

PONNAM ASSURES RELIEF TO FLOOD-AFFECTED FARMERS

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Minister Ponnam Pra bhakar Toured The Flood-Affected Areas In Chigurumamidi Mandal Of The Husnabad Constituency, Karimnagar District. He Inspected The Damaged Road From Sitarampur Cross-roads Into The Village, The Collapsed Electric Poles, And The Damaged Crops. Farmers Were Severely Affected As Sand Piles Covered Their Paddy Fields Due To The Floods. The Minister Assumed The Affected Farmers Of Government Support And Relief. Sub-

sequently, He Inspected The Indurthi-Koheda Low-Level Bridge, Which Was Submerged Due To The Heavy Flood Flow. He Noted That This Is The Third Time This Year That Floodwaters Have Flowed Over The Bridge, Disrupting Traffic Between Indurthi And Koheda. Minister Prabhakar Announced That The Government Would Sanction A High-Level Bridge Between Indurthi And Koheda. He Also Stated That He Would Submit A Representation Regarding This Bridge To The Chief Minister During

The Latter's Visit The Following Day. He Emphasized That This Is A Crucial Link Road Between Karimnagar District And Siddipet District. He Instructed Officials To Document All The Washed-Out Roads And Damaged Crops. The Minister Reiterated The Government's Commitment To Taking All Necessary Measures To Ensure That Farmers In Karimnagar District Do Not Face Any Difficulties Due To The Natural Calamity. District Collector Pamela Satpathy, Additional Collector Ashwini

Tanaji Wakade, Cpg House Alam, Husnabad Market Committee Chairman Tirupati Reddy, And Other Key Leaders And Officials Participated In The Inspection Tour. The Minister's Immediate Site Visit To The Disaster Zone Highlights The Government's Prioritization Of Flood Response, Especially In Rural Areas Where Infrastructure Damage Can Severely Impact Livelihoods. He Met With Local Farmers And Panchayat Officials To Understand The Full Extent Of The Losses, Promising A Comprehensive

Compensation Package After The Official Assessment. The Decision To Sanction A High-Level Bridge Is A Significant Long-Term Infrastructure Solution That Will End The Perennial Disruption Of Traffic And Commerce Along The Indurthi-Koheda Stretch, Benefiting Commuters In Both Districts. He Directed The Irrigation And Revenue Officials To Begin Joint Field Surveys Immediately After The Water Recedes To Ensure The Damage Assessment Is Accurate And Expedient.



Bandi Asks State To Provide Aid To Flood-Hit

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar Inquired About The Rain Damage Within The Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency Limits. The Central Minister Sought Details Of The Crop And Property Damage From The Respective District Collectors. Bandi Sanjay Urged The State Government To Provide Assistance To The Farmers Who Lost Their Crops. He Also Called Upon Bjp Leaders To Visit The Affected Areas And Assure The Farmers Of Their Support. Following His Call, Bjp Leaders Are Touring The Rain-Affected Areas Within The Karimnagar Parliament Constituency. Bjp District President Gangadi Krishnareddy Visited Jupuka Village In The Huzurabad Constituency And Spoke With The Affected Farmers, Offering Them Assurance. The Move By The Union Minister To Directly Engage With The Situation And The District Authorities Underscores The Bjp's Effort To Stand With The Farmers Affected By The Natural Calamity. It Also Puts Pressure On The State Government To Expedite Relief Measures. Bandi Sanjay's Role As A Central Leader Enables Him To Advocate For Central Assistance To Supplement The State's Relief Efforts. The Bjp's Field Visits Are Part Of A Broader Strategy To Demonstrate Their Concern For The Welfare Of Farmers And Affected Citizens In The Region. The Central Minister's Action Of Contacting The District Collectors Directly Is A Mechanism

To Gather Independent Ground-Level Data On The Extent Of The Damage, Which Is Essential For Recommending A Central Study Team To The Region. His Public Statement Criticizing The State Government And Demanding Immediate Aid Positions The Bjp As A Proactive Opposition During The Crisis. The Visits By Local Bjp Leaders To Villages Like Jupuka Are Critical For Political Visibility And For Building Trust With The Farming Community, Which Is Facing Severe Financial Stress Due To The Crop Losses. They Are Also Collecting Detailed Accounts Of The Damages To Prepare A Comprehensive Report To Be Submitted To The Party High Command And The Central Ministries Concerned. Konda Surekha Uses Drones To Assess Damage In Warangal

Minister Konda Surekha Took Action To Provide Drinking Water And Food To Those Stranded In Flood-Affected Areas Of Warangal City By Utilizing Drones. The Minister Oversaw Relief Efforts In The Flood-Affected Areas Of Warangal City Today, Along With Local Collector Dr. Satya Sharada. The Innovative Use Of Drone Technology By Minister Surekha And The Local Administration Highlights A Modern And Efficient Approach To Disaster Management, Particularly In Areas Where Physical Access Is Difficult Due To High Floodwaters. Drones Allow For Swift Delivery Of Essential Supplies To Isolated

Individuals And Families, Ensuring Their Immediate Needs Are Met While Rescue Teams Work To Evacuate Them. Minister Surekha's Presence In The Field, Coordinating With The District Collector And Officials, Demonstrates The Government's Hands-On Commitment To The People Of Warangal, One Of The Most Severely Affected Areas. The Relief Operations Are Being Conducted On A War Footing To Minimize The Suffering Of The Flood Victims. She Also Reviewed The Progress Of The Evacuation Efforts And The Functioning Of The Relief Camps Set Up In The City. The Decision To Deploy Drones For Delivery Is A Game-Changer In Urban Flood Response, Allowing Authorities To Reach Stranded People Even On The Rooftops Of High-Rise Buildings Where Boats Cannot Safely Navigate. Minister Surekha Stressed The Need For Continuous Monitoring Of The Water Levels And The Prompt Evacuation Of People From All Identified Danger Zones. She Held A Review Meeting With The Municipal And Disaster Response Officials, Emphasizing The Need For Hygiene And Sanitation In The Relief Camps To Prevent The Outbreak Of Waterborne Diseases. The Minister's Direct Involvement Is Crucial For Cutting Down Bureaucratic Delays And Speeding Up The Distribution Of Immediate Financial Assistance To The Affected Families Once The Government Finalizes The Relief Package.

TELANGANA STALLA SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT BHARAT INTERNATIONAL RICE CONFERENCE IN DELHI

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The Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Stall Was A Special Attraction At The Bharat International Rice Conference Held At Bharat Mandapam Hall No. 14 In New Delhi On Thursday. The Stall Was Set Up In Collaboration With The Telangana Agricultural University. M Stephen Raveendra, Commissioner Of Food And Civil Supplies And Ex-Officio Principal Secretary, Explained That The State Participated With The Aim Of Showcasing Telangana's Rice Export Potential To The World. The Stall Attracted The Attention Of Representatives From Various Countries, Including Ku-

wait And African Nations, As Well As Ncel Md Unupom Kausik, Prem Garg, President Of The Indian Rice Exporters Federation, And Numerous Other Prominent Rice Exporters From Across India. The Stall Displayed Premium Varieties Of Rice Such As MTU 1010, RNR 15048, BPT 5204, KNM 1638, KNM 118 - Jai Sriram, HMT Sona, And Chittimuthyalu. Stephen Raveendra Stated That Telangana Rice Is Already Being Exported To The Philippines And That Efforts Are Underway To Export To Middle East And African Countries. He Added That Increased Rice Exports Would Greatly Benefit The Farmers Of Tel-

angana. Dr. Gaurav Uppal, Secretary Coordination, Rohith Singh, Additional Director, And Other Senior Officials Of The Civil Supplies Department Participated In The Event. Telangana's Participation In The Conference Is A Strategic Move To Diversify Its Agricultural Markets Beyond Domestic Consumption, Particularly Given The State's Surplus Rice Production. The Display Of Diverse Rice Varieties Highlights The Agricultural Innovation And Quality Standards Maintained By Telangana Farmers. Targeting The Middle East And Africa Is A Calculated Move, As These Regions Offer Significant Import Potential



For Staple Grains. The Commissioner Emphasized That The State Government Is Actively Working To Streamline Export Logistics And Establish Direct Links Between Telangana's Millers And International Buyers. Boosting Exports Will Not Only Im-

prove Farm Income But Also Strengthen The State's Economy By Bringing In Foreign Exchange. The Collaboration With The Agricultural University Ensures That The Displayed Varieties Are Scientifically Proven And Market-Relevant.

SRIDHAR BABU DIRECTS OFFICIALS TO INITIATE WAR FOOTING RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

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It And Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Who Is Also The In-Charge Minister For The Erstwhile Ranga Reddy District, Directed Officials To Undertake Relief And Rehabilitation Measures On A War Footing In Areas Severely Affected By Heavy Rains. The Minister Held A Detailed Telephonic Review With District Collectors, Senior Police Officers, And Officials From The Water Board, Roads & Buildings, Electricity, And Municipal Departments. He Instructed Them To Map All Low-Lying Colonies

And Villages That Experienced Flooding And To Implement Preventive Steps To Avoid Recurrence. Sridhar Babu Emphasized The Need For Immediate Repairs To Damaged Roads And Culverts And To Implement Permanent Solutions In Areas With Frequent Power Supply Interruptions. He Directed Officials To Provide Timely Assistance To Flood-Affected Families, Assess The Extent Of Losses, And Submit Detailed Reports. The Minister Also Asked Officials To Personally Inspect The Affected Fields And Vegetable Farms To Prepare Accurate

Crop Damage Estimates. He Instructed Departments To Complete Road Restoration Works On A War Footing To Ensure Smooth Vehicular Movement, With Special Focus On Roads Where Rtc Bus Services Were Disrupted. Sridhar Babu Urged Collectors And Municipal Commissioners To Coordinate All Departmental Efforts To Ensure Relief And Restoration Progresses Without Delays Or Administrative Hurdles. His Direct Involvement And Continuous Monitoring Ensure Accountability And A Swift Response To The Disaster

Situation Across The District. The Focus On Permanent Solutions Reflects A Commitment To Long-Term Resilience Against Future Extreme Weather Events. The Telephonic Review With Multi-Departmental Officials Is A Key Strategy To Ensure A Unified And Integrated Response Across The Complex Urban And Semi-Urban Sprawl Of Ranga Reddy District. Minister Sridhar Babu Laid Stress On Identifying And Implementing Permanent Infrastructure Solutions, Such As Improving Drainage Systems, To Prevent Seasonal

Flooding In Chronically Affected Colonies. He Called For The Immediate Restoration Of Rtc Bus Routes, Recognizing Their Importance As The Primary Mode Of Public Transport For The Working Class. The Directive For Personal Inspection Of Crop Damage Estimates Is Crucial To Ensure Fair And Accurate Compensation Is Given To Farmers. The Minister's Proactive Approach Aims To Quickly Stabilize The Situation And Restore Normalcy, Leveraging The Resources Of All Government Agencies Under His Supervision.

