami defeated Nashville SC 3-1 in the opening game of their MLS Cup round one playoff series on Friday. The win gives Miami a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series, with game two set for November 1 in Nashville.

Messi, who was presented with the Golden Boot before the match for finishing the regular season with 29 goals in 28 games, wasted no time showcasing his scoring prowess. In the 19th minute, he opened the scoring with a diving header off a precise pass from Luis Suarez, following a build-up involving Sergio Busquets and Rodrigo De Paul.

Miami doubled their lead in the 62nd minute when Tadeo Allende headed in a cross from Ian Fray, putting the hosts 2-0 ahead. Despite Nashville striker Hany Mukhtar pulling one back late in stoppage time, Messi sealed the win in second-half injury time, calmly slotting home after Nashville keep-

er Joe Willis failed to control a Jordi Alba delivery.

The victory comes a day after Messi signed a three-year contract extension, keeping him in Florida until 2028. MLS commissioner Don Garber, who presented the Golden Boot, praised Messi's impact on the club and league, saying, "He has reset the trajectory for Major League Soccer... having three more years is just another gift."

De Paul, who assisted Messi's opener, lauded the team's intensity and focus. "We showed that we are growing as a team, and that's the most important thing," he said. Fellow teammate Javier Mascherano emphasized that Miami must maintain focus despite the win, with the team chasing their first MLS Cup title.

With Messi in top form and now committed for three more years, Inter Miami appears well-poised to make a deep playoff run and continue reshaping the MLS landscape.

Rohit, Kohli Shine as India Win 3rd ODI, Australia Take Series 2-1



India ended the 3rd ODI on a high note with a commanding 9-wicket victory over Australia in Sydney on Saturday, but the hosts had already sealed the series 2-1 with wins in the first two matches.

Chasing a target of 237, India cruised to victory in 38.3 overs thanks to stellar performances from Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Rohit smashed his 33rd ODI century, finishing unbeaten on 121, while Kohli supported him with a fluent 74 not out, ensuring a smooth chase with minimal fuss.

Australia, electing to bat first after winning the toss, looked in control at 183 for 3, with captain Mitchell Marsh providing steady contributions. However, India's bowlers, led by Harshit Rana, staged a remarkable comeback. Rana, trusted by head coach Gautam Gambhir, returned 4 for 39, dismantling the Australian middle order and restricting the total to 236.

The Indian bowling attack showed discipline and cohesion, striking at crucial mo-

ments to maintain pressure on the home side. Rana's performance, combined with contributions from the other bowlers, highlighted India's ability to fight back even when the game seemed in Australia's favor.

Rohit and Kohli's partnership in the chase was clinical. The duo steadily took India to the target without losing a wicket, demonstrating their experience and composure in pressure situations. Their innings also underscored the depth and reliability of India's batting lineup.

Despite India's victory in the final ODI, Australia had already secured the series, leaving the dead rubber as an opportunity for India to gain momentum and confidence. The performance, particularly from Rohit, Kohli, and Rana, provides a positive takeaway for the Indian side as they look ahead to future fixtures and series.

Scorecard Summary: Australia 236 all out; India 237/0 in 38.3 overs. Rohit Sharma 121*, Virat Kohli 74*, Harshit Rana 4/39.

‘Baahubali: The Epic’ Hyderabad Bookings Begin with Blockbuster Response



The anticipation surrounding SS Rajamouli and Prabhas’ Baahubali: The Epic has reached a fever pitch, as advance bookings in Hyderabad opened to a phenomenal response. Following an extraordinary start in the USA, where the film is projected to earn over \$1 million from premiere shows alone, local audiences are now showing equal enthusiasm.

According to trade analysts, ticket sales in Hyderabad began on a solid note, with select screens opening bookings earlier today. Within hours, the film shot up to the top of the hourly trending list on BookMyShow, clocking more than 5,000 tickets sold per hour. Exhibitors expect the momentum to accelerate sharply once additional theatres across the city join the booking phase.

Baahubali: The Epic—helmed by visionary director SS Rajamouli—marks one of the longest Indian cinematic experiences ever, with a runtime of 3 hours and 44 minutes. The film promises to deliver a grand visual spectacle, blending state-of-the-art VFX with Rajamouli’s trademark storytelling finesse.

The magnum opus features an ensemble cast led by Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty, Tamannaah Bhatia, Ramya Krishnan, Satyaraj, and Nassar, all reprising their iconic roles in what’s being described as a definitive retelling of the Baahubali saga.

Produced by Arka Media Works, the film is set for a pan-India release across major formats, including IMAX and 3D, further fuelling excitement among fans. Music maestro MM Keeravani has composed the soundtrack, with early previews hinting at a powerful and emotionally resonant score.

With advance bookings off to a roaring start both in India and overseas, Baahubali: The Epic is on track to become one of the year’s biggest global blockbusters, reaffirming Rajamouli’s legacy as India’s premier epic storyteller.

‘Mass Jathara’ Trailer to Drop on October 27: Makers Promise a Festive Treat



The makers of Mass Jathara, one of Tollywood’s most-awaited releases of the season, have officially announced the date for the film’s theatrical trailer launch. The much-hyped trailer, featuring Ravi Teja in his trademark energetic avatar, will be unveiled on October 27 (Monday), just days before the film’s grand worldwide release on October 31, 2025. Directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu in his directorial debut, Mass Jathara marks his first collaboration with the “Mass Maharaja” Ravi Teja. The film promises to be a high-voltage entertainer packed with powerful dialogues, mass action, and Ravi Teja’s signature charisma. Sreeleela plays the female lead, bringing a dose of freshness and glamour to the project.

