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TWO SENIOR MAOIST LEADERS SURRENDER IN TELANGANA AFTER DECADES UNDERGROUND

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Two Senior Leaders Of The Banned Cpi (Maoist) Organization Joined The Mainstream In The Presence Of The Director General Of Police (Dgp), Telangana, On October 28, 2025. This Act Follows The Appeal Made By Hon'ble Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. The Surrendered Leaders Are: Pulluri Prasad Rao (@ Shankaranna @ Chandranna @ Somanna, 64), A Central Committee Member (Ccm), Underground For 45 Years; And Bandi Prakash (@ Prabhath, 55), A State Committee Member (Scm), Underground For 42 Years. Pulluri Prasad Rao (Native Of Vadkapur, Peddapally) Was A Ccm And A Guiding Force For The Telangana State



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Charge Of The Tsc Press Team And The Singareni Coal Belt Committee (Scbc). He Joined The Movement In 1983 And Was Elevated To Scm In 2012. Both Leaders Cited Deteriorating Health, Pressure From Security Forces, Ideological Divergences, And A Desire To Rejoin Family And Lead A Peaceful, Dignified Life As Reasons For Their Decision. They Were Immediately Handed Over Their Cash Rewards (25 Lakh For Ccm And 20 Lakh For Scm) Via Demand Draft, And Will Receive Further Benefits Under The Govern-

ment's Rehabilitation Policy. The Dgp Hailed The Surrender As A "Moral Victory" For The Holistic Policy Adopted By The Telangana Police. This Year Alone, 427 Underground Cadres Have Surrendered, Including Two Ccms And Eight Scms, Highlighting The Growing Internal Conflict Within The Cpi (Maoist). The Dgp Reiterated The Appeal: "Pora Vadu!! - Ooru Muddu!!" (Leave The Struggle, Embrace The Village!), Promising Full Support, Protection, And Assistance To All Surrendering Cadres.



GOLD PRICE DROP AGAIN AMID GLOBAL MARKET CORRECTION

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The Gold Price (Parsi Dhara) That Surged During Diwali Has Now Fallen, Experiencing A Significant Correction Due To International Developments And Profit-Taking In Gold Investments. Globally, The Price Of An Ounce Of Gold Has Dropped Below The \$4,000 Mark. Analysts Attribute This Correction To Anticipations Of An Impending Trade Deal Between The United States And China.

Experts Believe That The Expected Key Announcement Following The Meeting Between Us

President Trump And Chinese President Xi Jinping On October 30 Has Reduced Demand For Gold As A Safe-Haven Asset. Following The International Trend, Domestic Gold Prices Have Also Declined. In Hyderabad, As Of 12:30 Pm, The Price Of 10 Grams Of Pure Gold (24 Carat) Was Trading At 1.22 Lakh, Marking A Drop Of Nearly 2,000 In A Single Day. The Price Of 22-Carat Gold Was At 1.12 Lakh. Internationally, An Ounce Was Trading At \$3,947. Silver Prices Also Decreased, With Spot Silver Trading At \$46.59 Per Ounce Internationally. And One Kilogram Of Silver In Hyderabad Priced At 1.48 Lakh.

CM REVANTH REDDY ANNOUNCES MAJOR WELFARE MEASURES FOR CINE WORKERS

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, While Addressing A Cine Workers Union Meeting, Announced Major Welfare Measures For The Film Industry's Workforce, Reiterating His Commitment To Making Hyderabad A Global Film Hub. The Cm Recalled The Efforts Of Former Cm Marri Chenna Reddy To Shift The Telugu Film Industry To Hyderabad And Acknowledged The Contributions Of Veterans Like Ntr, Nageswara Rao, And Krishna. He Specifically Praised Dr. Prabhakar Reddy For Donating His 10-Acre Land In Manikonda For The Welfare Of Cine Workers, Which Led To The



Establishment Of The Chitrapuri Colony.

Acknowledging The Hard Work And Labor Of The Film Workers, The Cm Stated That He Appointed His Friend Dil Raju As The Film Development Corporation Chairman To Act As A Bridge Between The Government And The Industry. The Cm Announced

That The State Is Launching Gaddar Awards In Place Of The Suspended Nandi Awards. Highlighting The Government's "Telangana Rising 2047" Vision, The Cm Assured That The Film Industry Would Be Given Priority Alongside It And Pharma, With A Special Chapter Dedicated To The Industry In The Vision Document. The Cm Pledged To Bring Hollywood To Hyderabad With The Workers' Support. Key Welfare Announcements Include: Construction Of A Corporate-Standard School (Nursery To 12th Grade) For Workers' Children, Provided They Identify A Suitable Location In Krishan Nagar; Free Medical Facilities Under Aarogya; And A 10 Crore Government Contribution

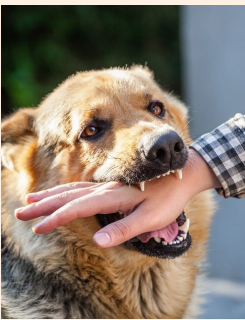
To A Welfare Fund Established By The Workers' Unions. Crucially, The Cm Proposed A Regulation Where Films Permitted To Hike Ticket Prices Must Contribute 20% Of The Box Office Revenue From The Hike To The Workers' Welfare Fund To Obtain The Necessary Government Order. The Government Also Pledged Financial Aid For The Union Association Bhavan And Land Allocation In Bharat Future City For A Cine Fighters Training Centre. The Cm Concluded By Stating That The Government Would Take Responsibility For The Workers' Welfare And Hold A Follow-Up Meeting In The Last Week Of November To Finalize The Welfare Plan.

TELANGANA SEES 3.3 LAKH DOG BITES IN THREE YEARS

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The Telangana State Urban Development Department Informed The Supreme Court In An Affidavit That 3.33 Lakh People Across The State Have Been Bitten By Stray Dogs Over The Last Three Years, Resulting In 36 Deaths. The Affidavit Was Filed In Response To The Supreme Court's August Order Seeking States' Views On Controlling Stray Dogs. The Department Requested That The Rules Be Amended To Facilitate Better Control.

The Affidavit Disclosed That Between 2022 And 2024, 3,33,935 Individuals Were Vic-



tims Of Dog Bites, And 36 Succumbed To The Injuries. The Department Stressed That Even After Sterilization And Immunization, Stray Dogs Pose A Threat To Children, The Elderly, And Other Vulnerable Groups, And Cannot Be Prevented From Biting People. It Cited That Countries Like The Us And Uk Have Strict Laws To Address The High Reproductive

Rate Of Dogs. For Example, The Uk Environmental Protection Act-1990, Section 149, Mandates The Detention Of Stray Dogs, And Unclaimed Ones May Be Euthanized With Minimal Pain. The State Also Highlighted That 36% Of Global Rabies Deaths Occur In India, With An Estimated 18,000 To 20,000 Deaths Annually. Children Under 15 Account For 30-60% Of Rabies Cases And Fatalities In India. The Department Urged The Court To Issue Appropriate Orders, Considering The Annual Injuries, Fatalities, And The Serious Threat To Road Safety Posed By Dogs, Pleading For The Protection Of Public Life, Rights, And Security.

MUSI RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GETS MAJOR BOOST

V KRISHNA KUMAR, hyd, oct 28th

In A Significant Step Towards The Musi River Purification And Development Project, The Telangana Government Has Finalized The Transfer Of 734.07 Acres Of Land To The Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (Mrdcl). This Decision Is Expected To Accelerate The Prestigious Project, Which Has Been Under Preparation For Several Months. The Transferred Lands Are Spread Across Four Mandals Of Rangareddy District, Including Areas Near The Eesa River At



Himayat Sagar, And At Kismatpur (Gandipet Mandal), Premavati Nagar And Budwel (Rajendranagar Mandal), And Kotwal Guda (Shamshabad Mandal). The Government Issued Orders Through The Chief Commissioner Of

Land Administration, Lokesh Kumar, To Transfer The Land, Which Includes Areas Originally Allocated For Hmda Layouts In Kotwal Guda. Additionally, Lands Allocated To Several Public Sector Undertakings, Such As

Teerl (129.39 Acres), Iipb (41.27 Acres), And Valanthari (219.09 Acres), Have Also Been Transferred To Mrdcl For The Riverfront Corridor Development And Beautification. The State Government Has Instructed Officials To Al-

lot Alternative Land In Future City And Shamshabad Mandal To The Organizations That Lost Their Allocated Land. The Project Is Expected To Receive Funding Assistance From The Asian Development Bank (Adb).

CYCLONE MONTH: RED ALERT FOR SOME TELANGANA DISTRICTS

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The Impact Of Cyclone Montha Is Evident Across Both Telugu States, With Moderate To Heavy Rains Falling In Various Districts Of Andhra Pradesh And Telangana. As A Result Of The Cyclone's Influence, Heavy Rain Lashed Several Parts Of Hyderabad City On Tuesday Afternoon.

Areas Such As Jubilee Hills, Banjara Hills, Jounal Colony, Khairatabad, Punjagutta, And Ameerpet Experienced Heavy Downpours, Leading To Waterlogging In Low-Lying Areas And Disruption To Traffic.



The Hyderabad Meteorological Department Has Issued A Warning That Heavy To Very Heavy Rains Are Likely In Several Telangana Districts Due To Cyclone Montha.

A Red Alert Has Been Issued For Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Khammam Districts For Today (Tuesday). An Orange Alert Has Been Issued For Mancherla,

Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Mahabubabad, Nalgonda, And Suryapet Districts. Furthermore, A Yellow Alert Is In Place For Komaram Bheem, Jagityal, Karimnagar, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, And Nagarkurnool Districts, Advising Preparedness For Moderate To Heavy Rainfall.





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Prepare Comprehensive, Project-Wise Analysis Reports For The Projects Mentioned In The Letter. He Also Instructed Them To Create A Status Report On All Dams In The State.
The Meeting Also Focused On The Condition Of Sundilla, Annaram, And Medigadda Barrages. The Chief Minister Advised Officials To Prepare Repair Plans For The Barrages And

Ensure That The Concerned Agencies Are Held Responsible For The Repairs. Based On The Comprehensive Project Reports, The Cm Decided To Hold Another Review Meeting In The Second Week Of November To Determine The Next Steps. The Chief Minister Also Discussed The Proposed Project At Tummadihatti, Directing Officials To Prepare Plans To Divert 80 Tmc Of Water From Tummadihatti To Sundilla.

He Specifically Instructed Them To Formulate Plans To Provide Irrigation And Drinking Water To The Erstwhile Adilabad District, Suggesting That They Prepare Estimates By Utilizing Existing Works. Furthermore, He Directed Officials To Prepare Plans And Estimates To Repair Sundilla, Bring It Back Into Use, And Draw Water To Sripada Yellampally.

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State Minister For Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, And Fisheries Vaviti Srikhari Stated That Timely Vaccination Of Cattle, Especially Against Foot-And-Mouth Disease (Fmd), Boosts Immunity And Ensures The Health Of Livestock. The Minister Participated As The Chief Guest In The National Animal Disease Control Program And The Fmd Vaccination Campaign Organized By The Animal Husbandry And Veterinary Department In Regonda Mandal, Bhupalpally Constituency. Minister Srikhari Stressed That Vaccination Reduces The Impact Of Diseases Like Fmd, Which Can Adversely Affect Milk Production And Farmers' Income. He Ad-



vised Every Farmer To Mandatorily Vaccinate Their Cattle Twice A Year, With A Six-Month Interval. He Criticized The Previous Government For Completely Neglecting The Dairy Industry And The Entire Department. The Minister Contrasted The Past Government's Stance, Where They Said "Paddy Farming Is Suicide," With The Current Congress Government's Approach, Which Has Proved It

To Be A "Source Of Prosperity." He Assured That The Congress Government Is Committed To The Welfare Of The Poor And Backward Classes, Promising To Provide "Indiramma Houses" To Every Eligible Poor Person, Irrespective Of Political Affiliation. He Dismissed The Opposition's Criticism As "Frustration" Because The Congress Government Is Succeeding Where They Failed.



MINISTER THUMMALA NAGESWARA RAO PARTICIPATES IN COTTON AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR FARMERS

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Agriculture And Marketing Minister Sri Thummala Nageswara Rao Participated In The Cotton Awareness Program Organized Under The Raitu Nestham (Farmer's Friend) Initiative By The Agriculture Marketing Department. The Program Was Held For The Benefit Of Cotton Farmers. The Awareness Program Aims To Educate Cotton Farmers On Vari-

ous Key Aspects, Including Minimum Support Price (MSP) Purchases, Marketing Facilities, And New Policies Related To Cotton Cultivation And Trade. Minister Nageswara Rao Stressed The Importance Of Providing Farmers With The Necessary Information And Support To Ensure They Receive Fair Prices For Their Produce And Are Aware Of The Latest Market Trends And Government Schemes.

HIGH COURT REJECTS PETITION BY GANJA PEDDLER ANGOOR BHAI AGAINST PD ACT

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The Ganja Lady Don From Dhoolpet, Angoor Bhai Alias Arun Bhai, Faced A Setback In The High Court, As The Division Bench Rejected Her Petition Challenging The Pd (Preventive Detention) Act Invoked Against Her. Angoor Bhai Had Approached The High Court To Challenge The Pd Act Implemented Against Her For Continuing Her Ganja Trading Activities In Hyderabad.