CM ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON RELIEF EFFORTS

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Speaking At The Video Conference, Stated That The Meteorological Department Has Warned Of Cyclone Impact On 16 Districts. He Acknowledged That Despite Taking Prior Precautions, This Is The Paddy Harvesting Season, And The Unexpected Calamity Is Causing Distress To Farmers. He Instructed Officials To Be Vigilant And Ordered Collectors To Cancel All Leave And Ensure Officials Visit The Field. He Directed The Electricity Department To Be

Alert To Prevent Power Disruptions Due To Strong Winds. He Stressed The Need To Divert Traffic At Bridges And Low-Level Causeways On Roads, And To Raise Public Awareness So That People Do Not Come Out Unless Necessary. He Called For Arrangements To Provide Emergency Medical Services Where Needed. Given The High Impact Of The Storm In Warangal, He Ordered The Deployment Of Hydra Services Where Necessary. He Instructed A 24-Hour Review Of The Situation And Directed District In-

Charge Ministers To Coordinate With Officials And Alert Collectors. He Emphasized The Need To Alert Local Residents Regarding Overflowing Streams To Prevent Accidents And To Continuously Monitor Project Inflow And Outflow. He Stressed That No Loss Of Life, Livestock, Or Crops Should Occur. The Cm Announced The Postponement Of His Warangal Visit Due To Weather Conditions, Confirming An Aerial Survey Of Warangal And Husnabad On Friday. He Directed The In-Charge Ministers To Be Present

In The Field In Their Respective Districts, Be Accessible To The Public, And Focus On Relief Efforts. The Government Is Ready To Assist The People In This Time Of Crisis. The Cm's Directives Constitute A Detailed, Multi-Sectoral Disaster Response Plan, Covering Everything From Agriculture And Power Supply To Traffic Management And Public Health. His Focus On Canceling Leaves Of All Officials Ensures Maximum Manpower Is Available For Ground-Level Operations. The Warning To Electrical Authorities Is

Particularly Important To Prevent Accidents From Fallen Poles And Live Wires. The Emphasis On Monitoring Project Water Levels Is Crucial For Preventative Flood Control, Allowing For Timely Release Of Water To Avoid Reservoir Breaches. The Cm's Decision To Postpone The Aerial Survey But To Immediately Reschedule It Demonstrates Prudence In Safety While Reaffirming His Commitment To On-Site Inspection, Highlighting The Personal Attention Being Paid To The Crisis.



Sridhar Babu Urges Vote For ‘Rising Telangana’

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Telangana Minister For It And Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu Appealed To Voters Of Jubilee Hills To Bless And Strengthen The Congress-Led People's Government, Which He Said Is Working With Sincerity And Commitment For The Development And Welfare Of All Sections Of Society. Campaigning In The Yellareddiguda Area Along With Adluri Laxman Kumar And Other Senior Congress Leaders, The Minister Urged

Voters To Elect Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav With A Resounding Majority In The Upcoming By-Election. Highlighting The Development And Welfare Measures Implemented Over The Past Two Years, Mr. Sridhar Babu Said The State Government Was Working On A Clear Roadmap For A "Rising Telangana," Ensuring Inclusive Growth And Social Progress. He Cautioned The Electorate Not To Be Misled By The Misinformation Being Spread By Opposi-

tion Parties, And Reaffirmed That The Government's Agenda Was Fully Aligned With The Aspirations Of The People Of Telangana. Later, The Minister Reviewed Arrangements For Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Forthcoming "Corner Meeting" In The Constituency And Discussed Campaign Strategies With Local Leaders. The Minister's Appeal Positions The By-Election As A Vote Of Confidence In The Congress Government's Vision For

The State. By Linking Naveen Yadav's Victory To The Larger Goal of a "Rising Telangana," The Minister Aims To Elevate The Significance Of The Local Poll. His Warning Against Opposition Misinformation Is A Preemptive Strike Against Their Campaign Tactics. The Review Of The CM's Corner Meeting Shows That Senior Leadership Is Fully Engaged In Ensuring A Successful Turnout For The Final Phase Of Campaigning.



MLA Sriganesh Steps In To Ease Corridor Chaos



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Cantonment Mla Sriganesh Visited The Site Of The Elevated Corridor Construction Work From Paradise To Bowenpally Along With Local Congress Party Leaders. The Construction Work Commenced Today, Resulting In The Police Department Imposing Traffic Restrictions And Diversions. Mla Sriganesh Interacted With Traffic Additional Dcp Venugopal Reddy, HMDA Deputy Engineer Vidyasagar, And Other Officials, Urging Them To Ensure Commuters Do Not Face Traffic Difficulties. He Stressed That The Government Has Undertaken The Prestigious Elevated Corridor Project To Ease Traffic Flow, And The

Public Should Not Be Inconvenienced During Construction. He Advised Officials To Take Adequate Precautions. Specifically, He Mentioned That Balamrai Junction And Anna Nagar Junction Are Experiencing Severe Traffic Jams And Instructed Officials To Ensure That Local Bastis Residents Do Not Face Any Problems. The Mla Also Personally Spoke With Motorists, Heard Their Suggestions, And Brought Them To The Attention Of The Police Officials, Urging Them To Incorporate Necessary Adjustments. He Emphasized A Collaborative Approach Between The Public, Police, And Civic Agencies To Smoothly Manage The Traffic Flow During

This Extended Construction Period. The Mla Insisted On Clear And Visible Signage At All Diversion Points To Prevent Confusion And Accidents. He Requested HMDA Officials To Accelerate The Work Schedule, Particularly At Key Intersections, To Minimize The Duration Of Public Disruption. The Local Congress Leaders Accompanying The Mla Highlighted The Community's Frustration With The Sudden Traffic Changes And Praised The Mla's Prompt Response To Address The Issue. This Proactive Site Inspection Underscores The Commitment To Balancing Large-Scale Infrastructure Development With Daily Commuter Convenience.

Jupally, Rajanarasimha Rally For Naveen Yadav

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Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao And Damodara Rajanarasimha Conducted An Extensive Campaign In The Yerragadda Division Of The Jubilee Hills By-Election, Along With Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav. They Covered Areas Including Chhatrapati Shivaji Nagar, Anand Nagar, Prem Nagar, And Rajeev Nagar, Going Door-To-Door And Explaining The Welfare And Development Schemes Implemented By The Chief Minister Revanth Reddy-Led Government. They Highlighted Schemes Such As Free Bus

Travel, 200 Units Of Free Electricity, The 500 Subsidized Gas Cylinder, Fine Rice Distribution, New Ration Cards, And Indira Aamras Houses. They Emphasized That Naveen Yadav Is A Local Resident With A Full Grasp Of The People's Problems. They Promised That If Elected, Naveen Yadav Would Work To Create Basic Infrastructure Like Roads, Education, And Health Facilities, Thereby Accelerating The Development Of Jubilee Hills. The Ministers Also Alleged That The BRS And BJP Parties Are Secretly Working Together To Defeat The Congress.

They Were Accompanied By Other Senior Leaders, Including Government Whip Adluri Srinivas And MLC Dande Vithal. The Presence Of Two Senior Ministers In The Same Division Signifies The Prioritization Of The Jubilee Hills Seat By The Congress High Command. Their Joint Campaign Reinforces The Message That The Candidate Has The Institutional Support Needed To Deliver On Promises. The Consistent Messaging Across All Ministers About The Welfare Schemes Is A Deliberate Strategy To Consolidate The Beneficiary Vote Bank.

Ponnam Hits Out At BRS-BJP ‘Secret Alliance’

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, While Campaigning In The Yusufguda Division Of Jubilee Hills, Criticized The Opposition, Stating That The BRS And BJP Are Collaborating And Playing "Dramas" For The Election. He Directly Challenged Kishan Red-

dy To Explain What He Has Done For The Jubilee Hills Constituency In The Past 12 Years As A Central Leader. Minister Prabhakar Asserted That BJP Is The "Mic" Of The BRS, Citing Comments Made By A BRS Mla, And Stated That A Vote For BJP Is Effectively A Vote For BRS.

He Defended The Congress Government, Listing Implemented Welfare Schemes Such As Fine Rice Distribution, New Ration Cards, Free Bus Travel For Women, 200 Units Free Electricity, And The 500 Gas Cylinder. He Urged Voters To Elect Naveen Yadav, A Young, Educated Local Candidate, With A Huge

Majority, Promising That The Chief Minister And All Ministers Will Stand Behind Him To Ensure Development. The Minister's Attack Is A Clear Attempt To Polarize The Opposition Vote By Exposing The Alleged Covert Alliance Between The BRS And BJP. He Used The Opportunity To Promote The

Congress Government's Early Successes In Welfare Delivery, Positioning The Party As The Only Viable Option For Development. The Focus On Naveen Yadav's Local Roots And Education Aims To Contrast Him With Other Candidates And Build A Strong Personal Connect With The Electorate.

BRS Lodges EC Complaint Against Congress Nominee

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BRS Leader Palle Ravi Kumar Held A Press Meet At BRK Bhavan, Alleging That Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav In The Jubilee Hills By-Election Is Threatening To "Eliminate" The BRS Cadre Within A Week. BRS Leader Palle Ravi Kumar Termed This Action "Unconstitutional" And A Violation Of The Election Code. He Stated That Such Intimidation Tactics Are Being Used By Leaders To Garner Votes. The BRS Has Filed A Complaint With The Election Commission On This Matter, Expressing Confidence In The Commis-

sion. He Stressed That CM Revanth Reddy's Congress Party's Political Threats Will Not Deter The BRS. He Urged The Election Commission To Ensure A Free And Fair Voting Environment. Palle Ravi Kumar Also Mentioned That CEO Sudarshan Reddy Informed Them That A Notice Would Be Issued To The Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav. The BRS Leader Demanded That The Election Commission Take Strict Action Against Naveen Yadav For His Intimidating Remarks Which Threaten The Safety Of Opposition



Party Workers. He Stated That Such Public Threats Undermine The Foundations Of Democracy And Create A Climate Of Fear Among Voters And Party Cadre.