The trailer launch announcement came with a striking new poster showcasing Ravi Teja in a fierce and dynamic look, further amplifying the buzz among fans. Expectations are sky-high as this mass entertainer is set to clash at the box office with the monumental Baahubali: The Epic, making the trailer’s impact even more crucial. Produced jointly by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas banners, Mass Jathara boasts strong technical values. Music is composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, known for delivering energetic soundtracks that complement Ravi Teja’s style. Veteran actor Rajendra Prasad also plays a significant role, adding depth to the ensemble. With the film’s songs and promotional interviews already creating a viral buzz, the upcoming trailer is expected to offer audiences a glimpse into the film’s story and tone.

Trade circles predict Mass Jathara could be one of the biggest commercial entertainers of the year—provided the trailer lands the right punch on Monday.

The Girlfriend Trailer: Rashmika stirs up a storm

The trailer of The Girl Friend, starring Rashmika Mandanna and Dheekshith Shetty, was unveiled on Friday, promising a layered romantic drama filled with complex emotions and moral dilemmas. Directed by Rahul Ravindran, the film explores the darker and more realistic side of modern relationships.

Rashmika, fresh from her success in the Hindi film Thamma, returns to Telugu cinema in a role unlike any of her previous performances. Dheekshith Shetty, known for Dia and Dasara, plays Vikram, a man whose love story with Bhoomi (Rashmika) takes a turbulent turn when she asks for a break in their relationship. What follows is an emotional roller-coaster as Vikram moves on and finds love again with another woman, played by Anu Emmanuel.



The trailer hints at an intense narrative filled with heartbreak, betrayal, and the blurred lines between love and morality. A standout moment comes from veteran actor Rao Ramesh, who delivers a powerful line branding his on-screen daughter as “characterless,” signaling the film’s bold take on societal judgment and female agency. Visually rich and

emotionally charged, The Girl Friend promises to delve into the grey shades of love and identity, moving away from formulaic romance to present a more introspective story. Rashmika’s transformation into a conflicted and vulnerable woman, coupled with Dheekshith’s subtle performance, adds depth to the drama.

Produced by Vidya Koppineedi and Dheeraj Mogilineni under Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, and presented by Allu Aravind, the film features music by Hesham Abdul Wahab. The Girl Friend is set for a pan-India release on November 7, 2025, in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam.

Sreeleela Dazzles in London With Stunning Grazia Shoot

Actress Sreeleela is on a roll, and there seems to be no slowing her down. Fresh off her high-profile Chings advertisement with Ranveer Singh and Bobby Deol, the young star has now turned heads with her latest Grazia magazine cover shoot, captured in the heart of London.

The vibrant city backdrop perfectly complements Sreeleela’s stylish wardrobe and commanding presence. Dressed in maroon leather pants and a dotted jacket, she exudes power and confidence, her piercing stare adding an unmistakable touch of attitude. In another look, she switches gears effortlessly, donning a black fuzzy jacket and a short skirt, blending boldness with playful charm. Each frame captures a different facet of her personality—cool, chic, and entirely self-assured.

What stands out most in the London shoot is Sreeleela’s natural ease in front of the camera.



She’s clearly having fun, striking a perfect balance between glamour and authenticity. The styling, energy, and backdrop come together to highlight her growing confidence as one of Telugu cinema’s most bankable young stars.

Beyond fashion, Sreeleela’s film career is heating up too. Her next big release, Mass Jathara, pairs her with Ravi Teja under the direction of Bhanu Bhogavarapu. Produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, the movie is slated for a grand theatrical release on November 31, 2025.

With her effortless charm, back-to-back brand features, and a major release on the horizon, Sreeleela seems to be striking the perfect balance between cinema and style. From the ramp to reel, she’s proving once again that she’s one of the brightest stars to watch out for in the South Indian film industry.

Rajinikanth in Talks with Sundar C for New Project



Kollywood superstar Rajinikanth is reportedly in talks with popular director Sundar C for his upcoming Tamil film, according to industry sources. This project is set to be produced by actor-politician Udhayanidhi Stalin under his Red Giant Movies banner.

Rajinikanth, who is currently busy with the highly anticipated Jailer 2, directed by Nelson, is also gearing up for a multi-starrer project alongside Kamal Haasan. That film, produced by Kamal Haasan, has already created significant buzz due to the combination of two of Tamil cinema’s biggest legends.

While Jailer 2 and the Kamal Haasan multi-starrer are in advanced stages of planning, the proposed Sundar C collaboration appears to be Rajinikanth’s next venture. Sundar C is widely known for his Aranmanai horror-comedy franchise and for helming blockbuster films including Rajinikanth’s earlier hit, Arunachalam. His experience with both commercial entertainers and Rajinikanth’s style makes him a strong contender for this new project.

Industry insiders suggest that the collaboration between Rajinikanth and Sundar C could mark a return to the mass commercial entertainer template, combining action, comedy, and larger-than-life sequences that fans associate with the superstar.

Udhayanidhi Stalin’s Red Giant Movies, known for backing high-profile Tamil projects, is expected to provide a strong production platform for the film.

No official announcements have been made yet, but talks are reportedly progressing well, with final decisions expected in the coming weeks. Fans are eagerly waiting to see what the Rajinikanth-Sundar C combination will bring to the silver screen, especially after the massive success of Jailer.

As Tamil cinema continues to witness big-budget releases and multi-starrer collaborations, this new project could be another major highlight in Rajinikanth’s illustrious career.

Updates on the film, including the title, cast, and release date, are expected soon. Fans are advised to stay tuned for official confirmations.