The High Court Division Bench, Comprising Justices Moushumi Bhattacharya And Gadi Praveen Kumar, Heard The Arguments. Government Special Pleader Swaroop Orila And Assistant Leader Ravi Kumar Argued For The Continuation Of The Pd Act Against Angoor Bhai Due To Her Numerous Cases. After Hearing Both Sides, The Judges Ruled On Tuesday To Dismiss Angoor Bhai's Petition.

The Pd Act Proposal Was Initially Sent By The Excise Department's Stf Team Lead-

er Anji Reddy And Dhoolpet Excise Ci Madhu Babu And Staff, Citing The Numerous Cases Against Her. The Government-Appointed Advisory Board Approved The Proposal On March 10, 2025, And Hyderabad Collector Anudeep Durishetty Issued The Pd Act Orders On April 15, 2025. Shanawaz Qasim, Director Of The Excise Enforcement Department, Congratulated The Excise Staff On The High Court's Decision To Uphold The Pd Act Against Angoor Bhai.

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Procurement Centers To Accelerate Weighing Of The Paddy Without Delay. Crucially, He Advised That Farmers Should Not Be Held Responsible For The Paddy Once It Has Been Weighed At The Center Until It Is Transported To The Rice Mills. The Responsibility For Transport Should Rest With The Officials And Staff At The Procurement Centers. The Chairman, Along With Mem-

ber Kvn Reddy, Sought Details On Paddy Procurement, Arrangements, And Facilities From Civil Supplies Department Procurement Gm Nageshwar Rao. The Gm Informed The Commission That A Decision Was Made To Establish 8,342 Paddy Procurement Centers Across The State, With 4,428 Centers Already Operational And Efforts Underway To Start The Remaining 3,814 Centers.

BHATTI INITIATES UNDERGROUND CABLE PROJECT IN MADHIRA

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State Deputy Cm, Minister For Finance, Energy, And Planning, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Announced That Measures Are Being Taken To Ensure Uninterrupted Power Supply To The People Of Madhira Town, Even During Heavy Rains And Cyclones. The Deputy Cm Laid The Foundation Stone For The Underground Power Cable Construction Works In Madhira Town, Being Undertaken At A Cost Of 27.76 Crores.

marka Stressed The Critical Role Of The Power Sector In Achieving The "Telangana Rising 2047" Goal And The State's Ambition To Become A Three Trillion Dollar Economy. He Stated That The Underground Cable System Is Being Established With The Aim Of Providing Uninterrupted Power Supply To Town Residents. The Project Involves Laying 3.5 Km Of 33 Kv Line, 17.3 Km Of 11 Kv Line, And 15 Km Of Lt Line Underground. This Modernization Will Improve The Aesthetics Of Madhira By Removing Dangling Wires, Reduce Pollution And

Electrical Accidents, And Allow For The Planting Of Trees Along Roadsides. The Deputy Cm Also Mentioned The Provision Of "Vidyut Ambulances" (Electricity Ambulances) Equipped With Transformers And Technicians In Every Assembly Constituency To Respond Immediately To Power Complaints Made Via 1912. Furthermore, The Government Is Promoting Solar Pumps Under The 'Indira Giri Jala Vikas' Scheme And Implementing A Green Energy Policy, Including Setting Up Rural Power Plants With Women's Groups.

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Components Manufacturing Facility Established At Adibatla By Tata Advanced Systems Limited (Tasl) And Safran Aircraft Engines, Representing An Investment Of 425 Crore. Speaking At The Inauguration Event, Mr. Sridhar Babu Affirmed Telangana's Determination To Position Itself As A Global Hub For Aerospace, Defence, And Space Technologies, Stating,

"Hyderabad Is No Longer Just The City Of Pearls — We Are Reshaping It As The City Of Propulsion, Precision, And Progress." He Highlighted The State's Rapid Growth, Noting That Aerospace And Defence Exports From Telangana, Which Were 15,900 Crore In 2023-24, Had Already Reached 30,742 Crore In The First Nine Months Of 2024-25. The New Facility Will Manufacture

Bearing Housings And Low-Pressure Turbine Shafts—Critical Components For Leap Engines Used By Airbus And Boeing, And Is Expected To Create 500 New Skilled Jobs. Minister Sridhar Babu Encouraged Global Firms To Invest Across The Entire Ecosystem, Including Engines, MRO, Aircraft Conversions, Space Technologies, Drones, Digital Systems, And AI-Driven Manufacturing.



MINISTER SEETHAKKA PROMISES INDIRAMMA HOUSES TO ANNA NAGAR SLUM DWELLERS

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Minister Seethakka Assured The Residents Of Anna Nagar Slum That The Congress Government Would Provide “Indiramma Houses” To Every Eligible Family. Speaking During The Jubilee Hills Bye-Election Campaign, She Recalled That The Slum Was Established 30 Years Ago After Previous Governments Issued Pattas, But The Trs Government Failed To Provide A Single House In The Last Decade.

The Minister Noted That Applications For House Pattas Under Go 58 Were Filed, But The Previous Rulers Ignored Them. She Pledged That If The



Congress Wins The Jubilee Hills By-Election, The Praja Prabhutam (People’s Government) Led By Revanth Reddy Would

Build Houses For All Residents In The Slum And Implement Numerous Welfare Schemes For The Poor. Seethakka Urged The Residents To Give A Chance To Naveen Yadav, A Young Candidate From Their Area, Who Is Well-Aware Of Their Struggles. She Stated That With Naveen As Mla, Welfare Schemes And Development Programs Would Reach Their Doorstep. She Mentioned That Development Works Worth 150 Crores Are Already Underway In Jubilee Hills And That Another 1,000 Crores In Development Would Follow If The Congress, Identified By The “Hand” Symbol, Wins The Election.

SEETHAKKA TRAVELS BY AUTO, CRITICIZES KTR FOR AUTO DRIVER WOES

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Minister Seethakka And Women’s Corporation Chairperson Bandaru Shobharani Traveled By Auto Rickshaw In Borabanda As Part Of The Election Campaign, Interacting With The Auto Driver And Urging Him To Vote For The Hand Symbol (Congress). The Auto Driver Assured Her Of His Support For The Congress.

Minister Seethakka Strongly Criticized The Previous Trs Government For Ignoring The Welfare Of Auto Drivers. She Argued That The Free Bus Travel For Women Does Not Adversely Affect Auto Drivers’ Livelihoods, As Rtc Buses Do Not Reach Narrow Lanes, And People Still Rely On Autos For Short Distances. The Minister Accused Ktr Of Undermining

Auto Drivers’ Employment By Launching Ola And Uber Bike Services Right From Pragathi Bhavan. She Listed The Hardships Faced By Auto Drivers, Such As Heavy Fines For No Parking And Fitness Charges, And The Arrest Of Drivers When They Tried To Voice Their Grievances. She Recalled A Tragic Incident Where An Auto Driver Set His Auto

Ablaze Outside Kcr’s Residence. Seethakka Also Stated That The Kcr Government Did Not Permit A Single New Auto In Hyderabad For Ten Years, And Now, Ktr Is Shedding “Crocodile Tears” For Auto Drivers For The Jubilee Hills Election. She Countered That Auto Drivers Appreciate That Their Mothers And Sisters Benefit From Free Bus Travel And That

The Congress Is Strengthening Their Families Financially Through Schemes Like Indira Mahila Shakti And Providing Free Electricity And Sanna Biyyam. She Accused The Kcr Family Of Habitually Portraying Their Personal Sorrows As Universal Suffering And Now Showing Love For All Sections After Losing Power.

WILL QUIT POLITICS IF CASES ARE TRUE: NAVEEN YADAV DARES BRS LEADERS

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The Jubilee Hills By-Election Campaign Is Intensifying With Challenges And Counter-Challenges Between The Congress And Brs Leaders. In Response To Sensational Allegations Made By Brs Leaders Against Him,

Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav Issued A Strong Challenge.

Naveen Yadav Declared That If The Cases Filed Against Him Are Proved To Be True, He Would Quit Politics And Leave Hyderabad. He Then Counter-Challenged Former Ministers Ktr And Harish

Rao, Asking If They Are Ready To Step Down From Politics If The Cases Are Proven To Be False. Yadav Accused The Kcr Government Of Conspiring By Filing 20 To 30 False Cases Against Him, His Family Members, And His Associates In A Single Year. He Criticized The Brs Leaders’

Conspiracy To Campaign Him As A “Rowdy.” Yadav Expressed Faith In The Judiciary, Stating That It Has Protected Him. He Also Revealed That A Case Has Been Registered Against Brs Workers For Attempting To Burn The Congress

Campaign Vehicle, And Police Will Take Action. Naveen Yadav Emphasized That The People Of Jubilee Hills Have Faith In The Congress And That The Development Of Jubilee Hills Is Only Possible With A Congress Victory



HYDRA RESTORES HISTORICAL BAM-RUKN-UD-DAULA LAKE IN OLD CITY

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The Historical Bam-rukn-ud-daula Lake In The Old City Is Undergoing A Comprehensive Restoration And Is Expected To Be Fully Ready By The End Of November. Acknowledging Its Cultural Significance, Hydra Commissioner Sri A V Ranganath Inspected The Restoration Works On Tuesday, Emphasizing The Need To Preserve This Centuries-Old Lake As A “National Asset” For Future Generations.

The Commissioner Noted That Encroachments On The Lake Were Removed In August Last Year. The Lake, Which Originally Spanned Over 100 Acres According To Historical Accounts (And 18 Acres According To Official

Records), Had Been Reduced To Only 4.12 Acres Due To Encroachment. The Restoration Project Aims To Expand The Lake Back To 18 Acres, Enhance Flood Control Capabilities, And Recharge Groundwater Levels. The Commissioner Inspected The Newly Constructed Inlets And Outlets Designed To Regulate Water Flow Into And Out Of The Lake. Surrounding Attractions Being Developed Include A Bund With Walking Tracks, Fencing Around The Lake Perimeter, Play Areas For Children, Seating Arrangements And Parks For The Elderly, And Open Gyms. Roads Are Being Constructed Around The Lake, And Greenery Is Being Enhanced With The Planting Of

Trees And Creation Of Lawns. Historical Preservation Is A Key Focus: The Stone Bund Built During The Nizam’s Era Is Being Strengthened, And Ancient Stones Found Buried In The Soil Are Being Excavated And Preserved. Cctv Cameras Are Also Being Installed To Strengthen Surveillance. Historically, The Lake, Built In 1770 By Nawab Rukn-Ud-Daula (The Prime Minister Of The Third Nizam, Sikandar Jah), Was Said To Have Been Used By Queens For Bathing, While The Water From A Well Fed By Its Herbal-Infused Seepage Was Used For Drinking By The Nizams, And Its Fragrant Water Was Even Used For Perfume Making, Highlighting Its Rich And Significant Past.

KTR’S NEW AUTO AVATAR IS A DRAMA, SAYS CONGRESS MP



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Congress Mp Chamaala Kiran Kumar Reddy Criticized Ktr’s New “Auto Avatar”, Calling It A Political Drama Ahead Of The Jubilee Hills Bye-Election. He Pointed Out That Ktr Ignored Auto Drivers Throughout His 10-Year Rule, Only Remembering Their Welfare During The Election Period. The Mp Alleged That The Brs Government Imposed Fines (Challans) Worth About 42 Crores On Auto Drivers Over The Last Decade.

Reddy Highlighted The Congress Government’s Welfare Initiatives, Such As Reducing Gas Cylinder Prices To Ease The Burden On Women And Providing

Free Rtc Bus Travel For Women, Which Has Issued Over 1,06,000 Zero Tickets. He Ridiculed The Brs Leaders’ Claims That Telangana Has Become “Completely Dark” After The Congress Took Power. Reddy Asserted That The Congress Government Deserves Credit For Providing Sanna Biyyam (Fine Quality Rice) To The People Of Telangana And For Implementing Indiramma Aasara Pensions. He Stated That The Congress, As A “Praja Palana Prabhutvam” (People’s Rule Government), Is Always Working For The People. He Criticized The Brs For Failing To Deliver On Their Promise To Turn Telangana Into “New York.” Reddy Challenged

The Brs To Show Where They Built Anything During Their Tenure, Alleging That Their Only Focus Was On The Kaleshwaram Project. He Concluded By Asserting That The Brs Regime Brought Nothing Positive To Telangana; Instead, Water Went To Kcr’s Farmhouse, Funds Went To His Family Members, And Appointments (Mlc, Mp Posts) Were Only Given To His Relatives. He Blamed The Brs For Making Telangana A Debt-Ridden State And For The Lack Of Good Relations Between The State And Central Governments, Which Prevented The State From Receiving Thousands Of Crores Of Funds From The Center.

TELANGANAGOVT TO LAUNCH AMBEDKAR KNOWLEDGE CENTRES AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST SCHEME

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Announced On Tuesday That The Telangana Government Is Preparing And Implementing Plans To Make The State’s Education System A Model For The Entire Country, Aligned With Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s Vision. Speaking To The Media After Reviewing The Education Department, The Deputy Cm Detailed Several Key Initiatives.