Palle Ravi Kumar Urged The ECI To Closely Monitor The Campaign Trail In Jubilee Hills For Any Further Incidents Of Violence Or Intimidation. The BRS Will Continue

To Fight For The Rights Of Its Workers And Ensure That The By-Election Is Conducted Without Any Unlawful Interference From The Ruling Party.

BRS Seeks Naveen Yadav's Disqualification Over Threats

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BRS Leader K. Kishore Goud Reiterated The Allegation That Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav Is Threatening The BRS Cadre, Stating That The Candidate Is Displaying A Threatening Attitude In An Election That Should Be Conducted Democratically And Constitutionally. Kishore Goud Asserted That This Behavior From An Official Party Candidate In A Democracy Is Unacceptable. He Demanded That Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav Be Immediately Disqualified From The Contest, Arguing That He Lacks The Eligibility To Compete In The Election Due To His Conduct. This Demand For Disqualification Underscores The BRS's Severe Condemnation Of The Candidate's Alleged Intimidation Tactics. Kishore Goud Emphasized That Allowing A Candidate Who Resorts To Threats To Continue Contesting Undermines The Spirit Of Free And Fair Elections. The BRS Is Placing Direct Pressure On The Election Commission To Take Decisive And Immediate Action, Arguing That The Candidate's Actions Have Made Him Unfit For Public Office. The Party Aims To Use This Incident To Highlight The Alleged Lawlessness Of The Ruling Congress Party And Garner Public Support.

Thummala, Srihari Finalize CM Revanth's Roadshow Plan

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Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao And Minister Vakiti Srihari Held A Review Meeting With Local Leaders To Finalize The Arrangements For Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Road Show And Corner Meetings Scheduled For Tomorrow (October 31, 2025) As Part Of The Jubilee Hills By-Election Campaign. They Worked On The Route Map To Ensure No Difficulties Or Traffic Interruptions Occur During The

Chief Minister's Tour. They Directed Security Personnel To Coordinate Fully And Ensure Robust Security Measures At The Meeting Venues And Along The Road Show Route. To Mobilize A Large Number Of People To The Meeting, The Goal Of The Planning Is To Ensure The Chief Minister's Campaign Makes Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav's Victory Easy In The Constituency. Minister Thummala Urged All People To Participate In The Campaign As A Democratic Festival.

Bhatti Slams BJP Over ‘Azhar Conspiracy’



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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Held A Press Meet At Gandhi Bhavan, Alluding That The Bjp Is Conspiring To Prevent Mohammad Azharuddin From Being Inducted Into The Telangana State Cabinet. He Highlighted That Azharuddin Served As The Captain Of The Indian Cricket Team And Rendered Remarkable Service To The Nation, Bringing Great Pride To India On The Global Stage. Despite His Status As A Celebrated Sportsman, The Bjp Is Obstructing His Induction, Which

The Deputy Cm Alleged Is A Joint Conspiracy With The BRS. He Referred To BRS Leader K. Kavitha's Revelation About The Secret Nexus Between The Bjp And BRS, Which He Said Helped The Bjp Win Eight Seats In The Previous Parliamentary Elections. The Deputy Cm Asserted That The Bjp's Action Is Driven By Communal Prejudice Against Minorities, Aiming To Block A Deserving Muslim Leader From The Cabinet. He Dismissed The Bjp's Mcc Complaint As Hypocritical, Citing The Precedent Of A Bjp Candidate Being Inducted Into The Ra-

jaasthan Cabinet Just Before A By-Election. He Defended Azharuddin's Eligibility, Noting That He Is Already An MLC And The Swearing-In Is Outside The Jubilee Hills Constituency. The Deputy Cm Also Took The Opportunity To Highlight The Government's Swift And Proactive Cyclone Response, Crediting The Advance 46-Hour Alert And Coordinated Efforts For Averting Major Loss Of Life. He Reaffirmed The Congress Party's Commitment To Social Inclusion And Representation For All Sections Of Society.

KTR Mocks Congress, Predicts Deposit Loss In Jubilee Hills

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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (Ktr) Launched A Sarcastic Attack On The Congress Party Via Social Media Platform 'X', Stating That The Congress Will Only Implement Its Promises If It Loses Its Deposit In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. He Observed That After Two Years In Government, The Congress Party "Is Finally Waking Up To Ground Realities" And Is Resorting To "Desperate Measures" To Save Its Reputation. Ktr Cited The Congress's Actions During The By-Election Campaign as

Evidence Of Its Extreme Pressure. He Highlighted The "Promising The Moon To Cine Workers," The Report On Inducting Former Cricketer Azharuddin Into The Cabinet, And Ministers "Desperately Running Around In Hyderabad Gullies" As Signs Of The Party's Plight. Ktr Reiterated That If The People Ensure The Congress Party Loses Its Deposit In The Jubilee Hills By-Election,

Election Is The "Right Venue To Teach A Lesson" To The Congress And Its Leadership. KTR's Criticism Is A Sharp Political Tactic To Demoralize The Congress Cadre And Influence Undecided Voters. By Calling Out Specific Campaign Promises And The Azharuddin Controversy, Ktr Attempts To Frame The Ruling Party's Actions As Unprincipled And Opportunistic. His Prediction Of A Deposit Loss Is A Challenge Meant To Galvanize The BRS Support Base And Undermine The Legitimacy Of The Congress's Campaign Efforts.

Only Then Will The Party Begin To Implement The "Six Guarantees And 420 Promises" Made In 2023. He Declared That The By-

Hydraa Reclaims Encroached Land Worth 111 Crore In City Outskirts

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Hydra Successfully Reclaimed 1.28 Acres Of Government Land Along With A 976 Square Yards Park Space In Rajendranagar And Balapur Mandals, Rangareddy District, On Thursday. The Estimated Value Of The Reclaimed Land Is Over 111 Crores. The Park Land In Shastripuram Colony, Mailardevupally Village, Was Previously Fenced By Municipal Officials. Hydra Took Action Following A Complaint From Locals That Certain Individuals Were Encroaching On The Park Land Using False Documents. Locals Expressed Happiness That Hydra Immediately Responded To The Complaint Regarding The Encroachment Of The Park Space In A Huda Layout Laid In 1996. In Jilleluguda Village, Balapur Mandal, Hydra Also Removed Encroachments On 1.28 Acres Of Government Land In Survey Number 76. This Action Was Taken After Receiving Complaints That Certain Individuals Had Created Fake Pattas (Title Deeds), Sold Them As Plots, And Were Involved In Encroach-



ments. Hydra Fenced The Reclaimed Park And Government Land And Installed Hydra Boards. This Proactive Stance Demonstrates Hydra's Commitment To Protecting Public Property And Deterring Land Grabbers. The Authorities Have Issued A Strict Warning Against Any Future Attempts At Encroachment On Govern-

ment Land. The High Market Value Of The Reclaimed Land Underscores The Magnitude Of The Land Grabbing Attempt That Was Successfully Thwarted By Hydra. The Quick Response To The Citizens' Complaints In Shastripuram Colony Was Appreciated, As The Park Space Is Vital For The Welfare And Recrea-

tion Of Local Residents. The Use Of Fake Pattas In Jilleluguda Village Points To A Systematic Attempt To Defraud The Government And Potential Buyers, Indicating The Involvement Of Organized Elements. Hydra's Action To Immediately Fence The Reclaimed Plots And Erect Warning Boards Is Crucial To Prevent Re-

Encroachment. The Enforcement Team Has Initiated Further Legal Proceedings Against The Individuals Responsible For The Illegal Occupation And The Creation Of Forged Documents. This Drive Is Part Of A Larger Government Effort To Inventory And Secure All Public Lands In The Metropolitan Area.

Hydraa, GHMC Chiefs Inspect Flood Points Amid Rains

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Hydra Commissioner Sri A V Ranganath Suggested That The Mushkin Cheruvu (Tank) Should Serve As A Model For Various Organizations Developing Tanks Using Csr (Corporate Social Responsibility) Funds. The Mushkin Cheruvu In Narsingi Mandal Is Being Developed By Tatva Developers Using Csr Funds. Representatives Of The Firm Informed The Commissioner That The Delay In Development Was Due To Incomplete Boundary Marking In The Past. The Commissioner Assured That Action Will Be Taken To Complete The Survey Of The Government Lands Within The Approximately 60-Acre Perimeter And Remove Unauthorized Encroachments. He Held A Meeting With Residents Of The Nearby Colonies, Temple Committee Members, Farmers, Irrigation Department Officials, And Representatives Of Tatva Developers. The Commissioner Assured That Compensation Under Tdr (Transferable Development Rights) Would Be Provided To Farmers Whose Land



Falls Under The FtL (Full Tank Level) Limits. He Instructed That Steps Be Taken To Ensure Proper Floodwater Inflow Into The Tank And A Functional Outlet. He Advised Tatva Developers To Construct A Sturdy Bund Around The Tank, Plant Saplings, And Carry Out Development Works To Create A Pleasant And Refreshing Environment. The Emphasis Is On Sustainable Development And Ensuring That The Tank's Integrity Is Maintained For Flood Control And Water Conservation. This Collaborative Model Aims To Leverage Corporate Funding For Urban Environmental Projects. The Focus On Clearing Encroachments Is A Critical Step To Restore The Tank To Its Original Capacity And Protect Public Assets. Commissioner

Ranganath Stressed That The Mushkin Cheruvu Restoration Should Be A Comprehensive Effort, Not Limited To Beautification But Including Hydrological Integrity To Enhance Ground Water Recharge And Flood Mitigation. The Use Of TDR As Compensation Is A Standard Mechanism To Facilitate Infrastructure Development Without Prolonged Legal Disputes With Affected Farmers. The Community Consultation Held By The Commissioner Ensures That All Stakeholders, Including Locals And Religious Authorities, Are On Board With The Development Plan. This Public-Private Partnership Is Expected To Set A Benchmark For The Restoration Of Other Tanks In The Hyderabad Metropolitan Region.

SHE TEAM SPREADS AWARENESS ON WOMEN'S SAFETY AND CYBERCRIME



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The She Team Balanagar Conducted An Awareness Session At Bhagyarathi Degree College In Idpl, Quthbullapur, Focusing On Women's Safety, Road Safety, And Cybercrime Prevention. The Session Provided Valuable Guidance To Students, Particularly On Harassment Against Women, Cybercrimes, And Road Safety Measures. The She Team Stated That Women Are Advancing Equally With Men In All Fields In The Current Society. They Advised Students To Be Careful Regarding Surveillance And Cybercrime, Emphasizing The Need To Avoid Granting Permissions To Unnecessary Apps On Mobile Phones. They Instructed Students To Activate All Safety Settings On Their Phones And Install The T-Safe App. In Case Of Any Emergency, They Advised Dialing 100 And Pressing 8, Which Initiates Mobile Tracking And Sends Safety Alerts Every Two Minutes. Regarding Road Safety, They Stressed That Both The Rider And The Pillion Rider Must Wear Proper Helmets, Knee Pads, And Gloves. They Urged Students To Refrain From Using Intoxicating Substances And Maintain Good Conduct And Morality. The She Team Also Informed The Girl Students That According To The Amended

Law Against Harassment Of Women, The Punishment Ranges From 14 Years Imprisonment To Life Imprisonment Or Even The Death Penalty. College Principal Naveen Raj, Director Nalla Jai Shankar Goud, She Team Members, Police Personnel, Lecturers, And Female Students Participated In The Awareness Session. The She Team Focused Heavily On Empowering Women Students With The Knowledge Of Their Rights And The Legal Recourse Available To Them Against Harassment. Cyber Security Tips Were Delivered With Practical Examples Of Phishing, Data Theft, And Social Media Exploitation, Highlighting The Risks Associated With Oversharing Personal Information. The Emphasis On The Severity Of Punishment Under The Amended Laws Is Intended To Act As A Strong Deterrent Against Crimes Targeting Women. Furthermore, The Session Advocated For Responsible Digital Citizenship And Safe Driving Practices, Encouraging The Youth To Be Law-Abiding And Vigilant. The T-Safe App Demonstration Provided A Crucial Tool For Immediate Assistance In Emergencies. Such Proactive Awareness Campaigns Are Essential To Foster A Safer Environment And Build Confidence Among Female Students.

Cyberabad Police Bust 3 Crore Online Fraud, 20 Arrested



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The Cybercrime Police, Cyberabad, Successfully Detected 10 Cybercrime Cases And Arrested 20 Offenders Across Multiple States During The Week Of October 22nd To October 28th, 2025. The Investigation Revealed The Pan-India Spread Of The Cybercriminal Networks, With 14 Of The 20 Arrests Linked To Trading Fraud. The Police Seized 24 Mobile Phones And 19 Sim Cards. In A Significant Case, The Cyber Crime Police Busted A 3 Crore Online Ticket Booking & Wallet Fraud, Leading To The Arrest Of Five Accused. The Fraud Involved The Ma-

nipulation Of An Online Ticket Booking And Wallet System Of A Reputed Travel Company, Resulting In A Loss Of 3,00,91,683/-. The Modus Operandi Involved Accused Exploiting A Technical Glitch Where Canceling A Ticket After Recharging The Online Wallet Credited Both The Refund And The Original Wallet Amount, Effectively Doubling The Balance. The Accused Repeated This Process To Inflate The Wallet Balance, Which Was Then Used For Bookings, With The Accused Collecting Money Into Their Personal Accounts. The Police Identified And Arrested The Five Main Accused.

The Cyberabad Police Advised Businesses To Conduct Regular Audits Of Online Payment Systems, Maintain Strict Internal Access Control, And Immediately Report Suspicious Activity To 1930 Or Via The Government's Cybercrime Portal. The Detection Of 10 Cases And The Arrest Of 20 Individuals Highlight The Vigilance And Interstate Coordination Of The Cyberabad Police In Tackling Sophisticated Cybercrime. The Online Ticket Booking Fraud Is A Classic Example Of Criminals Exploiting Technical Vulnerabilities (Bugs) For Massive Financial Gain. The Arrested Accused Were Part Of

An Organized Network That Systematically Targeted The Travel Company's Digital Platform. The Police Have Successfully Recovered Some Of The Funds And Are Working To Trace The Remaining Amounts, Which Were Diverted To Various Bank Accounts. The Advisory Issued To Businesses Is Timely, Stressing The Importance Of Robust Security Infrastructure And Regular Penetration Testing To Identify And Fix Such Exploitable Flaws Before They Are Compromised. Cyberabad Police Are Committed To Ensuring The Digital Safety Of Both Citizens And Corporate Entities.

12 ALTERNATE PHOTO IDS VALID FOR JUBILEE HILLS BY-POLL: GHMC

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Ghmc Commissioner And District Election Officer R V Karnan Announced That Voters In The Jubilee Hills Assembly By-Election On November 11th, Whose Names Are On The Electoral Roll But Do Not Possess The Voter Id Card (Epic Card), Can Still Cast Their Vote By Presenting Any One Of The 12 Alternative Photo Identification Cards To The Polling Staff. He Released A Statement To This Effect On Thursday. The 12 Alternative Photo Id Cards Accepted Are: Aadhaar Card, Mahatma Gandhi Nrega Job Card, Passbooks Issued By Banks/Post Offices With A Photograph, Health Insurance Smart Card Issued By The Ministry Of Labour/Ayushman Bharat Health Card, Driving License, Pan Card, Smart Card Issued By Rgi Under The National Population Register (Npr), Indian Passport, Photo-Affixed Pension Documents, Official Identity Cards Issued To Employees By Central/State Governments/Psus/Public Limited Companies, Official Identity Cards Issued To Mps/MLAs/MLCs, And Unique Disability Id (Udid) Card

Issued By The Central Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment. The District Election Officer Stressed That Having A Name On The Voter List Is Essential, And Any Of These 12 Cards Can Be Used In The Absence Of The Epic Card. This Measure Is Intended To Ensure That All Eligible Voters Are Able To Exercise Their Franchise Without Hindrance. The Ghmc Is Taking Extensive Measures To Encourage A Higher Voter Turnout, Especially Given The Previous Low Percentage In The Urban Constituency. This Announcement Aims To Eliminate Any Barrier To Voting Related To Non-Possession Or Loss Of The Standard EPIC Card. The Wide Range Of Acceptable Documents Ensures Inclusivity, Catering To Various Demographics From Pensioners To Central Government Employees. Wake Of The FGG's Voter Awareness Program, Directly Addressing The Need To Facilitate Higher Participation In The Upcoming By-Poll. The Electoral Commission Is Also Ensuring That Accessible Polling Booths Are Set Up And That All Essential Services Are In Place For The Smooth Conduct Of The Election.

Southwest Zone Police Host Mega Job Mela For Youth

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As Part Of The Ongoing Police Commemoration Week (October 21-31, 2025), The South West Zone, Hyderabad City Police, In Association With Deccan Blasters, Hosted A Mega Job Mela On October 30, 2025, At Roop Garden Function Hall, Mehdiapatnam. The Event Was Organized To Provide Employment Opportunities To Freshers And Experienced Male And Female Candidates In Diverse Sectors Such As It, Software, Banking, Pharmacy, Technical, Accounts,



And Sales & Marketing. Over 60 Companies Participated In The Job Mela, Offering A Wide Range Of Job Opportunities. Southwest Zone Dcp G Chandra Mohan Was The Chief Guest. Speaking To The Media, The

Dcp Mentioned That More Than 1000 Unemployed Youth Attended The Job Mela, And Nearly 500 Selected Candidates Received Spot Offer Letters From The Participating Organizations. Dcp G Chandra

Mohan Thanked All The Aps, Shos, And Other Staff From The Southwest Zone Police For Their Hard Work In Making The Event A Success. This Initiative Underscores The Hyderabad City Police's Commitment To Community Welfare And Serves To Commemorate The Brave Police Personnel Who Sacrificed Their Lives In The Line Of Duty. The Focus Of The Job Mela Was To Bridge The Gap Between Job Seekers And Potential Employers, Contributing To Reducing Unemployment In The Region.

Similar Community-Centric Initiatives Are Being Planned By The Hyderabad Police To Further Engage With The Public And Enhance Their Social Responsibility Efforts. The Success Of The Mega Job Mela Is A Testament To The Effective Collaboration Between The Police Department And Community Organizations Like Deccan Blasters. Dcp Chandra Mohan Highlighted That Such Events Not Only Provide Livelihood Opportunities But Also Help In Reducing Crime Rates By Engaging Youth Productively. The Partic-

ipation Of A Diverse Set Of Companies, Ranging From Established Banks To Emerging IT Firms, Ensures That Candidates With Varying Educational Backgrounds And Skill Sets Find Suitable Employment. The Immediate Issuance Of Spot Offer Letters Provides A Significant Boost To The Confidence Of Job Seekers. The Police Commemoration Week Is An Ideal Time To Roll Out Such Welfare Programs, Honoring The Memory Of Martyred Personnel By Serving The Community They Died Protecting.

Telangana's Liquor Policy Draws Andhra's Attention

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A Team Of Andhra Pradesh Excise Officials Visited The Prohibition And Excise Commissioner's Office In Telangana On Thursday To Gather Information On Telangana's Liquor Policy. The Ap Excise Team Met With Additional Commissioner Syed Yasin Qureshi, Joint Commissioner Suresh Rathod, And Assistant Commissioner Srinivas To Inquire About The Policy Guidelines And Procedures Related To Liquor Sales.

Deputy Commissioner Dr K Srinivas From Guntur And Dpeo Sri Manikantha From Palnadu Of The Ap Excise Department Specifically Asked



Additional Commissioner Qureshi About How Liquor Sales Are Conducted In Telangana, Particularly The Implementation Of Digital Sales.