The Government Is Setting Up Ambedkar Knowledge Centres At The Constituency Level To Help Rural Youth Prepare For Competitive Examinations. These Centres Will Be Equipped

With Study Material, Digital Libraries, And Offer Online Coaching By Expert Faculty, Eliminating The Need For Youth To Migrate To Hyderabad. Proposals Are Ready To Start These Centres In Five Constituencies Of Khammam District. The Deputy Cm Also Announced The Launch Of Young India Integrated Residential Schools From The Next Academic Year, Which Are Expected To Be A Game-Changer. Furthermore, To Combat Malnutrition, The Government Plans To Introduce A Breakfast Scheme For Students In Government Schools, With The Finance Department Preparing The Necessary Plans. In Line With Employment

Generation Goals, Itis Are Being Upgraded Into Advanced Technology Centres, And Polytechnic Colleges Into Engineering Colleges. The Government Also Intends To Develop Government Schools On Par With Private Institutions By Identifying Three Schools In Every Mandal For Comprehensive Development. The Deputy Cm Instructed Officials To Arrange Midday Meals For Intermediate College Students Locally Through Csr Funds And Announced Plans To Install Solar Rooftops In All Government Educational Institutions To Generate Solar Power, Ensuring The Sector Receives Priority Funding.

HMDA LIKELY TO WITHDRAW FROM E-AUCTIONS OF PLOTS

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The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (Hmda) Appears To Have Completely Withdrawn From Conducting E-Auctions Of Residential Plots, Instead Shifting Its Focus Entirely To The Development Of Layouts In The City's Peripheral Areas. This Strategic Change Comes After Several Recent E-Auctions Of

Plots In Areas Like Bachupally And Bahadurpally Did Not Receive The Expected Response.
The Hmda Had Previously Developed And Sold Lands Belonging Even To Other Organizations, Generating Approximately 13,000 Crore For The State Government Through E-Auctions Of Plots In Areas Like Uppal Bhagayat, Kokapet Neopolis, Budwel, Mokila,

Thorrur, And Kurmalguda. However, Recent Sales Conducted By The Rajiv Swagruha Corporation Received An Unexpectedly High Response. It Is Now Understood That The Government Has Decided That Future Sales Will Be Handled Through The Rajiv Swagruha Corporation. Hmda, Which Is Primarily Tasked With Issuing Building And Layout Permissions To

Developers And Real Estate Companies, Had Demonstrated Successful Results By Directly Entering The Market. The Withdrawal Suggests A Policy Shift To Centralize Land Sales Under A Different Entity, Allowing Hmda To Concentrate On Its Core Mandate Of Urban Planning And Large-Scale Layout Development In Emerging Suburban Zones.



AIR HOSTESS COMMITS SUICIDE IN RAJENDRANAGAR

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A Tragic Incident Occurred In The Rajendranagar Police Station Limit, Where An Air Hostess Committed Suicide. Police Have Recovered The Body And Initiated An Investigation. The Deceased, Identified As Jahnvi From Jammu, Was Working As An

Air Hostess For Indigo Airlines And Resided In The Rajendranagar Area.
It Is Reported That She Had Partied With Her Friends On Monday Night. However, She Was Found Hanged In Her Room This Afternoon, An Apparent Suicide. Upon Receiving The Information, Police

Arrived At The Scene, Took Custody Of The Deceased's Body, And Registered A Case. The Police Have Commenced An Investigation To Determine The Circumstances And Cause Behind The Air Hostess's Decision To Take Her Own Life. The Body Has Been Sent For Post-Mortem Examination.

HALF A KILOGRAM OF GANJA SEIZED IN TURKAYAMJAL



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The Stf (Special Task Force) Dt (District Team) Has Seized Ganja In The Rajiv Gruhakalpa, Brahmanpally Cross Roads Area Of Turkayamjal, Rangareddy District. The Team, Led By Ci

Nagaraju, Apprehended An Individual Named Guguloth Anji While He Was Allegedly Selling Ganja. The Officials Recovered 546 Grams Of Ganja From The Accused. Ci Nagaraju Stated That The Accused, Along With The

Seized Ganja, Was Handed Over To The Hayatnagar Excise Station For Further Legal Proceedings. The Action Is Part Of The Ongoing Efforts By The Excise And Police Departments To Curb The Illegal Drug Trade In The Region.

TELANGANA BJP CHIEF VISITS SRINGERI SHANKARA MUTT



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Telangana State Bjp President Sri N. Ramchander Rao Visited The Sringeri Shankara Mutt Located In Nallakunta, Hyderabad, Today. During His Visit, He Had The Opportunity To Offer Prayers To Goddess Sharadamba And Seek The Divine Blessings Of The Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Sri Vidhushekhara

Bharati Sannidhanam, The Pontiff Of The Dakshinamnaya Sringeri Sharada Peetham.
Sri Ramchander Rao Performed Special Prayers For The Welfare, Happiness, And Development Of The People Of Telangana State. This Act Of Seeking Blessings Underscores His Commitment To The Spiritual And Material Well-Being Of The State's Res-

idents. Also Participating In The Programme Were Sri Maheshwar Reddy And His Family Members, Along With Other Party Leaders, Highlighting The Presence Of The Party Cadre At This Significant Religious Event. The Visit To The Historic Mutt Follows A Tradition Of Political Leaders Seeking Guidance And Blessings From Spiritual Heads For Public Service.

CM REVANTH REDDY MEETS SRINGERI JAGADGURU IN NALLAKUNTA

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Paid A Courtesy Visit To Srisri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swami, The Sringeri Jagadguru, At The Shankara Mutt In Nallakunta, Hyderabad. The Jagadguru Is Currently In Hyderabad As Part Of His "Dharma

Vijaya Yatra" (Victory March For Righteousness). During The Meeting, The Chief Minister Briefed Swami Garu On The Details Of The Development Of The Vemulawada Temple, A Major Pilgrimage Site In Telangana. The Visit Underscores The State

Government's Respect For Spiritual Leaders And Its Commitment To The Preservation And Development Of Historical Temples. Government Whip Addi Srinivas Also Participated In The Meeting. The Chief Minister Sought Blessings For The State's



FLIGHTS FROM SHAMSHABAD TO AP CANCELLED DUE TO CYCLONE MONTHA



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Eighteen Flights Scheduled To Depart From Shamshabad Airport (Hyderabad) To Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, And Rajamahendravaram Have Been Cancelled Due To The Prevailing

Weather Conditions Caused By Cyclone Montha. Consequently, The Return Flights From These Cities To Shamshabad Have Also Been Cancelled. The Cancellations Were Made As A Precautionary Measure By Air India Express And

Indigo Airlines, As The Weather Conditions Are Not Favorable For Flight Operations Due To The Cyclone. This Move Is Aimed At Ensuring Passenger Safety And Preventing Any Risks Associated With Severe Weather. Passengers

Scheduled To Travel On These Routes Are Advised To Contact Their Respective Airlines For Rebooking Or Refund Options. The Cyclone's Impact On The Coastal Regions Has Led To Disruptions In Air Travel, Affecting Connectivity Between

Hyderabad And Major Cities In Andhra Pradesh. The Authorities Are Closely Monitoring The Weather Situation And Will Resume Flights As Soon As Conditions Improve And It Is Deemed Safe For Air Traffic.

HYDRAA REMOVES ENCROACHMENTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY

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The HYDRAA Removed Encroachments In Various Parts Of The City On Tuesday. These Actions Were Taken Following Complaints Received Through Prajavani (Public Grievance Redressal Program) And Subsequent Field Verification By Concerned Officials, Under The Directions Of Hydra Commissioner Sri A V Ranganath. The Drive Secured Public Land In Two Key Locations.
In The Hastinapuram North Extension Colony Of Saroornagar Mandal, Rangareddy District, Hydra Officials Cleared An Encroachment On A 1.27-Acre Park Land. The Association Representatives Had Complained That The Park Land, Designated In The Layout, Was Being Illegally Sold Off As Individual Plots. After Verifying The Complaint, Hydra Removed The Encroachments, Fenced The Area,



And Erected Boards Stating That The Land Has Been Protected By Hydra. Similarly, In The Gangaram Colony Within The Chandanagar Circle Of The Serilingampally Zone, Hydra Reclaimed 500

Square Yards Of Land That Was Allocated For Public Purposes. The Land Was Part Of A 700-Square-Yard Plot Designated For Public Use In The Subhash Nagar Layout Developed By The Social Welfare

Department In 1974. Residents Complained Via Prajavani That A "Big-shot" Had Encroached And Converted The Public Utility Space Into Plots. Hydra Removed These Encroachments And Secured The Plot

With Fencing, Liberating The Public Land Intended For The Poor. The Authority Vowed To Continue Its Drive Against Encroachments To Protect Public And Government Properties.

BANDI DEMANDS POCSO CASE AGAINST HM IF INVOLVED IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT



Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 28th
Union Minister Of State For Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Speaking In Karimnagar, Stated That A Deep Investigation Is Underway Into The Sexual Harassment Case Involving Attender Yakub Basha Against Students In A Karimnagar School. He Confirmed That Karimnagar District Collector Pamela Satpathy And Police Commissioner Gaus

Alam Have Been Conducting A Thorough Probe For The Last Five Days. Due To The Sensitive Nature Of The Pokso Case And Concern For The Students' Future, The Issue Was Initially Not Publicized. Bandi Sanjay Revealed That The Headmaster (Hm) Of The School Has Been Suspended Today Based On Preliminary Findings That Indicated Negligence. He Directed The Collector And Com-

missioner Not To Hesitate To Register A Pokso Case Against The Hm And Other Staff If Their Involvement In The Sexual Harassment Is Established During The Ongoing Investigation. Addressing The Media, He Appealed For Media Restraint, Stressing That Publicizing The Issue Puts The Children's Lives At Risk. He Stated That Officials Are Focused On Assuring The Anxious Parents And

Providing Them With Courage. The Minister Also Expressed Sorrow Over The Suicide Of A Gurukula Student In Vangara, Calling It "Tragic". He Criticized The Congress Administration For The Continued Wave Of Student Suicides In Hostels And Gurukulas, Similar To The Previous Brs Regime, Demanding That The Government Take Immediate And Special Care Of These Institu-

tions. Regarding Heavy Rain Forecasts Due To Cyclone Montha, Bandi Sanjay Assured That The Central Government Is Prepared To Provide All Necessary Assistance, With Ndrf Teams Already Alerted And Deployed, Especially In Andhra Pradesh, With Readiness To Send Additional Teams To Telangana Districts Like Peddapalli, Mulugu, And Bhoopalpally If Required.



NPDCL RECEIVES TWO PRESTIGIOUS ISO CERTIFICATES

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The Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (Npdcl) Has Been Awarded Two Highly Prestigious Iso Certificates, Marking A Significant Milestone For The Organization. The Certificates Were Presented To The Npdcl Cmd By Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu At A Program Held In Madhira.

The First Award, The Iso 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certificate, Was

Granted In Recognition Of The Outstanding Quality In Power Distribution Activities, Substation Maintenance, And Substation Construction. The Deputy Chief Minister Expressed Pride In This Achievement, Highlighting Npdcl's Commitment To Operational Excellence. The Second Certificate, The Iso 45001:2018 Occupational Health And Safety Management Certificate, Acknowledges The Company's Continuous Measures For Employee Safety, Including

Programs Like 'Palle Bata' And 'Patna Bata' (Village Walk And Town Walk) For Power Officials, And The Strict Implementation Of Safety Regulations. Both Certificates Were Issued By Hym International Certification Private Limited. The Deputy Cm Stated That Npdcl Is The First Organization In Telangana To Receive Both Iso 9001 And Iso 45001 Certificates Together, Setting A Benchmark In Operational Quality, Work Environment, And Safety Standards.

FORMER TELANGANA MINISTER HARISH RAO'S FATHER DIES



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T Satyanarayana, The Father Of Former Minister T Harish Rao And Brother-In-Law Of Brs President K Chandrasekhar Rao (Kcr), Passed Away In The Early Hours Of Tuesday Due To Age-Related Health Issues, According To Party Sources. He Had Been Unwell And Suffered A Cardiac Arrest At Harish Rao's Residence In Hyderabad.

Kcr Expressed Deep Grief Over The Demise, Recalling His Long Association With Satyanarayana. Kcr Personally Called Harish Rao And Later Visited His Residence To Console The Bereaved Family Members. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Union Minister Of State For Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan,

And Tpcc President B Mahesh Kumar Goud Were Among The Political Leaders Who Condolored The Death And Extended Their Sympathies To The Family. The Body Has Been Kept At The Kokapet Residence For Visitors To Pay Their Respects. The Funeral Of Satyanarayana Is Scheduled To Be Held At Film Nagar Mahaprasthanam On Tuesday Afternoon.

KCR CONDOLES HARISH RAO ON FATHER'S DEMISE

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Former Telangana Minister And Siddipet Mla Harish Rao Suffered A Personal Loss With The Demise Of His Father, Satyanarayana Rao, Who Passed Away This Morning. Upon Receiving The Information, Former Chief Minister And Brs Chief K Chandrasekhar Rao (Kcr) Immediately Rushed To Harish Rao's Residence From His Erravali Farmhouse. Kcr, Accompanied By Party Workers, Paid Floral Tributes To The Mortal Remains Of Satyanarayana Rao. Subsequently, He Consolated The Family Members And Offered Words Of Encouragement And Support To Harish Rao During This Difficult Time. Several Leaders From The Brs And Other Political Parties Also Visited The Residence To Offer Their Condolences To Harish Rao And The Bereaved Family, Expressing Their Deep Sympathy For The Loss. The Funeral Is Scheduled To Be Held On Tuesday Afternoon At Film Nagar Mahaprasthanam.