They Sought Details On How Digital Payments Are Processed In Retail Liquor Shops, The Software Being Used, And How Digital Payments

Are Reconciled. Additional Commissioner Qureshi Provided The Requested Information To The Ap Excise Officials. The Visiting Offi-

cials Stated That The Ap Prohibition And Excise Commissioner Sridhar Cherukuri Has Sent Other Teams To States Like Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, And Maharashtra To Gather Information On Their Respective Liquor Policies, As Andhra Pradesh Plans To Introduce A New Liquor Policy. This Extensive Fact-Finding Mission Suggests That The Ap Government Is Seeking To Adopt Best Practices And Learn From The Experiences Of Other States In Modernizing And Streamlining Its Liquor Regulation Framework, Potentially Focusing On Digital Transparency And Revenue Management.

Srihari Highlights 123 Cr Push For Fisheries Sector

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Minister Vakiti Srihari Participated In A Fishermen (Gangaputra) Convention In Shaikpet Division Of The Jubilee Hills Constituency, Along With AICC In-Charge Vishwanathan, Minister Vivek Venkatswamy, And Others. In The Convention, Attended By A Large Number Of Local Women And Congress Workers, Minister Srihari Promised To Establish An International Modern Fish Market In Shaikpet. He Emphasized That Congress Leaders Are Public Servants, Not Just Politicians, Who Constantly Work To Solve People's Problems. He Highlight-



ed The Restoration Of Indiramma Housing Schemes And The Implementation Of Welfare Measures Like 200 Units

Of Free Power, New Ration Cards, And Fine Rice Distribution. He Questioned The BRS Party's Neglect Of Shai-

kpet And The Fishermen Community During Its 10-Year Rule. As The Minister For Fisheries, He Cited His First

Action After Taking Charge Was Accident Insurance For Fishermen And The Allocation Of A 123 Crore Budget For The Fisheries Department. He Stressed The Congress Government's Commitment To The Welfare Of The Gangaputra Community. Minister Srihari Stated That The Congress Party Believes In Social Justice, Which Is Why He, A Member Of The BC Community, Is Now A Minister, And Naveen Yadav, A BC Son, Was Given The Jubilee Hills Ticket. He Urged Voters To Reject The BRS And BJP, Which He Claimed Lacked A Genuine Commitment To BC Welfare.

Sabitha Slams Govt Over 'Biased' Welfare Distribution



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Former Minister And Maheshwaram Mla Smt Sabitha Indra Reddy Personally Handed Over A Cmrf (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) Cheque To A Beneficiary Within The Badangpet Municipal Corporation Limits Of The Maheshwaram Constituency. Speaking On The Occasion, The Mla Stated That A Government Should Always Be Committed To The Welfare Of The People, But Alleged That The Current Government Is Acting Contrary To This Principle.

Sabitha Indra Reddy Specifically Mentioned That The Continuous Process Of

Providing Immediate Assistance To The Needy Through The Chief Minister's Relief Fund Should Be Carried Out According To A System, A Plan, And A Defined Ratio (Proportion). She Implied That The Current Government Is Not Following A Transparent And Equitable System In The Distribution Of Welfare Funds. She Stressed The Importance Of Ensuring That Genuine Beneficiaries Receive Timely Aid Through The Cmrf Without Undue Delays Or Bias. The Mla's Remarks Serve As A Critique Of The Current Administration's Handling Of Welfare Schemes And Financial Assistance.

She Emphasized The BRS Government's Past Commitment To People-Centric Governance And Timely Delivery Of Welfare Services. The Distribution Event Was Attended By Several Local Leaders, Including Badangpet Municipal Corporation President Ramireddy Ramireddy, Former Corporators Surnaganti Arjun, Peddabavi Anand Reddy, Peddabavi Srinivas Reddy, Yenugu Ramireddy, And Former Co-Option Member Sk Khalil Pasha, Among Others. Their Presence Reiterates The BRS's Continued Engagement With Local Issues And Public Support In The Constituency.

School Bars Boy Wearing Ayyappa Mala, Sparks Protest



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The Sherwood International School Management Located On Pipeline Road, Under The Pet Basheerabad Police Station Limits In Quthbullapur, Showed Overenthusiasm By Denying Entry To A 6th-Grade Student Who Was Wearing The Ayyappa Mala Deeksha. The Student Was Forced To Wait Outside The School. The Student's Father Stated That They Had Worn The Mala Without Taking Prior Permission From The School And Sent Their Son To School. However, The School Principal Asked Him To Take His Son Back, Stating That He Cannot Attend School Without A Uniform. The Father Expressed Anguish, Stating That They Have Been Subjected To This Inconvenience For The Past Three Days. The Father Also Alleged That The Principal Mocked Their Religious Practice, Saying That If Students Are Allowed To Come Without A Uniform While Wearing The Mala, Then In The

Future, Muslim Students Might Come To School Wearing Burqas. The Father Requested The School Management To Immediately Allow His Son To Attend School As Usual. On Thursday, Abvp Student Leaders Staged A Protest Outside The School, Calling The Action Unfortunate And Stating That Such Behavior Towards Students Is Unacceptable. After A Three-Hour Protest, The Management Finally Responded And Agreed To Allow The Student To Attend School. The Ayyappa Swamis And Protesters Were Heard Chanting "Sharanu Ghosha," Demanding The School Management Issue An Apology. The Abvp Leaders, Including Medchal District Convener Mrutyunjaya And Kukatpally Convener Nagesh, Along With Other Activists, The Student's Father, Ayyappa Swamis, And Locals Participated In The Protest. This Incident Has Sparked A Debate About The Balance Between School Uniform Policies And The Religious Rights

Of Students. Local Police Were Present At The Scene To Maintain Order During The Protest And Facilitate A Resolution. The School's Initial Stance Faced Widespread Condemnation Across Social Media And From Several Community Leaders Who Argued That Spiritual Practices Should Not Be Equated With Uniform Violations, Especially During A Sacred Period. The Principal's Alleged Comparison Drew Particular Criticism For Being Insensitive And Discriminatory. The School Management's Eventual Reversal Of The Decision Was Seen As A Victory For The Protesting Groups, Though They Insisted That A Formal Written Apology Was Necessary To Address The Emotional Distress Caused To The Student And His Family Over The Three Days. The District Education Authorities Are Expected To Look Into The Matter To Ensure Clear Guidelines Are Issued To All Schools Regarding Such Circumstances In The Future.

Forum Pushes Voter Awareness Ahead Of Jubilee Hills By-Poll

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The Forum For Good Governance (Fgg) Conducted A Voter Awareness Programme At The Press Club, Somajiguda, In View Of The Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency By-Poll. M Padmanabha Reddy, President Of Fgg, Initiated The Discussion, Stating That Despite Voting 18 Times Since 1950, Many Voters Do Not Know The Purpose Of Voting, With Religion, Caste, And Money Playing A Major Role. He Highlighted The Low Polling Percentage In Urban Areas Like Jubilee Hills (Only 47%) And Called For Improvement. V Nagi Reddy Ias (R), Former State Election Commissioner, Stated That The Feeling That "My Single Vote Will Not Affect The Result" Should Be Dispelled, Adding That Selling One's Vote Leads To Losing The Right To Question The Mla. R V Chandradavan Ias (R) Stated That An "Enlightened Voter Is The Only Protection For Proper Elections And Good Democracy," Applauding Fgg's Campaign. M V Reddy Ias (R) Urged Voters To "Take An Oath Not To Succumb To The Money And Liquor" Offered By Political Parties. S Gopal Reddy Ips (R), Vice President Of Fgg, Noted That Candidates Often Spend Much More Than The Prescribed 40 Lakh Ceiling. M Padmanabha Reddy Appealed To Political Parties Not To Lure Voters With Money And Liquor And Reminded That The Election Machinery Is Closely Watching The By-Election. He Urged Jubilee Hills Voters To



Vote In Large Numbers And Reminded Them That They Can Also Vote For Nota (None Of The Above) If No Candidate Is Suitable. He Announced An Interactive Session With Contesting Candidates On November 2nd At The Press Club, Basheerbagh. The Fgg's Initiative Is Crucial To Mobilize The Apathetic Urban Electorate, Particularly The Wealthier Residents Of Jubilee Hills, Who Historically Show Low Turnout Despite Their Influence. The Speakers Unanimously Emphasized That Voter Responsibility Is The Cornerstone Of A Functional Democracy, And Voter Indifference Only Empowers Corrupt Practices. The Panel Discussion Deeply Explored The Disconnect Between The High Educational Attainment In Urban Areas And The Low Civic Participation. Former Bureaucrats Shared Insights Into How Unethical Campaign Financing Subverts The Electoral Process, Stressing That Voters Must Resist Temptation To Uphold The Sanctity Of Their Franchise. The Decision To Hold An Interactive Session With Candidates Is A Progressive Step To Foster Accountability And Direct Dialogue Between Aspirants And The Electorate, Promoting Informed Voting.

Bhatti Orders Immediate Use Of SDRF, TR Funds For Relief



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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramka Mallu, In A Video Conference, Instructed All District Collectors To Utilize SDRF (State Disaster Relief Fund) And TR (Treasury) 27 Funds For Relief And Rehabilitation Measures. He Directed Them To Get The Expenditure Ratified Within 30 Days, Assuring Them That There Would Be No Financial Constraints For The Required Works. The Deputy Cm Stated That Due To The 48-Hour Advance Alert Issued By Chief Minister Revanth Reddy And The Cabinet, Along With The Swift, Coordinated Response Of The

Government Machinery, The State Was Able To Avert Loss Of Lives And Large-Scale Property Damage. He Directed Collectors And Officials To Remain On High Alert For The Next 24 Hours And To Carry Out Relief And Rehabilitation Activities As Per The Cyclone Manual. He Praised Officials For Their Proactive Efforts, Specifically Mentioning The Covering Of Cotton Crops With Tarpaulin Sheets. He Provided Detailed Updates On The Restoration Of Power Infrastructure, Noting Significant Progress In Repairing Substations, Lines, And Transformers. The Deputy CM's Directives Ensure That Fi-

nancial Resources Are Immediately Available For Flood Relief Efforts, Bypassing Potential Bureaucratic Delays. His Detailed Update On Power Restoration Directly Addresses Public Concern Over Utility Disruptions And Demonstrates The Efficiency Of The Energy Department's Response. By Emphasizing The Success Of Advance Alert Systems, The Deputy Cm Defends The Government's Preparedness Against Political Criticism. The Use Of SDRF And TR Funds On An Emergency Basis Is Crucial For Rapid On-Ground Relief And Infrastructure Repair.

The Media India Needs: Honest, Plural, Accountable

A free and fearless press is essential for any thriving democracy. India's Constitution guarantees formal press freedom, but the real challenge today is a media landscape largely captive to partisanship and deference—one that silences scrutiny and stifles meaningful debate. At a time of domestic upheaval and global uncertainty, India urgently needs a press that holds power accountable, encourages honest discourse, and signals when change is necessary. Instead, conformity narrows perspectives, weakens oversight, and blinds the public to critical course corrections. Two recent incidents

highlight this concern. After the tragic Pahalgam massacre and India's subsequent military response under "Op Sindoor," the domestic media narrative was triumphant. However, internationally, the reaction was far less supportive, with global coverage focusing on the loss of Indian jets rather than the strategic impact of the strikes. Unverified reports about strikes deep inside Pakistan circulated without confirmation, projecting jingoism that cost India credibility. Limited government briefings and restricted foreign media access only worsened the situation. Most worrying was the mainstream media's reluctance to question the



government on security failures that led to the massacre. Accountability was noticeably absent.

A similar pattern emerges in coverage of tariff disputes with the U.S. While India must de-

fend its strategic interests firmly, effective diplomacy requires realism and agility. Yet main-

stream media shy away from critically assessing India's handling of negotiations, choosing in-

stead to echo commentary that supports India's stance or criticizes the U.S. This one-sided coverage undermines deeper understanding and reflection. Though India boasts courageous journalists and independent digital voices working often at personal risk, these are exceptions. Concentrated media ownership, advertising pressures, and threats—both legal and online—discourage investigative scrutiny. Sensationalism often trumps in-depth reporting. Diaspora communities must also reflect on their role. While enjoying media freedoms abroad, many support narrow, uncritical media consump-

tion about India, fostering echo chambers rather than pluralism. True patriotism means demanding the same high standards of accountability and fact-based reporting for the India we cherish. A responsible press is not anti-national—it is democracy's watchdog. It highlights both successes and failures, enabling citizens to hold leaders accountable. Without genuine inquiry and independent questioning, public access to information shrinks, and democracy suffers. For a truly developed India, we need media that informs and challenges, not inflames. Honest reflection—not flattery—is the path forward.

Let the Era of Post-Dollar Power Begin—India Must Lead It

The U.S. dollar, once a symbol of global trade stability, has morphed into a strategic weapon of economic coercion. Instead of tanks or troops, Washington now uses financial sanctions, SWIFT bans, and punitive tariffs to control nations—just ask Iran, Russia, Venezuela, and now India. Recently, the U.S. imposed a 50% tariff on Indian exports, punishing India for buying cheaper oil from Russia—a country still deeply entwined economically with the U.S. through secret tech deals and uranium trade. This blatant hypocrisy underscores a larger truth: India remains trapped in an economic system designed to sustain American dominance. Despite being the world's fifth-largest economy and a major geopolitical power, India still settles over 60% of its foreign trade in U.S. dollars. Whether trading with Russia or importing machinery from China, payments flow through New York's invisible "toll booth," enriching American banks and reinforcing dependence. This system is not about efficiency but control. The dollar's status as the world's reserve currency lets the U.S. print money freely, finance endless military ventures, and impose its will on sovereign nations. Prime Minister Modi's call for "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) is commendable, but true self-reliance is impossible as long as India's trade remains dollar-denominated and SWIFT-dependent. One American bureaucrat can freeze payments to Indian importers or deny liquidity to Russian banks, quietly auctioning India's strategic autonomy.



The solution lies in bold, systematic de-dollarization, starting with India's largest trading partners—China and Russia. With annual trade exceeding \$135 billion with China and critical imports from Russia, India must shift to settling transactions in rupees, yuan, rubles, or even barter arrangements like rare earths for

technology. Forming a Rupee-Yuan-Ruble triad and championing alternative clearinghouses such as a BRICS+ system would diminish dollar hegemony and establish a truly multipolar financial order—one where trade isn't weaponized and national sovereignty respected.

Modi has resisted Western pressure admirably by continuing to buy Russian oil, but this moment demands reinvention. India can lead a new era of economic dignity by building an independent financial ecosystem—one that chips away at the dollar's false supremacy and lights the fuse for a post-dollar world.

The New Battlefield: WhatsApp Groups and Everyday Conflicts



In today's digital age, wars are no longer confined to geopolitics or economics—they have found a new, unexpected battleground: WhatsApp groups. Once celebrated as a quick and convenient way to stay connected, WhatsApp has evolved into a zone of social tension, petty conflicts, and endless misunderstandings. Take a simple morning walk and you might overhear heated debates sparked by WhatsApp disputes. In one instance, a group member faced backlash for buying designer outfits on sale but not sharing the news with the group. The irritation? She frequently forwards messages but kept this exclusive. Meanwhile, just a few steps away, another group fumed over a member who constantly flooded chats with mundane photos—from feeding her dog to wa-

tering plants—clogging up everyone's phone storage. These seemingly trivial quarrels underscore a deeper social dilemma: WhatsApp's ease of communication blurs boundaries between private space and public sharing. One delayed reply to a long-lost friend's message was enough to end a friendship, while an acquaintance's persistent calls and follow-up messages turned interactions into a source of stress and withdrawal. WhatsApp groups span diverse circles—schools, families, apartments—and while they theoretically offer a platform for helpful information and camaraderie, reality often falls short. Apartment groups, for example, start with polite exchanges but quickly devolve into finger-pointing over unpaid maintenance, garbage issues, and disputes about repairs. Just

when the tension peaks, someone might innocently ask about a plumber, briefly breaking the hostile rhythm. The constant pressure to monitor and respond to messages can be exhausting. Whether engaging enthusiastically or replying with indifference, users risk judgment and criticism. The safest response, some suggest, is a neutral one: "Nothing, just WhatsApp." This digital battlefield reveals the complexities of modern communication—where convenience collides with social expectations, and every notification can become a small war. For many, WhatsApp is less about connection and more about navigating fragile egos and endless drama. In the war zone of instant messaging, sometimes the best defense is simply a quiet retreat.

US Pharma Tariffs: Challenge and Opportunity for India's Drug Industry



US President Donald Trump recently announced that starting October 1, 2025, a 100% tariff will be imposed on branded or patented pharmaceutical imports into the US—unless foreign companies build drug-manufacturing facilities on American soil. Marketed as a nationalist "produce in America or pay" policy, this move aims to bring supply chains home but effectively acts as a blunt instrument of protectionism. India, known as the "pharmacy of the world," produces about 20% of global generic medicines, supplies nearly 60% of vaccines worldwide, and hosts the largest number of US FDA-approved manufacturing sites out-

side the US. India's \$30 billion pharmaceutical exports account for 90% of US prescriptions. This tariff threatens to disrupt this vital trade relationship. While framed as promoting domestic production, the tariff is essentially a demand for market access through forced relocation. History shows that tariff costs are typically absorbed by consumers and importers, not exporters. The US healthcare system's heavy reliance on affordable Indian generics means any supply disruption or price hikes could severely impact patients, insurers, and government programs. Complex drug manufacturing can't be quickly shifted to the

US due to regulatory, investment, and logistical hurdles. Many Indian firms, like Dr. Reddy's and Zydus, derive 30-45% of their revenues from the US market, making this tariff a serious financial threat. Moreover, Indian-made medicines are often rebranded and repackaged abroad, with profits accruing to foreign firms rather than Indian producers. However, this challenge can become an opportunity if Indian pharma companies act strategically. They should promote their own brands directly in markets like Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia to bypass rebranding by foreign companies. Building

regional manufacturing and regulatory hubs in partner countries can help sidestep US tariffs. Continued focus on regulatory compliance, backed by diplomatic support and export financing, will strengthen India's global pharma presence. Finally, India must engage multilaterally to challenge protectionist tariff rules at the WTO and other forums, and accelerate R&D investment to move into higher-value drugs like biosimilars and specialty injectables. If approached proactively, India can turn this tariff threat into a strategic opportunity to reinforce its position as a global pharmaceutical leader.

‘RJD, Congress like oil and water, out for power at any cost’: PM Modi in Bihar



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the opposition alliance in Bihar, saying the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Congress had come together out of “lust for power” despite being fundamentally different. Speaking at

an election rally in Muzaffarpur, Modi described their alliance as “oil and water” — entities that “are in one glass but not merging.” “The real news of this election is not the abuses being hurled at me,” Modi said. “It is the scale of differences between RJD and

Congress. Their workers are fighting each other for dominance.” Taking aim at opposition leaders Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi, Modi called them “two royal scions out on bail,” questioning whether voters would “allow these scions to plunder Bihar

again.” He accused the alliance of underestimating the wisdom of Biharis and said the opposition had united only “to capture power at any cost.” Predicting a historic win for the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Modi said the RJD-Congress combine was

“headed for its worst-ever defeat” in Bihar. He cited recent surveys indicating strong public support for the NDA, which includes the JD(U), BJP, LJP (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha, and Rashtriya Lok Manch. Pitching the “Narendra-Nitish” partnership, Modi emphasized the government’s focus on women’s empowerment, mentioning a scheme under which Rs 10,000 was directly transferred to women’s accounts to promote self-reliance. Reviving the BJP’s “jungle raj” campaign, Modi criticized the opposition’s election materials, saying their songs and slogans were filled with references to weapons like chhura, katta, and dunali. “This reflects their mindset,” he said.

Mocking the RJD-Congress promise of one job per household, Modi quipped: “Yeh itna phenk rahe hain ke inke samarthakon ko bhi nahi pach raha (even their supporters are finding their lies hard to digest).”

Amit Shah Says INDIA Bloc Will Be “Wiped Out” in Bihar Polls



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday predicted a complete rout for the opposition INDIA bloc in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, accusing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of “insulting” Chhathi Maiyya and hurting the sentiments of the people of Bihar.