India Pushes for Globalised Rupee Ecosystem and Financial Sovereignty

In the wake of increasing geopolitical uncertainty and global economic fragmentation, India is intensifying efforts to establish a self-reliant rupee-based financial ecosystem, aiming to reduce dependence on the US dollar and Western-led financial structures.

The move comes as Western countries continue to impose sanctions and adopt inconsistent trade policies. India's oil trade with Russia and exposure to tariff fluctuations from the US have highlighted the need for an independent framework to support rupee-based international settlements.

RBI's Policy Push

On October 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced new measures allowing authorised dealer banks and their

overseas branches to extend rupee-denominated loans to entities in Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. The move aims to promote bilateral trade in rupees through the creation of Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs), minimising the use of intermediary currencies such as the dollar. The RBI has also permitted SRVA surplus balances to be invested in corporate bonds and commercial papers, expanding options beyond government securities and boosting liquidity. The number of SRVAs has now risen to around 200, reflecting increased global interest in rupee-led settlements. Additionally, prior approval for opening SRVAs has been removed to accelerate trade integration.

To strengthen digital payments and inclusion, the RBI introduced the



Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or Digital Rupee (₹) — a tokenised, blockchain-based version of the Indian currency that supports Delivery vs Payment (DvP) atomic settlements.

GIFT City and Global Linkages

On October 7, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a Foreign Currency Settlement System at GIFT City, Gujarat. The initiative enables faster and safer cross-currency transactions, starting with the US dollar and expanding to the euro, yen, and pound, positioning GIFT City as a global financial hub. In parallel, Russia's Anatoly Aksakov has proposed integrating India, Russia, and China's digital currency systems to streamline settlements, cut conversion

costs, and support BRICS-led de-dollarisation. The New Development Bank (NDB) plans to issue its first INR-denominated bonds in India to promote local currency financing.

Future Roadmap

The Centre plans to raise \$400-500 million through onshore rupee bonds by March 2026, potentially expanding the global market for masala bonds. India also aims to link SRVAs with the UPI network for cross-border settlements and integrate CBDC systems, making GIFT City a 24x7 global financial settlement hub.

These steps mark a significant stride toward financial sovereignty and the creation of a globalised rupee ecosystem, reinforcing India's position as a rising force in international finance.

AI Fake News on Operation Sindoor Highlights Dangers of Misinformation

The gallantry awards for Operation Sindoor, announced on the eve of Independence Day, became the centre of a major misinformation episode after AI-generated fake citations circulated online, raising serious concerns about the growing sophistication of artificial intelligence in spreading false narratives.

The awards list featured 15 Vir Chakras (VrCs), 58 Sena Medals, 26 Vayu Sena Medals, five Nao Sena Medals, and 290 Mention-in-Despatches (M-i-Ds). However, official citations were missing, sparking curiosity across media circles. Late on October 21, rumours spread that the government had released full citations, prompting journalists to verify the claims.

When a journalist used an AI assistant named Grok to retrieve the supposed citations, the system produced a detailed but entirely fabricated account. It included claims of dogfights, deep cross-border raids, damaged S-400 systems, and even a female submarine squadron commander — all of which were false. The narrative was laced with official-sounding jargon, realistic ranks, and specific operational details, making it appear authentic.

Upon verification the next morning, the government's official gazette confirmed that only the 15 Vir Chakra citations had been published, and no other citations were released. The rest of the AI-generated content was proven fictitious. Notably, a supposed posthumous Vayu Sena Medal recipient named "Corporal



Surendra Kumar" was found to be a Sergeant and medical attendant, honoured for bravery during a rescue mission in Udhampur — not for repairing an S-400 system, as the AI claimed.

The incident underscores a new and alarming dimension of AI-driven disinformation. Experts warn that AI can now fabricate highly convincing fake documents, merging real

names and events with invented narratives that align with hostile propaganda. Analysts noted that the false details mirrored Pakistani talking points, suggesting a deliberate attempt to manipulate AI models to distort sensitive military information.

The key takeaway from the episode is the urgent need for journalistic caution and AI

regulation. While artificial intelligence can enhance information gathering, it cannot replace verified journalism. As misinformation grows more sophisticated, this event serves as a stark reminder that in the era of sixth-generation information warfare, discernment and verification remain the first line of defence against digital deceit.

India's Middle Class Feels the Strain as Growth Slows and Inequality Deepens

India's economic momentum appears to be losing steam, with growth projections revised downward to around 6.5 percent by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Central Statistics Office, and several global institutions. Beyond the macroeconomic slowdown, it is the middle class—India's primary engine of consumption—that is feeling the sharpest pinch.

The once-prevailing "India has arrived" optimism is fading. Wealthy Indians are increasingly moving assets abroad, with around 5,000 millionaires emigrating each year, according to the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report. While the ultra-rich remain in India—often publicly backing the government—they are largely holding back on new investments, citing weak demand and subdued market sentiment.

The middle class, broadly defined as those earning between ₹12 lakh and ₹5 crore annually, is trapped in a cycle of stagnant incomes, high taxation, and rising living costs. Tax rates on upper-middle-class earners are among the highest globally, with those earning above ₹2 crore paying almost twice the effective rate as large corporations. Simultaneously, fuel prices, education expenses, and health-care costs continue to rise, squeezing disposable incomes and dampening consumer confidence.

The result is a demand collapse that is visibly re-



shaping India's markets. Lower-end car sales are slowing while luxury vehicles have waiting lists, reflecting a widening income divide. The government's extensive welfare and subsidy programs, including free grain and cash transfers worth an estimated ₹20 trillion since 2014, are largely funded by middle-class taxpayers, leading to resentment.

Political analysts argue that electoral politics has become transactional, rewarding the poor through direct benefits while the middle class bears the fiscal burden. States increasingly expand the definition of "poor" to justify welfare spending, creating what some call an "electoral

poor" category—far larger than the genuinely income-deprived.

Despite mounting frustrations, the middle class remains a loyal constituency for the BJP, drawn by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationalist appeal and disillusionment with opposition parties. Political observers liken their continued support to "one-sided love"—persistent, emotional, and unlikely to fade soon.

As economic challenges deepen and inequality widens, India's middle class finds itself paying more, consuming less, and demanding change, yet still standing by the government it quietly blames for its growing discontent.

Indians Love Music Concerts, But Venues Hit a Sour Note

India's live music scene is booming, with international superstars like Travis Scott, Jon Batiste, Post Malone, John Mayer, Linkin Park, and Enrique Iglesias gearing up to perform across the country. From Coldplay to Guns N' Roses, India is increasingly becoming a global stop for music acts — much like Dubai was two decades ago. Yet, amid this musical high, one discordant note remains — India's lack of world-class concert infrastructure.

Despite the growing popularity of live events, India continues to rely on repurposed stadiums and temporary setups rather than purpose-built ven-

ues for large-scale performances. "We have built world-class cricket stadiums but not music-first venues," noted Derek O'Brien, highlighting the urgent need for multipurpose arenas that can host both sporting and entertainment events efficiently.

A senior executive from a leading event management company pointed out another systemic issue — India's entrenched 'free pass' culture. Unlike global practices where ticketing revenue drives the business, Indian organisers face constant pressure to distribute free entry to bureaucrats, politicians, and acquaintances. "Till our lexicon moves

from 'passes' to 'tickets,' the industry cannot thrive," the executive warned, stressing that free access distorts event economics and undervalues both artists and organisers.

Adding to the woes, controversies such as ticket reselling and black-marketing have marred fan experiences. Platforms like BookMyShow faced criticism last year during Coldplay's concert for alleged ticket irregularities. While ticket reselling is legal in parts of the world, in India it remains a gray area, often leaving genuine fans priced out or frustrated.

For O'Brien, who attended his first live concert in 1981

when Osibisa performed in Kolkata, today's music revolution in India is a welcome transformation — but one that must evolve responsibly. He reminisces about the joy of that Rs 200 ticketed experience, a simpler time when enthusiasm was the only currency.

As India cements its place on the global music map, the country faces a clear challenge: matching its passion for live music with the infrastructure and professionalism needed to sustain it. Until then, fans will keep cheering — even if their venues still play off-key.

— Article by Derek O'Brien, Opinion, Updated: October 13, 2025



PM Modi Greets Devotees on Chhath Puja Conclusion



TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended greetings to devotees as the four-day Chhath Puja festival concluded, describing it as a celebration that offers a divine glimpse into India's rich cultural and spiritual

traditions.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Prime Minister said, "Today, the auspicious conclusion of the great festival of Chhath took place with the morning arghya offered to Lord Sun God. During this four-day ritual, we witnessed

the divine glimpse of our grand tradition of Chhath Puja."

Chhath Puja, celebrated primarily in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and parts of Nepal, is dedicated to the Sun God and his consort Usha. Devotees observe rigorous rituals,

including fasting, holy bathing, and offering prayers to the rising and setting sun, seeking blessings for prosperity, health, and well-being. The festival is marked by devotion, discipline, and community participation, with riverbanks, ponds, and water

bodies hosting thousands of worshippers.

PM Modi's message highlighted the spiritual essence of Chhath Puja and its role in reflecting India's cultural heritage. The Prime Minister has consistently recognized and promoted the festival's traditions, emphasizing unity and devotion as key elements of India's cultural fabric.

This year, as devotees observed the festival with customary rituals, the Prime Minister's greeting served as a recognition of their faith and dedication. His message on X was accompanied by visuals of devotees offering the arghya, symbolizing the culmination of the festival's prayers and observances.

Chhath Puja continues to hold a special place in the hearts of millions of Indians, celebrating nature, gratitude, and devotion. The Prime Minister's acknowledgment reinforces the significance of traditional festivals in promoting cultural values and connecting citizens to their spiritual roots.

DMK, Allies Oppose Voter List Revision In Tamil Nadu, Call It 'Conspiracy'



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday reprimanded state governments for failing to submit affidavits confirming compliance with its August 22 order on the catch, neuter, and release (CNR) of stray dogs nationwide. The bench expressed frustration over repeated reports of dog attacks since

the directive.

In recent incidents, a child was attacked in Pune, Maharashtra, while a young girl was bitten by a pack of 20 dogs in Bhandara district. In Kerala, a street performer in Kannur was attacked during a play about stray dogs. Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow saw a family of three bitten, and attacks

were reported in Telangana's Warangal.

"Yet no reply from state governments. Your country is being portrayed badly internationally!" the court said. The bench, comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and NV Anjaria, demanded explanations from all states and union territories, insisting

chief secretaries appear personally. Only Bengal, Telangana, and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi had submitted responses, though these were delayed over Diwali. Delhi's government had not filed an affidavit, prompting sharp rebuke. Some states have acted. Rajasthan's Department of Autonomous Govern-

ance issued strict directives to municipal bodies, mandating sterilisation, vaccination, tagging, and release of stray dogs, along with marked feeding points and coordination with welfare organisations. Noida authorities launched a survey to map and monitor stray dogs for better sterilisation and vaccination management.

In the south, the Greater Chennai Corporation vaccinated 46,122 dogs and microchipped over 12,000 by mid-September, tracking sterilisation and vaccination progress.

The court's August order amended an earlier directive, emphasizing that stray dogs must be released to their original areas post-sterilisation and immunisation, except for rabid or aggressive animals, in line with existing Animal Birth Control rules. Earlier, the court had ordered the rounding up of all stray dogs in Delhi-NCR after rising attacks, but later reconsidered following protests from animal activists.

First Cloud Seeding Trial Conducted Over Delhi, Second Scheduled for Evening

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The first cloud seeding trial to stimulate rainfall was carried out over parts of Delhi on Tuesday afternoon, as authorities attempt to tackle the city's persistent air pollution and water scarcity.

Officials noted that the moisture content in clouds at the time was low, between 15 and 20 per cent, making rainfall unlikely. A second trial is planned at 5 pm. The initiative comes after the Delhi government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIT Kanpur in September to conduct five cloud seeding trials over northwest Delhi at a total cost of Rs 3.21 crore, to be completed between October 1 and November 30.

Cloud seeding involves dispersing chemicals such as silver iodide, iodised salt, or dry ice into clouds to encourage rainfall. It can be executed using airplanes, rockets, or ground-based machines, and is particularly used to address water shortages,

reduce hail, or clear fog.

Delhi faces a persistent air pollution problem, worsened during winters due to smoke from neighboring states' farm fires and post-Diwali firecracker emissions. This year, despite a 77.5% drop in

farm fires, air quality still plummeted, with PM2.5 levels averaging 488 micrograms per cubic metre, nearly 100 times above WHO safety limits and a 212% spike from pre-Diwali levels.

The cloud seeding trials are part of efforts to im-

prove air quality and increase rainfall to reduce toxic smog, particularly in winter. The Supreme Court had recently allowed the controlled use of 'green' firecrackers, but compliance was low, worsening post-Diwali pollution.

Experts hope that artificial rain from these trials, if successful, could provide temporary relief to the city, improving air quality and atmospheric conditions while contributing to broader water management strategies in the national capital.