Addressing a massive rally in Lakhisarai, Shah said the people of Bihar would “take revenge” for Congress workers’ alleged remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s mother and Rahul Gandhi’s comments about those who worship Chhathi Maiyya. “Rahul Gandhi insulted Chhathi Maiyya, calling the devotion of millions of Biharis a drama. The

people will teach the INDIA bloc a lesson for this disrespect,” Shah said to loud cheers from the crowd.

In a sharp jibe at Congress’ top leadership, Shah urged voters to ensure the NDA’s victory with resounding force. “Press the EVM buttons on the NDA symbols with such rage that the tremors are felt in Italy,” he said, alluding to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi’s Italian heritage.

Shah asserted that the ruling National Democratic Alliance — comprising the BJP, JD(U), LJP (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha, and Rashtriya Lok Manch — would secure a historic mandate under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

He said the INDIA bloc, led by the RJD and Congress, was “anti-development and anti-Bihar,” accusing it of dividing communities and glorifying “jungle raj.” “The people of Bihar know what the RJD-Congress alliance stands for — corruption, crime, and chaos,” he said.

Shah concluded by praising the NDA government’s welfare schemes for women, farmers, and youth, claiming that the Modi government’s focus on development and social justice had “transformed Bihar’s image.” “The INDIA bloc will be wiped out — their arrogance and insults have sealed their fate,” Shah declared.

India Gets 6-Month US Sanctions Exemption for Chabahar Port



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India on Thursday confirmed that its investments and operations at Iran’s Chabahar Port will be exempt from U.S. sanctions for six months, allowing work on the key strategic infrastructure project to continue uninterrupted. The Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA) said the exemption ensures that American restrictions announced in September will not apply to the port.

The announcement comes amid intense India-U.S. negotiations to finalize a major bilateral trade deal. “We continue to remain engaged with the

U.S. side on finalising the trade deal. Both sides are continuing to hold discussions,” MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, noting that the Commerce Ministry is leading talks on trade issues.

India signed a 10-year agreement with Iran in 2024, under which state-

run India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) pledged \$370 million in investments to develop and operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal at Chabahar. The port, located in Iran’s Sistan-Baluchistan province, is a crucial link for India to Afghanistan and Central Asia, providing a trade

route that bypasses Pakistan.

This is not the first time Chabahar has received a U.S. waiver. In 2018, the Trump administration issued a similar exemption recognizing the port’s importance for regional connectivity and Afghanistan’s access to global markets.

The MEA also said India is evaluating the implications of new U.S. sanctions on Russian oil companies. “Our position on energy sourcing is well-known,” Jaiswal added. “We are guided by the imperative to secure affordable energy from diverse sources for our 1.4 billion people.”

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has previously defended India’s energy decisions, noting that its Russian oil imports remain modest compared to Europe’s.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal meanwhile said trade talks with Washington are progressing, expressing optimism for a “fair and equitable” deal while emphasizing that India “will not sign any agreement in haste.”

Bihar Assembly Elections| Litmus test for Tejashwi Yadav’s ‘solo show’

TPN Correspondent | Srinagar

As Bihar heads toward Assembly elections, questions are mounting within the I.N.D.I.A. bloc over the strategy to turn the campaign into a one-man show centered around Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav. While he has been projected as the alliance’s chief ministerial face, several allies are uneasy about the shift from collective leadership to personality-driven politics.

Tejashwi’s emergence as the focal point came after weeks of internal wrangling. The Congress hesitated until the last moment before endorsing him, while Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani reportedly sought assurances of being named deputy chief ministerial candidate as a bargaining chip.

The official unveiling of Tejashwi as the CM face on October 23 highlighted the alliance’s internal imbalance — banners at the event featured only his image, omitting



other I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders. Similarly, the joint manifesto released on October 28 carried Tejashwi’s picture prominently under the title “Bihar ka Tejashwi Pran” (Tejashwi’s Resolve), reducing the presence of other leaders — including Congress’s Rahul Gandhi

and even RJD founder Lalu Prasad — to minor photos.

At rallies, Tejashwi has positioned himself as the youthful, forward-looking leader who can take on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s NDA. RJD strategists believe his 2020 near-win and image as a former Deputy Chief

Minister give him credibility and voter appeal.

However, unease persists among allies over the RJD’s dominance in seat-sharing and campaign messaging. Some within the bloc feel sidelined and worry that Tejashwi’s personal projection could alienate smaller partners, under-

mining the alliance’s claim of unity.

Despite the dissent, RJD insiders remain confident that Tejashwi’s solo pitch will consolidate anti-BJP votes, framing him as the face of Bihar’s future — a generational alternative to the long-standing political order.

“Don’t Trigger Me”: 17 Children Rescued in Mumbai Hostage Incident



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At least 17 children were rescued unharmed on Thursday after a man held them hostage in the Powai neighbourhood of Mumbai, police said. Responding to a circulated video in which the suspect identified himself as Rohit Arya and made chilling threats, authorities mounted a rapid operation that ended with the children being removed and the suspect arrested at the scene.

In the pre-incident video, the man said he had chosen hostage-taking instead of suicide to force conversations with unspecified individuals. “I am Rohit Arya. Instead of dying by suicide, I have made a plan and am holding some children hostage here,” he said, listing what he called “simple demands,

moral demands, ethical demands, and a few questions.” He warned officials that “the slightest wrong move from you will trigger me,” threatening to set the location on fire and insisting he was not seeking money and was “not a terrorist.”

Mumbai police said they acted quickly after the video began circulating on social media, deploying tactical teams and negotiators to the Powai site. Officers established a secure perimeter and engaged with the suspect while prioritising the safety of the children. According to authorities, the swift response and co-ordinated efforts by local law enforcement led to the children being evacuated without physical harm and the perpetrator being taken into custody.

Medical teams evaluated the rescued children at the scene and arranged for further care and counselling where needed. Police declined to disclose detailed motives pending further investigation but said Arya’s statements suggested he sought attention and engagement rather than material gain.

The arrest comes amid renewed calls for vigilance over online content that may herald violent acts. Local officials urged parents to cooperate with investigators and asked anyone with information about the suspect or the circumstances leading up to the incident to come forward. Authorities said they will continue probing the case to determine the full chain of events and any wider threats.

Vietnam Floods Kill 10, River Hits 60-Year High



TPN Correspondent | Buenos Aires

Severe flooding in central Vietnam has claimed at least 10 lives this week, as rivers swell to levels not seen in six decades, authorities reported on Thursday, October 30, 2025. The disaster has inundated more than 128,000 homes across five coastal provinces, with water depths reaching up to three metres in some areas.

The flooding, triggered by relentless heavy rainfall since the weekend, has wreaked havoc on communities and infrastructure. Some areas recorded a staggering 1.7 metres (5ft 7in) of rain within 24 hours, overwhelming drainage systems and triggering landslides. The ancient town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site and major tourist destination, was particularly hard hit, prompting emergency evacuations.

Tourists and residents were rescued by boat from submerged streets in Hoi An, with images showing water lapping at historic buildings and disrupting daily life. Local authorities warned that river levels were continuing to rise, surpassing records last set six decades ago, and called for heightened vigilance in vulnerable areas.

Emergency services and the military have been deployed to assist with evacuations, deliver relief supplies, and support stranded residents. Officials have urged communities to move to higher ground and adhere strictly to safety advisories.

The economic impact is expected to be significant, with agriculture, tourism, and local businesses facing extensive losses due to inundated farmlands, damaged infrastructure, and disrupted commerce. Authorities are assessing the damage and mobilizing national and international aid to provide immediate relief.

Climate experts have noted that extreme rainfall events in the region have been increasing in frequency and intensity, raising concerns about long-term flood resilience. Meanwhile, residents continue to navigate the rising waters, as the government works to prevent further casualties and mitigate ongoing flood damage.

Trump Cuts China Tariffs After Xi Meeting



TPN Correspondent | Busan

U.S. President Donald Trump announced a significant easing of trade tensions with China following a high-profile summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Busan, South Korea, on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Trump described the face-to-face meeting as a “roaring success,” highlighting agreements on trade, rare earth exports, and agricultural purchases.

One of the key outcomes of the summit is the reduction of U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods. Tariffs imposed earlier this year as a punitive measure on China’s sale of chemicals used in fentanyl production will be cut from 20% to 10%. This adjustment lowers the overall combined tariff rate on Chinese imports from 57% to 47%, signaling a major step toward de-escalation in the ongoing U.S.-China trade disputes.

Trump also revealed that Beijing had agreed to increase the export of rare earth elements to the United States and to resume buying American soybeans. These developments are expected to boost U.S. agricultural exports while securing critical supply chains

for technology and manufacturing sectors.

On the technology front, Trump said both leaders discussed the export of advanced computer chips to China, with Nvidia set to enter talks with Chinese officials to facilitate the process. The discussions mark a cautious but notable thaw in technology trade restrictions, which had been a major source of tension between the two countries.

The summit, held at Gimhae International Airport in Busan, drew global attention as both leaders posed for photographs, signaling a willingness to engage directly on economic and strategic issues. Analysts suggest that the measures agreed upon could stabilize trade relations in the near term while leaving room for further negotiations on technology transfers, market access, and intellectual property protections.

Trump framed the summit’s outcome as a win for American workers, farmers, and tech industries, emphasizing that the U.S. remains committed to fair trade while pursuing closer cooperation with China.

India’s Been “Very Good” On Russian Oil Issue: Trump

TPN Bureau | Tokyo

U.S. President Donald Trump praised India for significantly reducing its imports of Russian oil, calling New Delhi “very good” on the issue amid his administration’s continued efforts to isolate Moscow economically over the war in Ukraine.

Speaking aboard Air Force One on Thursday, following his bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the APEC Summit in Busan, South Korea, Trump reiterated that India had scaled back purchases of Russian crude. “India’s been very good on that front,” he said, while noting that China continues to buy large quantities of Russian oil.

Trump added that the two leaders did not discuss oil specifically but focused on working together to bring an end to the war in Ukraine. “It doesn’t affect China, it doesn’t affect us, but I’d like to see it done,” he remarked.

His comments echo previous claims since mid-October that Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him India would



either halt or drastically cut Russian oil imports, a key source of revenue for Moscow’s military campaign.