Bus Catches Fire Near Air India Plane at Delhi Airport T3, No Injuries



TPN Correspondent | Srinagar

A bus parked just metres away from an Air India aircraft caught fire at Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3 on Monday afternoon. The bus, operated by SATS Airport Services Pvt Ltd, a ground-handling provider for multiple airlines, was vacant at the time of the incident near bay 32.

A video from the scene showed the bus engulfed in flames, prompting a swift response from the airport's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) team, which extinguished the fire within minutes. The Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) described it as a "stray incident" and confirmed that no inju-

ries or casualties occurred.

Authorities said that the bus driver was the only person present and was unharmed. Police and airport officials stated that the bus was not carrying passengers or luggage, and an investigation into the cause of the fire is underway.

DIAL reassured that airport operations continued normally and emphasized that the safety of passengers and staff remains paramount. SATS Airport Services is also conducting an internal review to determine the reason behind the fire.

Terminal 3, one of the largest airport terminals in the world, opened in 2010 and handles up to 40 million passengers annually, serving both

domestic and international flights. The terminal's lower level is for arrivals, while the upper level manages departures.

The incident comes shortly after the airport resumed operations at its refurbished Terminal 2, which is set to handle increasing passenger traffic. DIAL stated that both terminals, along with its four runways, are equipped to manage more than 100 million passengers per year, with safety protocols in place for all emergency situations.

This event highlights the airport's preparedness and the importance of rapid response in preventing any escalation during emergencies at busy international hubs.

Kangana Ranaut Granted Bail in Defamation Case, Expresses Regret



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Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut was granted bail on Monday in a defamation case filed in Punjab's Bathinda district. The case arose from a retweet with her own comment regarding Mahinder Kaur, a 73-year-old resident of Bahadurgarh Jandian village.

Following the court decision, Kangana expressed regret over the misunderstanding caused by her social media post. She emphasized that she respects every mother, aiming to clarify her stance and reduce any controversy stemming from the incident.

The case had drawn at-

tention after the court, in September 2025, directed the Mandi MP to appear in person for hearings, rejecting her earlier request to participate via video conference. Legal proceedings had been ongoing since the complaint was lodged by Mahinder Kaur, who claimed the post had caused defamation and distress.

Kangana's bail comes as a relief for the actor-politician, allowing her to continue her public and political activities while the case proceeds. Observers note that the actor's statement of respect towards mothers could be seen as an attempt to ease tensions and maintain her public image.

The case highlights the growing scrutiny of social media posts by public figures in India and the potential legal consequences of statements perceived as defamatory. It also underscores the court's insistence on personal appearances in sensitive cases, even for high-profile personalities.

While the matter is not yet fully resolved, Kangana's bail marks a temporary reprieve, allowing her to address her ongoing political and professional engagements. Legal experts suggest the case will continue in court, with hearings likely to examine the intent and impact of her social media commentary.

Milei Wins Big in Argentine Midterms



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Argentina's libertarian President Javier Milei secured a decisive victory in Sunday's midterm elections, strengthening his mandate to push forward his radical free-market agenda.

Milei's La Libertad Avanza party captured over 40% of the national vote, allowing it to renew nearly half of the seats in the lower house of Congress, according to local media tallies based on official electoral data, with over 97% of votes counted. The outcome gives Milei greater leverage to implement his economic reforms, which have drawn significant attention and backing from the Trump administration in the United States.

The midterm results are seen as a key vote of confidence in Milei's governance, particularly his libertarian policies that emphasize deregulation, privatization, and market-driven solutions to Argentina's long-standing economic challenges. Analysts say the win could accelerate his agenda, including proposed tax cuts, pension reforms, and efforts to attract foreign

investment.

The elections were closely watched in Washington and other global capitals, where observers are assessing the implications of Milei's growing influence in Latin America. His alignment with conservative U.S. policies and economic strategies has positioned Argentina as a focal point for international investors and policymakers interested in free-market reforms.

President Milei celebrated the victory in Buenos Aires, calling it a mandate to continue transforming Argentina's economy and reduce state intervention. Political analysts note that while the upper house remains more balanced, control of the lower house will allow Milei to more effectively push legislation aligned with his libertarian vision.

The midterm success consolidates Milei's political standing domestically and signals a period of significant policy momentum, as the administration looks to deepen economic reforms while maintaining strong international support, particularly from the United States.

Amazon to Cut 30,000 Corporate Jobs in Largest Layoff Since 2022



TPN Correspondent | San Francisco

Amazon has announced plans to lay off up to 30,000 corporate employees, marking its largest job cut since late 2022. The layoffs will affect nearly 10% of its 3,50,000 corporate staff, though they represent a small fraction of the company's 1.55 million total workforce. The move comes as Amazon aims to trim expenses and correct overhiring during the pandemic's peak demand period. Divisions expected to be impacted include Human Resources (People Experience and Technology), operations, devices and services, and Amazon Web Services (AWS). Managers of affected teams have been scheduled for training on how to communicate the news, with email notifications set to begin Tuesday. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy has emphasized reducing bureaucracy and managerial layers while leveraging AI tools to automate repetitive tasks, a strategy analysts say will support corporate downsizing. "This latest move signals that Amazon is realizing AI-driven productivity gains," said Sky Canaves,

eMarketer analyst.

The layoffs are part of a broader trend in the tech sector. According to Layoffs.fyi, about 98,000 tech jobs have been cut this year among 216 companies, following 153,000 layoffs in 2024.

While corporate cuts proceed, Amazon continues to prepare for the holiday season, planning to hire 250,000 seasonal workers for warehouse and operational support, consistent with prior years. Meanwhile, AWS — Amazon's largest profit driver — saw Q2 sales rise 17.5% to \$30.9 billion, slower than competitors like Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud. The company also announced a reorganization within its diversity-focused PXT unit, promoting employees into new roles. Despite the layoffs, Amazon shares rose 1.2% to \$226.97, with third-quarter earnings scheduled for release Thursday.

Amazon's latest moves reflect a combination of cost-cutting, workforce restructuring, and AI adoption, highlighting the company's ongoing adaptation to shifting corporate priorities and market pressures.

US and Japan Sign Deal to Secure Rare Earths Supply

TPN Bureau | Tokyo

The United States and Japan have signed an agreement aimed at securing supplies of critical minerals and rare earths, the White House announced Tuesday, as President Donald Trump visited Tokyo.

The deal comes amid rising concerns over supply, as China tightens controls on rare earths, essential for electronics, batteries, magnets, and other high-tech industries. The agreement seeks to enhance the resilience and security of critical minerals and rare earths supply chains for both countries.

Under the pact, the US and Japan will jointly identify projects to address gaps in supply chains for critical minerals and related products, including permanent magnets, batteries, catalysts, and optical materials. Both governments plan to mobilise support from public and private sectors to ensure reliable production and distribution.

Beijing recently imposed broad restrictions on its rare earths indus-



try, prompting Trump to threaten 100 percent tariffs on Chinese imports in

retaliation. The move underscores the strategic importance of securing

alternative sources for these minerals. Earlier in his Asia tour,

Trump also signed a trade agreement with Malaysian Prime Minister An-

war Ibrahim, further boosting US access to critical minerals. The new US-Japan pact is seen as part of a broader strategy to diversify supply chains and reduce dependence on China, which dominates the global rare earths market.

Officials highlighted that the collaboration will strengthen industrial and technological competitiveness while mitigating risks from geopolitical tensions. The agreement also signals closer US-Japan cooperation in strategic sectors, as both nations look to secure critical resources for defense and technology industries.

With global demand for rare earths expected to rise sharply in the coming years, the pact aims to ensure stable supplies for emerging technologies, including electric vehicles, renewable energy, and high-performance electronics.

The initiative marks a key step in reshaping global rare earths supply chains amid shifting geopolitical and economic dynamics.

Muhammad Yunus Faces Backlash Over Controversial Map Gifted to Pakistani General

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Bangladesh's interim government Chief Adviser, Prof. Muhammad Yunus, has sparked controversy by presenting a book to Pakistan's Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCSC) Chairman General Sahir Shamshad Mirza that depicted parts of northeast India as part of Bangladesh.

The book was handed over on October 25 at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka during the general's visit. The map printed on the cover has drawn criticism, recalling a similar incident in December last year when India lodged a strong protest after a student adviser used a comparable map online. The Ministry of External Affairs of India has not yet issued an official response to this latest incident.

Following the meeting, Yunus's office stated that discussions covered bilateral trade, investment, and defence cooperation between the two countries. The visit comes shortly after Pakistani Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar visited Bangladesh on August 23-24, urging Dhaka to "clean hearts" and move on from the painful memories of the 1971 genocide carried out by Pakistani forces.



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While the gesture was likely intended as a diplomatic exchange, the depiction of disputed territory has reignited tensions over maps and historical borders in the region. Analysts note that such incidents could

strain India-Bangladesh-Pakistan relations, especially given ongoing sensitivities regarding territorial integrity and historical grievances.

The controversy highlights the sensitive nature of maps and symbols in South Asian di-

plomacy, where historical disputes remain politically charged. Observers are watching closely for official responses from India and Bangladesh, which may clarify the diplomatic stance and prevent escalation.

The book presentation underscores the complex dynamics between regional diplomacy, historical memory, and contemporary political gestures, showing how even symbolic gifts can trigger international debate.

Magnitude 6.1 Earthquake Hits Western Turkiye, Damaging Buildings

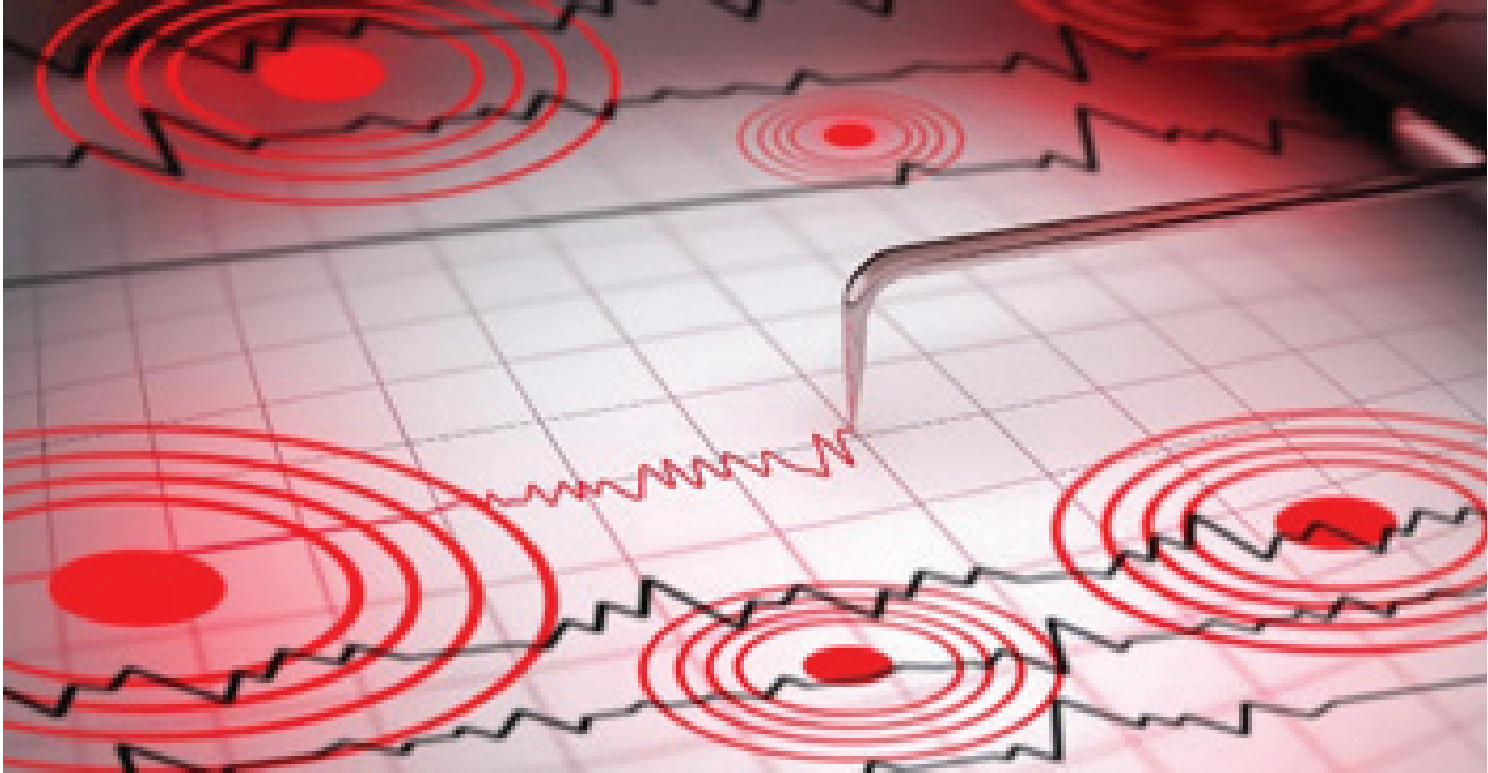
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A magnitude 6.1 earthquake struck western Turkiye on Monday night, causing at least three previously damaged buildings to collapse. The quake was centred near Sındırgı in Balıkesir province, according to the Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (AFAD). It occurred at 10:48 p.m. local time at a shallow depth of 5.99 km.

The tremor was widely felt in nearby provinces, including Istanbul, Bursa, Manisa, and Izmir, prompting residents to evacuate homes in panic. Several aftershocks followed, heightening fears of further damage. Officials reported no immediate casualties, though assessments are ongoing.

Local authorities have urged people to stay outdoors and avoid entering damaged buildings until inspections are completed. Emergency teams are on alert, ready to respond to potential structural collapses and provide assistance where needed.

Turkey sits on several active fault lines, making it prone to frequent seismic activity. Past earthquakes in the region have caused significant damage and casualties, raising concerns



about the resilience of older and weakened structures.

Residents in affected areas reported shaking lasting several seconds, with furniture and household items displaced. Social media was flooded with

videos showing cracked walls and falling debris, highlighting the quake's intensity in urban centres.

AFAD is monitoring the situation and coordinating with local governments to ensure rap-

id response. Authorities continue to advise caution amid the possibility of additional aftershocks in the coming hours.

This latest quake underscores the ongoing earthquake

risk in western Turkiye and the importance of preparedness and building safety measures. Citizens are being reminded to follow emergency guidelines and report any structural damage to authorities promptly.

TATA TRUSTS POWER STRUGGLE DEEPENS

By TPN Business Desk | Mumbai

A new chapter of tension has unfolded within the Tata Trusts, the powerful philanthropic arm that collectively owns nearly 66% of Tata Sons, following a dramatic boardroom split over the renewal of Mehli Mistry's trusteeship.

According to reports, Noel Tata, Venu Srinivasan, and Vijay Singh voted against extending Mistry's tenure as trustee, potentially ending his position within the group. The move has set off alarm bells in India's corporate world, given the Trusts' pivotal role in steering the 25 lakh crore Tata Group conglomerate.

Mistry, who had last week supported Srinivasan's elevation as a life trustee, was believed to be counting on a reciprocal vote. However, that expectation was dashed when the board declined to back his continuation. Sources told NDTV Profit that Mistry may now consider pursuing legal action over the decision.

At the core of the dispute lies a resolution passed last year, which allows sitting trustees to be reappointed indefi-



nately, stating that "on the expiry of tenure of any trustee, that trustee will be re-appointed without any limit being attached to the period of tenure... in accordance with the law."

However, insiders told PTI that life trusteeships require unanimous consent among board members—a condition that appears to have not been met in Mistry's case. "Renewals are required to be unanimous per past practice... renewal for life requires unanimous approval," a source said.

If upheld, Mistry's removal could intensify the power struggle within the Trusts, which many analysts believe threatens to destabilize the broader Tata Group. The rift surfaced pub-

licly during a September 11 meeting to decide on the reappointment of former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh as a nominee director to the Tata Sons board.

At that meeting, Chairman Noel Tata and trustee Srinivasan supported Singh's extension, while Mistry, along with Pramit Jhaveri, Jehangir HC Jehangir, and Darius Khambata, opposed it—leading to the proposal's rejection.

The divide is widely viewed as a continuation of internal jockeying for influence following the death of Ratan Tata in October last year. Mistry's faction has reportedly complained about being sidelined from key decisions and has pushed for greater transparency and

stronger corporate governance within the Trusts.

Mistry's five-year term officially expired on Tuesday, and his exit—if confirmed—could mark a turning point for the Tata Trusts' leadership structure.

Meanwhile, in the same meeting, the board approved the extension of N. Chandrasekaran's term as Chairman of Tata Sons until 2032, signaling continued confidence in his stewardship of the group's sprawling business empire.

Amid mounting concerns, the rift has also drawn government attention. Earlier this month, Noel Tata and Chandrasekaran met Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who reportedly urged them to safeguard the institutional stability of the Tata Trusts and resolve internal disputes amicably.

As of now, the situation remains fluid, but corporate observers warn that any prolonged discord could affect the decision-making at the top of one of India's most trusted and influential business groups.



TVS MOTOR Q2 NET PROFIT JUMPS 41.6% TO rs.833 Cr

By TPN Business Desk | Chennai

Two-wheeler major TVS Motor Company on Tuesday announced strong financial results for the second quarter ended September 2025, reporting a 41.6% year-on-year (YoY) jump in consolidated net profit to 833 crore, compared to 588 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The company's revenue from operations surged 25.5% YoY to 14,051 crore, up from 11,197 crore a year ago, supported by robust demand across both domestic and export markets.

TVS Motor also reported its highest-ever quarterly operating EBITDA of 1,509 crore, reflecting a 40% increase from 1,080 crore in the same quarter last year. The EBITDA margin improved by 100 basis points, rising to 12.7% from 11.7% in the previous

year's quarter, driven by higher volumes, improved product mix, and better cost efficiency.

The company achieved record quarterly sales during the quarter ended September 2025, spanning both two-wheelers and three-wheelers, including international markets.

Despite the strong financial performance, TVS Motor highlighted ongoing supply-side constraints, particularly the shortage of magnets, which are key components in electric vehicle motors. "Magnet availability continues to pose challenges in the short to medium term," the company said in a statement, suggesting potential limitations on production and deliveries in the coming quarters.

Half-Year Performance (H1 FY2025-26)

For the half year ended September 2025, TVS Motor delivered robust

growth across all key financial and operational parameters, supported by sustained demand momentum and improved export performance.

Sales Performance: Two-wheelers: Sales rose 20% YoY to 26.86 lakh units, compared to 22.47 lakh units during the same period last year.

Three-wheelers: Sales surged 43% YoY to 0.98 lakh units, up from 0.69 lakh units in the first half of FY2024-25.

Exports: Combined two- and three-wheeler exports jumped 34% YoY to 7.52 lakh units, against 5.62 lakh units in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Financial Highlights:

Revenue: Total revenue for the half year stood at 21,986 crore, marking a 25% increase from 17,604 crore in H1 FY2024-25.

Profit Before Tax (PBT): PBT climbed 36% YoY to 2,279 crore, com-

pared to 1,680 crore in the same period last year.

Industry analysts view TVS Motor's performance as a reflection of strong execution in both the electric vehicle (EV) and premium motorcycle segments, coupled with a recovery in export demand from key international markets.

With an expanding product portfolio and ongoing focus on cost optimization, the company remains optimistic about maintaining growth momentum despite supply-chain pressures.

TVS Motor, headquartered in Chennai, continues to be one of India's leading two-wheeler manufacturers, with a growing footprint across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The company's strong September quarter results reaffirm its position as a key player in the rapidly evolving mobility sector.

MAJOR REVAMP OF MUTUAL FUND FEE STRUCTURE: SEBI PROPOSES



By TPN Finance Desk | Mumbai

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Tuesday proposed a comprehensive overhaul of the mutual fund fee structure, aiming to simplify charges, boost transparency, and ensure investors benefit more from economies of scale in the 75.6 lakh crore mutual fund industry.

In a consultation paper released for public feedback, SEBI said the proposed reforms are designed to make mutual fund fees "clearer and fairer" while aligning fund management practices with investor interests. The regulator has invited comments from stakeholders until November 17.

At present, mutual funds levy a Total Expense Ratio (TER), which includes management fees, distributor commissions, and other operational costs. SEBI believes this system has become increasingly complex and opaque, often preventing investors from understanding exactly how their money is allocated.

Under the proposed framework, asset management companies (AMCs) may be required to disclose all cost components separately, giving investors a clearer view of expenses and enabling easier comparison between schemes. SEBI has also suggested that larger funds should

charge lower fees, ensuring that cost efficiencies from scale are shared with investors rather than retained by fund houses.

Industry experts said the proposed changes could significantly impact the way AMCs and distributors operate. By linking fees more closely to performance and fund size, SEBI aims to minimize conflicts of interest and promote greater fairness in the distribution process.

If implemented, the overhaul is expected to reduce the overall cost of investing in mutual funds, making them more attractive to small and retail investors. However, smaller fund houses may face tighter margins due to the proposed fee caps and enhanced disclosure requirements.

The move forms part of SEBI's broader effort to strengthen governance, transparency, and investor protection in the mutual fund ecosystem. The regulator has already tightened norms on commission structures and expense disclosures in recent years.

SEBI said it will evaluate stakeholder feedback after November 17 before finalizing and implementing the new framework—a step that could mark the most significant change in India's mutual fund fee regime in over a decade.

IOC TO CONTINUE IMPORTING RUSSIAN CRUDE

DESPITE FRESH US SANCTIONS

By TPN Business Desk | New Delhi

The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has reaffirmed its commitment to continue importing Russian crude oil, despite the latest round of US sanctions targeting major Russian energy firms. The company emphasized that it will sustain purchases as long as transactions remain fully compliant with international sanctions framework, underscoring India's pragmatic approach to securing energy supplies amid tightening global restrictions.

The clarification came after the US Treasury Department imposed fresh sanctions on key Russian oil companies, including Rosneft, Lukoil, Surgutneftegas PAO, and Gazprom Neft, to further restrict Mos-

cow's revenue streams amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict. The measures have prompted Indian refiners to temporarily pause new spot deals as they assess the potential compliance risks and legal implications of the updated sanctions list.

However, IOC's management made it clear that the state-run refiner intends to maintain steady imports under permissible conditions. During a post-earnings analyst call, Anuj Jain, IOC's Director (Finance), stated, "We are absolutely not going to discontinue buying Russian crude as long as we are complying with the sanctions. Russian crude is not sanctioned—it is the entities and the shipping lines that are under restrictions."

Jain further elaborated on the company's operational approach, ex-



plaining, "If somebody comes to me with a non-sanctioned entity, the price cap is being complied with, and the shipping arrangements are clear, then I will continue to buy it." His remarks highlight IOC's focus on ensuring legal compliance while safeguard-

ing the country's energy security. According to industry estimates, Rosneft currently supplies nearly 45 percent of India's total Russian crude imports. The company operates largely as an aggregator, sourcing oil from a range of producers—a model that al-

lows Indian refiners to procure supplies indirectly through non-sanctioned intermediaries based in hubs like Dubai and Singapore. Industry officials noted that this mechanism enables the flow of Russian oil without breaching the price cap or sanctions framework. IOC's Chairman, Arvinder Singh Sahney, reiterated the company's adherence to global norms, saying, "IOC will abide by all sanctions imposed by the international community." However, he declined to comment on whether the recent sanctions would affect the discounted Russian oil that constituted about 21 percent of IOC's crude imports in the previous quarter.

Energy market analysts suggest that the economic incentives for importing Russian crude remain strong despite new restrictions. Rus-

sian barrels continue to trade at a discount of \$3.5–5 per barrel below international benchmarks, making them highly attractive to price-sensitive buyers like India.

Market reactions to the new sanctions have been relatively subdued. "The market's muted response—with oil prices rising only about \$2 per barrel—suggests traders believe much of the Russian oil will continue flowing through alternative, non-sanctioned channels," one expert observed.

While private refiners such as Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy are expected to reassess their procurement strategies based on exposure levels, IOC's stance signals continuity in India's energy import strategy, balancing economic pragmatism with regulatory compliance in a complex global environment.

MCX TRADING DELAYED OVER 4 HOURS

By TPN Business Desk | Mumbai

Trading at the Multi-Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), the country's largest commodity derivatives exchange, was disrupted for several hours on Tuesday following a major technical glitch that forced the bourse to delay trading by more than four hours and temporarily shift its operations to its disaster recovery (DR) site.

In a regulatory filing, the exchange said, "Due to a technical issue at the Exchange, the commencement of trading on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, was delayed. Operations were shifted to the Disaster Recovery (DR) site, and trading started at 1:25 pm." Normally, trading begins at 9 am, meaning the delay extended for more than



half of the active trading session.

MCX added that all systems are now functioning normally and that a priority investigation has been initiated to determine the cause of the disruption. "All trading systems are full-

ly operational, and trading is proceeding smoothly," the exchange said. The glitch affected morning trading across several key commodities, including gold, silver, crude oil, natural gas, and agricultural futures, causing tempo-

rary uncertainty among traders and brokers. Market participants said such interruptions can impact price discovery, hedging positions, and intraday liquidity, especially in highly volatile commodities.

Following the inci-

dent, MCX activated its disaster recovery mechanism, which enables it to resume trading from an alternate, pre-designated location with full system backups. The DR site is part of the exchange's business continuity plan, designed to ensure minimal disruption in case of infrastructure or system failures. While the exchange resumed trading in the afternoon, brokers expressed concern over the impact on pending orders and position management during the downtime. However, MCX clarified that settlement processes and trade data integrity remained unaffected and that all trades executed after resumption were being processed normally.

The latest disruption comes as MCX contin-

ues to upgrade its technology infrastructure and enhance system resilience. The exchange recently migrated to a new technology platform, which has undergone several stability tests. Although rare, such outages underscore the challenges exchanges face in managing complex real-time trading systems that handle massive transaction volumes.

MCX said it is working closely with its technology partners and regulators to prevent a recurrence of the issue. The exchange reaffirmed its commitment to operational reliability, investor protection, and market integrity, assuring stakeholders that strengthening system resilience remains a top organizational priority.

Black Pepper on Banana May Boost Liver Health



An everyday kitchen combination—banana with a pinch of black pepper—may offer surprising benefits for liver health, experts suggest. While it may sound unusual, this simple pairing combines the nutritional strengths of both ingredients to support digestion, reduce inflammation, and aid the body’s natural detoxification processes. Bananas are rich in fiber, potassium, and antioxidants, making them a staple in many Indian households. Black pepper, known for its active compound piperine, not only adds a spicy kick but also enhances nutrient absorption, amplifying the banana’s health benefits. Together, they form an affordable and accessible combination that could support overall liver function. “The liver is essentially the body’s detox center, responsible for filtering toxins, metabolizing fats, storing vitamins, and regulating hormones,” said a nutrition expert. “Modern diets, alcohol consumption, pollution, and stress often over-

work the liver, making simple dietary interventions important for its care.” Fatty liver disease, particularly non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), is increasingly common in India, with reports suggesting that nearly one in three Indians may be affected without knowing it. Studies, including research published in Nature Scientific Reports, indicate that piperine may help lower liver enzymes and improve metabolic markers in patients with NAFLD. For those experiencing sluggishness, bloating, or digestive discomfort, incorporating a pinch of black pepper on a banana could provide gentle support for liver health. This easy home remedy, combining everyday ingredients, highlights how small dietary changes can have meaningful effects on overall wellness. While not a substitute for medical care, this simple pairing is a flavorful and practical way to promote liver function and overall digestive health.

Instagram Introduces Watch History for Reels



Instagram is rolling out a new Watch History feature that allows users to revisit Reels they’ve previously watched. The feature, similar to YouTube’s Watch History, offers options to search, filter, and manage watched content, making it easier for users to find and rewatch their favorite videos. Instagram head Adam Mosseri announced the feature on Threads, explaining that users can access it under Settings > Your activity > Watch history in the Profile tab. The feature will appear under the How you use Instagram section, and users can filter Reels by date, date range, or specific account. The Watch History tool includes three tabs for organizing watched content. By default, it displays Reels from the past 30 days. Users can sort these Reels from newest to oldest or vice versa, filter by past week, past month, or all dates, and even remove specific Reels from the list if they

choose. This addition addresses a long-standing request from Instagram users who wanted a simple way to revisit previously viewed content without having to scroll endlessly through the app. It is expected to improve user experience, particularly for content creators and viewers who regularly engage with Reels. The feature is available on both Android and iOS, with a similar interface on each platform. It integrates seamlessly into the existing activity tracking tools on Instagram, giving users more control over their content history. By adding Watch History, Instagram aligns with other social platforms like YouTube while providing enhanced search and filtering options, ensuring users can quickly locate the Reels they enjoyed the most. This move highlights Instagram’s continued focus on user engagement and convenience.

US Air Force Captures Breathtaking Footage Of Nature’s Fury

The US Air Force’s 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, famously known as the Hurricane Hunters, flew directly into the eye of Category 5 Hurricane Melissa on Monday to collect critical data for the National Hurricane Center (NHC). The mission provided breathtaking footage and valuable observations of one of the most powerful storms approaching Jamaica. The reconnaissance team’s operations were documented by “Tropical Cowboy of Danger,” a veteran Hurricane Hunter with over two decades of flying experience, including ten years on weather reconnaissance missions. Sharing images and videos on X, he described the dramatic scenes inside the storm, capturing towering clouds, intense winds, and the calm, eerie eye of Hurricane Melissa. During the first pass, the aircraft approached the hurricane from the southeast shortly after sunrise. The crew observed the bright arc of the far northwest eyewall as sunlight illuminated the storm, offering a rare and vivid view of the hurricane’s



structure. The second pass was made from the southwest, with the aircraft moving through the eyewall while NOAA personnel conducted outbound operations. Despite the hurricane’s immense power, conditions were reportedly calmer than during the intense mesoscale activity observed 36 hours earlier. Hurricane Hunters missions like these are vital for forecasting and tracking storms, providing the NHC with accurate wind speeds, pressure readings, and storm dynamics that are impossible to capture from satellites alone. High-resolution imagery from these flights also helps scientists study storm formation and evolution, contributing to better preparedness and warning systems. The data gathered during Monday’s flights will be analyzed over the coming days as Hurricane Melissa continues its approach toward the Caribbean. With its Category 5 intensity, the storm poses a serious threat to Jamaica and surrounding islands, emphasizing the importance of such daring reconnaissance missions.

iPhone 18 Expected With Major RAM Upgrade

Apple is reportedly planning a significant RAM upgrade for the upcoming iPhone 18 series, potentially boosting the base model from 8GB to 12GB. The move is seen as a step to support enhanced AI capabilities and maintain competitiveness in the high-end smartphone market. While Apple does not officially disclose RAM specifications, leaks and reports have consistently suggested that the iPhone 17 base model comes with 8GB of RAM, while the iPhone Air, iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max feature 12GB. According to South Korean outlet The Bell, Apple has requested its key supplier Samsung to increase production of LPDDR5x RAM chips for the iPhone 18 series, potentially enabling a 50 percent RAM increase in the standard model. Samsung reportedly produces LPDDR5x RAM in 12GB and 16GB modules. Apple is also in talks with SK Hynix and Micron to secure additional DRAM supplies, indicating the company is serious about boosting memory capacity across the lineup. The higher RAM would likely enhance on-device AI performance, supporting Apple’s push for more advanced Apple Intelligence features and smoother multitasking. Analysts believe this upgrade will help Apple compete with Chinese smart-



phone brands, which already offer devices with up to 24GB of RAM. The iPhone 18 is currently in early development, and Apple’s plans may evolve before launch. Rumors suggest the Pro series and a foldable iPhone could debut in late 2026, while the standard iPhone 18 and iPhone 18e are expected in the first half of 2027. If confirmed, the RAM boost would mark another leap in Apple’s strategy to combine hardware power with AI-driven software, offering users faster performance, better multitasking, and enhanced capabilities for future applications.

1,200-Year-Old Bread Shows Jesus Christ’s Face

In a remarkable archaeological discovery, researchers in Turkey have unearthed a 1,200-year-old loaf of bread believed to bear the image of Jesus Christ, shedding light on the spiritual and cultural practices of early Christian communities. The find was announced by the Karaman Governorship in a Facebook post on October 8, following excavations at the Topraktepe archaeological site, part of the ancient city of Eirenopolis. During the dig, five carbonized loaves of bread were uncovered, but one stood out for its distinct markings. Photographs released by officials show a blackened loaf with a faint yet recognizable depiction of Jesus etched on its surface. Experts say the bread dates back to the 7th or 8th century A.D., making it one of the rare surviving examples of early Christian religious symbolism preserved in everyday objects. What makes this find particularly unique is its iconography. Unlike traditional Christ Pantocrator imagery, which typically portrays Jesus blessing with his right hand—a common feature in Byzantine and Eastern Orthodox art—this bread presents Christ as a sower or farmer. Archaeologists suggest this could reflect the agricultural lifestyle and spiritual values of the community that produced it, offering insight into how faith and daily life were intertwined in early medieval Anatolia. “The depiction is subtle yet deliberate, indicating a sophis-



ticated understanding of religious symbolism even in mundane objects like bread,” said a local archaeologist involved in the excavation. The discovery adds to growing evidence that early Christian communities used everyday items to express faith, beyond traditional manuscripts and frescoes. Researchers hope further study of the loaves and the Topraktepe site will reveal more about the rituals, diet, and artistry of the period, deepening understanding of how spirituality shaped daily life in ancient Eirenopolis.

Mohun Bagan Aim for Second Win Against Dempo in AIFF Super Cup

Mohun Bagan Super Giant are set to continue their strong run in the AIFF Super Cup as they face Dempo SC on Tuesday. After a convincing 2-0 victory over Chennaiyin FC in their opening Group A fixture, the Mariners are looking to maintain momentum and solidify their top spot in the group standings.

According to the Indian Super League (ISL) website, Mohun Bagan's confidence is high after a dominant performance in their first outing. However, Jose Molina's men are aware of the challenge posed by Dempo, who gave Kolkata rivals East Bengal FC a tough time in their previous match. Playing at home, Dempo will look to capitalize on the local support and test the Mariners' composure.

A win against Dempo would put Mohun Bagan in a commanding position in Group A. If East Bengal FC defeat Chennaiyin FC, the Mariners would only need a draw in their next match to confirm a semi-final berth. Even a draw between



East Bengal and Chennaiyin could see Mohun Bagan qualify before the much-anticipated Kolkata Derby. Despite their rich domestic history, the AIFF Super Cup remains one of the few trophies missing from Mo-

hun Bagan's illustrious cabinet. This season, they are determined to end that drought and complete their collection of Indian football's top honours.

Forward Jamie Maclaren, who netted a brace in

the opening game, will once again be key to the Mariners' attack. His clinical finishing and consistency could prove decisive as the team eyes progression to the knockout stages.

With form, motivation, and momentum on their side, Mohun Bagan Super Giant enter the contest as favourites but will need to stay sharp to overcome a spirited Dempo SC challenge.

India Bids to Host Asian Indoor Athletics, Asian Relays



India has submitted bids to host the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships and the 2026 Asian Relays, marking a significant push to host major continental athletics events. If successful, it would be the first time India hosts both

competitions. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has proposed Bhubaneswar as the host city for the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships. "There is no other venue in India that can host the event other than the indoor facility at the Kalinga

Stadium complex in Bhubaneswar," an AFI official told PTI on condition of anonymity. The venue for the 2026 Asian Relays has not yet been finalised, though a north Indian city is under consideration, with the event likely scheduled for

April. The state-of-the-art indoor facility at Kalinga Stadium, inaugurated in 2024, features a 200m running track, 100m practice track, areas for long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and shot put, along with a gym and warm-up zones. The oval-

shaped track is surrounded by a spectator gallery with a 2,000-seat capacity. The facility also houses 60 twin-sharing rooms and a dining hall for athletes in full-time training.

India has already seen success in these competitions. At the inaugural Asian Relays in Bangkok in May 2024, India won gold in the mixed 4x400m relay and silver in both men's and women's 4x400m events. In the 2024 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships in Tehran, India secured three golds—Tajinderpal Singh Toor (men's shot put), Jyothi Yarraji (women's 60m hurdles), Harmilan Bains (women's 1500m)—and one silver by Ankita Dhyani (women's 3000m).

The next Asian Indoor Championships will be held in Tianjin, China, from February 6-8, 2026. India has also expressed interest in hosting the 2028 World U20 Championships and the 2029 or 2031 senior World Athletics Championships, reflecting the country's ambition to become a major hub for international athletics events.

Lando Norris Wins Mexico GP, Takes F1 Championship Lead

British driver Lando Norris delivered a commanding performance at the Formula One Mexico Grand Prix, claiming victory from pole position and seizing the F1 championship lead by a single point over McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri.

Norris navigated a chaotic start at the Hermanos Rodriguez circuit with precision, avoiding early collisions and maintaining his lead throughout the race. The Briton's dominant drive marked his latest triumph in a season of closely fought battles, highlighting his consistency and composure under pressure.

Starting from seventh on the grid, Australian Oscar Piastri, who had held a 14-point advantage over Norris in the championship standings, fought back through the field with determination. However, a late virtual safety car disrupted his momentum and denied him a crucial chance to finish fourth. Piastri ultimately ended the race in fifth place, narrowing the championship gap but losing the lead to his



teammate. The Mexican Grand Prix showcased thrilling on-track action, including multiple overtakes, tactical pit stops, and high-speed duels in the middle of the pack. Despite the intense competition, Norris remained unchallenged at the front, demonstrating McLaren's

improved race pace and strategy execution. With the victory, Norris now leads the drivers' championship, setting up an exciting climax to the season as he and Piastri continue their intra-team rivalry. The outcome also underlined McLaren's resurgence in F1, as both

drivers have been regularly scoring points and podium finishes this season. Looking ahead, the focus will shift to the final races of the year, where every point will be critical in determining the championship. Norris's composed performance in Mexico

City positions him as a serious contender for the title, while Piastri will aim to bounce back in upcoming rounds to reclaim his lead. Norris celebrated his triumph with the McLaren team, emphasizing teamwork and precision strategy as keys to his Mexico GP success.

Smriti Mandhana Tops ODI Batting Rankings



India's star batter Smriti Mandhana has cemented her position as the No.1 in the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings after a brilliant run in the ongoing home ICC Women's Cricket World Cup. Her scintillating 109 against New Zealand and an unbeaten 34 against Bangladesh propelled her to a career-best rating of 828, nearly 100 points ahead of second-placed Australian Ashleigh Gardner, who has 731 points.

Mandhana, who was named ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2025, has been in exceptional form, consistently providing solid starts at the top of the order. Her opening partner, Pratika Rawal, also made gains in the rankings, moving into the top 30 at 27th place with a rating of 564, despite being sidelined for the remainder of the tournament due to injury.

South African captain Laura Wolvaardt climbed two spots into the top three after scoring 90 and 31 runs in recent matches. England's Amy Jones rose four places to ninth with 656 points,

while Annabel Sutherland achieved the largest jump among the top 40, moving 16 spots to 16th with 613 points.

In bowling rankings, England's Sophie Ecclestone continues to lead with 747 points, followed by Australia's Alana King at 698, surpassing teammate Ashleigh Gardner, who dropped to third with 689 points. Pakistan's Nashra Sundhu shares the 10th spot with South Africa's Nonkululeko Mlaba, both at 610 points. Fast bowlers Marizanne Kapp and Annabel Sutherland also moved up one spot each to fourth and seventh, respectively.

In the all-rounder category, Gardner retains the top spot with 503 points, while Marizanne Kapp overtakes West Indies' Hayley Matthews to reach second place at 422 points. Sutherland dropped to fourth in the all-rounder rankings.

Mandhana's rise reaffirms her status as one of the most consistent and explosive performers in women's cricket, giving India a formidable advantage at the top of the batting order.

Mbappe, Bellingham Lead Real to El Clasico Win



Real Madrid ended a four-match losing streak against Barcelona as Kylian Mbappe and Jude Bellingham inspired a 2-1 victory in a fiery El Clasico at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday. The win moves Real to 27 points at the top of the LaLiga standings, five ahead of second-placed Barcelona.

Mbappe broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute, finishing a well-timed through ball from Bellingham with a clinical close-range strike. The goal was a result of sharp interplay between Madrid's midfield and attack, setting the tone for the hosts' dominance in the opening half.

Barcelona responded in the 38th minute after a lapse by Real's Arda Guler allowed Fermin Lopez to score, leveling the match. The goal energized the visitors and led to a tense period marked by aggressive challenges and tactical battles in midfield.

The decisive moment came in the second half when Bellingham scored, completing a quick

counter-attack. The English midfielder's goal showcased Real's fluid attacking style and ability to exploit spaces behind Barcelona's defense.

Both sides created further chances, but goalkeepers Thibaut Courtois and Marc-Andre ter Stegen were equal to the task, preserving the 2-1 scoreline. The match was also notable for its intensity, with several yellow cards issued amid a highly competitive atmosphere.

With the victory, Real Madrid reasserted their dominance in the Spanish league and dealt a psychological blow to their bitter rivals, who now trail by five points. The result boosts Real's title hopes while underscoring the importance of Mbappe and Bellingham in high-stakes matches.

The two teams will now turn their attention to domestic and European fixtures, with Barcelona looking to recover and Real aiming to maintain momentum atop LaLiga.

Chiranjeevi’s Team Releases Viral Video Celebrating Khaidi@42



Megastar Chiranjeevi’s cult classic film Khaidi, which released on October 28, 1983, completed 42 glorious years today. To mark the milestone, Chiranjeevi’s team unveiled a special commemorative video celebrating the film’s legacy — and it has gone viral across social media platforms, rekindling nostalgia among fans and cinephiles.

Directed by A. Kodandarami Reddy and written by the Paruchuri Brothers, Khaidi is widely regarded as a game-changer in Telugu cinema. The film not only catapulted Chiranjeevi to superstardom but also redefined the commercial action genre in Tollywood. The new tribute video, titled Khaidi – The Game Changer, features rare visuals and iconic moments from the movie, reminding fans why the film remains timeless even after four decades.

Interestingly, Khaidi was originally conceptualized for Superstar Krishna, and K. Raghavendra Rao was first

considered to direct it. However, destiny had other plans, and the project eventually came to Chiranjeevi and Kodandarami Reddy — a combination that would go on to create cinematic history. Inspired by the 1982 Hollywood classic First Blood (the first film in the Rambo series), Khaidi was tailored perfectly to suit Chiranjeevi’s energy and style.

Made on a modest budget of ₹25 lakh, the film went on to gross around ₹4 crore, an extraordinary figure for its time. It sold over 3.2 crore tickets, ran for 100 days in 20 centres, 200 days in 5 centres, and completed a year-long run in 2 theatres — phenomenal achievements in the 1980s.

The film’s success even led to a Hindi remake, with Jeetendra and Madhavi reprising the lead roles. On this special occasion, fans are once again celebrating the film that made Chiranjeevi an enduring symbol of mass appeal and cinematic revolution in Indian cinema.

Adivi Sesh–Mrunal Thakur’s Dacoit Locks New Release Date



The highly anticipated bilingual action drama Dacoit, starring Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur, has received a brand-new release date. Initially slated for release on December 25, 2025, the film’s schedule was pushed back following Sesh’s on-set injury during the shoot of a high-intensity action sequence. The makers decided to delay the release to ensure the actor had sufficient time to recover and to complete the remaining action portions without compromise.

Now, the production team has officially announced that Dacoit will hit theatres worldwide on March 19, 2026, coinciding with the festive occasion of Ugadi and Eid. To mark the update, the makers unveiled a striking new poster that has reignited excitement among fans and cinephiles alike.

Directed by Shaneil Deo in his feature film debut, Dacoit promises to deliver a gripping blend of action, romance, and emotion. The film is jointly pro-

duced by Supriya Yargadda and Suniel Narang under the prestigious Annapurna Studios banner, known for backing distinctive and content-driven cinema.

Shot simultaneously in Telugu and Hindi, Dacoit is positioned as a pan-Indian romantic action thriller. Alongside the lead pair, the ensemble cast features acclaimed talents such as Anurag Kashyap, Prakash Raj, Sunil, Atul Kulkarni, and Zayn Marie Khan, each playing crucial roles in the story’s dramatic arc.

With music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, the film is currently in its final stages of post-production. Industry insiders suggest that the film’s blend of high-octane action, emotional storytelling, and cross-language appeal will make Dacoit one of the most awaited releases of early 2026. Fans are now eagerly counting down the days to witness Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur’s on-screen chemistry in this dynamic action-packed entertainer.

Sudheer Babu’s Son Darshan to Play Young Prabhas in Fauzi

In an exciting development for Telugu cinema fans, Sudheer Babu’s younger son, Darshan, has been roped in to play the younger version of Prabhas in the upcoming big-budget film Fauzi. The casting choice has drawn attention, as filmmakers often prefer star kids for such roles due to their resemblance to senior actors and their familiarity with the craft.

Sudheer Babu, known for his action-packed and experimental roles, is actor Mahesh Babu’s brother-in-law and husband of Priyadarshini. The couple has two sons — Charith Maanas and Darshan — both of whom are showing keen interest in acting. Charith, the elder son, who once appeared as young Nani in Bhale Bhale

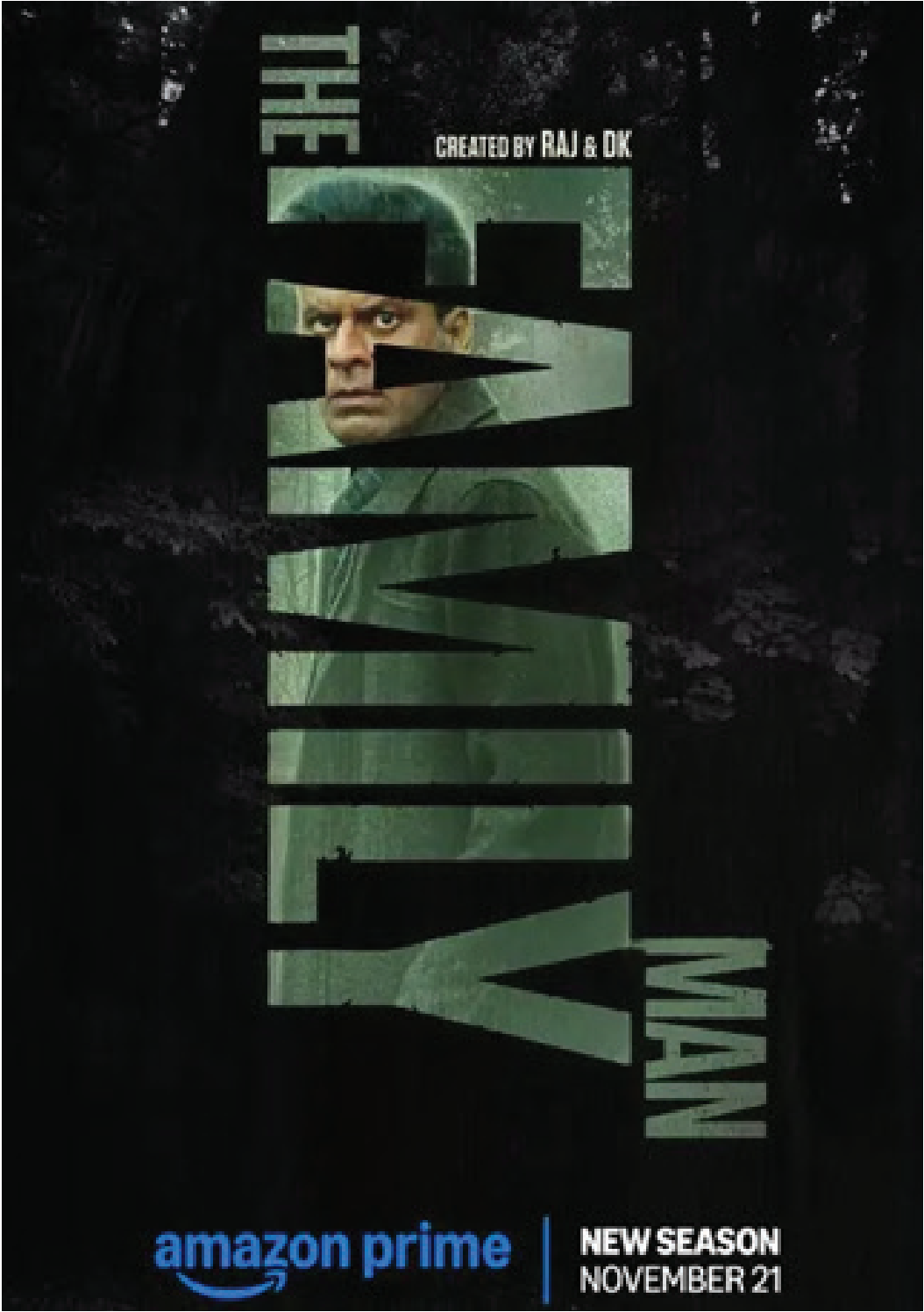


Magadivoy (2015), is expected to make his lead debut soon. Darshan, meanwhile, already has an impressive résumé. He previously portrayed younger versions of leading stars — Adivi Sesh in Goodachari (2018) and Mahesh Babu in Sarkaru Vaari Paata (2022). Continuing that trend, Darshan has now landed a pivotal role in Fauzi, where he will play the childhood phase of Prabhas’s character.

Sudheer Babu shared that Darshan has significant screen time in Fauzi, which includes delivering lengthy Sanskrit dialogues. Sources close to the production revealed that the young actor performed them with confidence and maturity beyond his years.

Fauzi is described as a historical fiction action drama with elements of romance. The film stars Prabhas and Imanvi, is directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, with music composed by Vishal Chandrashekhar, and produced by Naveen Yerneni and Ravi Shankar under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. With Darshan’s inclusion, the film’s buzz has only grown stronger ahead of its official release announcements.

The Family Man Season 3 Release Date Confirmed



In a major update for fans of the popular spy-action thriller series The Family Man, the much-anticipated third season is confirmed to drop on Amazon Prime Video on 21 November 2025.

Helmed by the creative duo Raj Nidimoru & Krishna DK (Raj & DK), the acclaimed series returns with lead actor Manoj Bajpayee reprising his role as intelligence officer Srikant Tiwari — a family man by night, national security operative by day.

Following the blockbuster success of Seasons 1 and 2, the forthcoming instalment promises to raise the stakes with more high-octane action, sharper wit and threading of a fresh geopolitical threat: the China-factor playing off the pandemic backdrop.

The creators elaborate that: “This season, the hunter becomes the hunted, as Srikant faces a threat unlike any before... endangering not just him and his career, but his family too.”

Production details reveal that filming wrapped in December 2024, and the team spent much of 2025 in post-production to deliver the series in multiple languages across India and beyond.

Viewers can expect the new episodes to stream globally via Prime Video, across 240 + countries and territories, from 21 November.

With promotional assets now underway and teaser clips already sparking social media buzz, the countdown is officially on.



Samantha Stuns in Bold and Elegant Purple Saree

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu is once again making headlines — this time for her breathtaking look in a recent photoshoot. The actress, who has begun shooting for her upcoming film Maa Inti Bangaram, appeared in a glamorous new set of pictures that have gone viral across social media platforms.

Captured during her exclusive chat with Robb Report India at The Leela Palace, Udaipur, Samantha exudes a flawless blend of confidence and grace. She is seen wearing a deep purple silk saree that perfectly balances traditional charm with a modern touch. The saree, accentuated with subtle gold detailing, adds a regal sheen to her look, making it both striking and sophisticated.

Samantha paired the drape with a sleeveless blouse, adding a contemporary edge to her ensemble. Complementing the outfit, she adorned statement jewelry — including an elegant choker and matching earrings — which elevated her overall appearance. Her

minimal yet radiant makeup, soft wavy hair, and poised demeanor further enhanced the elegance of the shoot.

Fashion enthusiasts and fans alike have flooded social media with compliments, calling her look “bold, royal, and effortlessly stylish.” Known for her impeccable fashion sense and fearless choices, Samantha continues to set benchmarks when it comes to red-carpet and editorial looks.

Meanwhile, on the professional front, the actress has started work on Maa Inti Bangaram, a family-centric drama that is generating significant buzz in the Telugu film industry. After her critically acclaimed performances in Yashoda and Shaakuntalam, audiences are eager to see her return to emotionally rich storytelling.

With this recent appearance, Samantha once again proves that whether it’s cinema or style, she continues to captivate with her elegance, charm, and confidence.