Earlier this month, India’s Ministry of External Affairs responded to

Trump’s remarks, asserting that the country’s energy sourcing decisions are guided by national interest and consumer protection. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that India’s energy

policy aims to secure stable prices and diversified supplies while broadening its energy partnerships, including with the United States.

“India is a significant importer of oil and gas,”

Jaiswal said. “Our import policies are guided entirely by the objective of safeguarding the interests of the Indian consumer in a volatile energy scenario.”

India has long defend-

ed its Russian oil imports as essential for maintaining economic stability, even as Washington continues to urge New Delhi to diversify its energy sources amid global sanctions on Moscow

JD Vance Urges Cuts to Legal Immigration at Campus Event

TPN Correspondent | San Francisco

U.S. Vice President JD Vance called for a major reduction in legal immigration during an appearance at a Turning Point USA event held at the University of Mississippi on Wednesday, October 30, 2025. Speaking to a packed audience of students, Vance argued that the United States must significantly scale back overall immigration levels to protect American workers and strengthen national identity.

“We have to get the overall numbers way, way down,” Vance said, emphasizing that even legal immigration levels were putting pressure on wages and job opportunities for native-born Americans. The remarks mark one of the strongest statements to date from the Vice President on immigration policy, reinforcing the administration’s broader agenda of prioritizing domestic labor and border enforcement.

The event, organized



by conservative youth group Turning Point USA, was held at the Pavilion at Ole Miss in Ox-

ford, Mississippi. Vance took questions directly from students, adopting a conversational tone as he

discussed the economic and cultural implications of high immigration rates.

The Vice President’s comments also come amid a broader national debate over immigration

reform, as the administration faces pressure from both business groups advocating for more skilled foreign workers and populist conservatives demanding tighter restrictions.

In referencing the late Turning Point founder Charlie Kirk, Vance praised the organization’s legacy of open debate and grassroots activism, urging students to “think critically about what kind of country we want to build.”

While critics argue that cutting legal immigration could harm economic growth, Vance countered that a smaller, more selective immigration policy would help stabilize communities and raise wages. “America’s future should be built by Americans,” he said to applause.

The remarks are expected to reignite policy discussions in Washington over the balance between economic needs and national sovereignty in immigration policy.

Florida Ends H-1B Visa Hires in State Universities

TPN Correspondent | Florida

In a decisive move targeting H-1B visa misuse in higher education, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has ordered state universities to prioritize hiring American graduates over foreign workers. The directive aims to ensure that taxpayer-funded institutions serve the U.S. workforce rather than relying on imported labor.

“Universities across the country are importing foreign workers on H-1B visas instead of hiring Americans who are qualified and available to do the job,” DeSantis stated. He emphasized that Florida leads the nation in higher education, producing thousands of highly-qualified graduates annually.

The Governor has instructed the Florida Board of Governors to strictly enforce this policy. Institutions unable to find suitable American candidates are urged to review their academic programs to align better with job market needs.

DeSantis highlighted specific examples of H-1B hires in Florida universi-



ties, including computer application coordinators, assistant professors in public policy from China, and an assistant swim coach from Spain. He questioned the necessity of bringing foreign talent for roles that Americans can fill, especially amid

widespread corporate layoffs.

In addition, the Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is collaborating with federal authorities, the State University System, and institutional partners to cancel or repurpose over

\$33 million in DEI-related grants. This step is part of a broader initiative to ensure that public funds support American workers first.

H-1B visas, intended for specialty occupations, have often been used by universities ex-

empt from federal caps, enabling year-round hiring of foreign employees. The Governor’s actions mark a significant effort to redirect higher education employment toward domestic talent while reviewing institutional spending priorities.

By enforcing these measures, Florida aims to set a precedent in U.S. higher education, emphasizing accountability, workforce prioritization, and alignment between academic output and local employment opportunities.

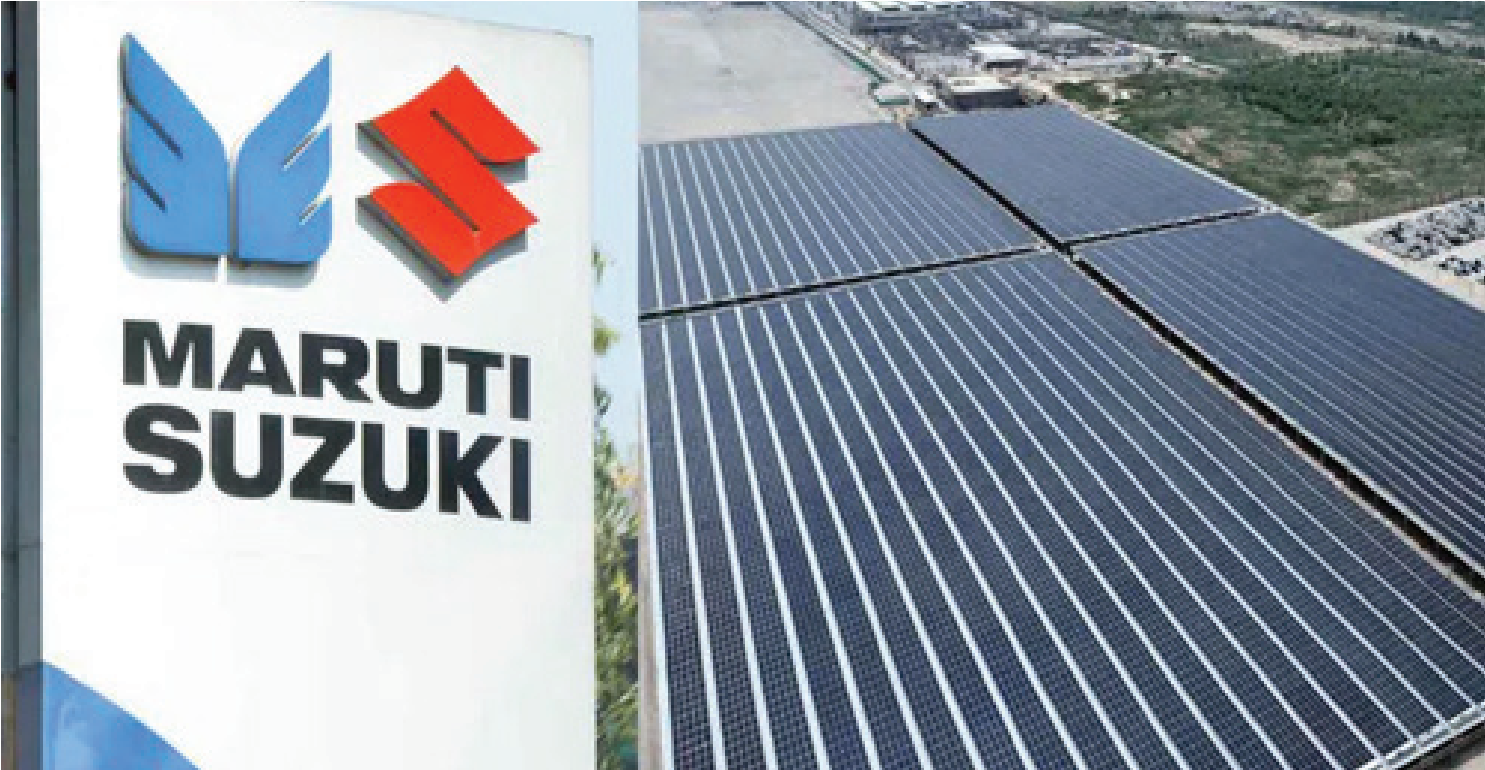


Maruti Suzuki Cuts Car Prices by Up to Rs 1.3 Lakh After GST Reduction

Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday announced a price reduction across its entire model range by up to Rs 1,29,600, effective from September 22, to pass on the benefit of the recent GST rate cut to customers. The country's largest carmaker said the move is aimed at making vehicles more affordable and encouraging two-wheeler users to upgrade to cars.

Entry-level models will see significant price drops, with S-Presso reduced by up to Rs 1,29,600, Alto K10 by Rs 1,07,600, Celerio by Rs 94,100, Wagon-R by Rs 79,600, and Ignis by Rs 71,300. Premium hatchbacks and sedans are also included, with Swift down by Rs 84,600, Baleno by Rs 86,100, Dzire by Rs 87,700, Fronx and Brezza by over Rs 1.1 lakh, Grand Vitara by Rs 1.07 lakh, Jimny by Rs 51,900, Ertiga by Rs 46,400, and XL6 by Rs 52,000. Commercial vehicles like Invicto, Eeco, and Super Carry LCV will see reductions of up to Rs 68,000.

Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) at Maruti Suzuki India, said the company is reducing prices of small cars over and above the 8.5% GST cut to boost motorisation in India, noting the



low car penetration of 34 vehicles per 1,000 people. He added that the move would stabilise the entry-level segment after years of volume decline and that GST rate cuts on car parts will also

reduce overall maintenance costs.

The company will compensate its channel partners for this "strategic pricing" initiative. Banerjee projected that

the passenger vehicle market is expected to rebound to a CAGR of 6-7% in the next financial year. Maruti Suzuki shares closed almost flat at Rs 15,802 per share on the BSE following

the announcement.

This initiative underscores Maruti Suzuki's commitment to making cars more accessible while stimulating growth in India's passenger vehicle market.

SEBI Mulls Allowing FPIs in Non-Cash, Non-Agri Commodity Derivatives



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is reviewing a proposal to allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to trade in non-cash settled, non-agricultural commodity derivative contracts, SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Wednesday. The move is aimed at

strengthening India's domestic commodity markets and attracting greater foreign participation.

Speaking at the MCX Metals and Energy Summit 2025 in Mumbai, Pandey highlighted that SEBI has already set up a committee to suggest measures

for deepening the agricultural commodities segment. "We are actively looking at ways to develop the non-agricultural commodity space, including metals, and a dedicated working group will be constituted for this purpose," he added.

The proposed change would

enable FPIs to participate in derivative contracts beyond cash-settled agricultural commodities, potentially enhancing market liquidity and offering international investors broader avenues in India's commodities market. Currently, FPI participation in commodity derivatives is

largely restricted, limiting foreign inflows and investment opportunities.

Pandey emphasized that expanding FPI access to non-agri commodity derivatives aligns with SEBI's broader goal of deepening financial markets while maintaining robust regulatory oversight. The regulator is also exploring other measures to improve transparency, risk management, and market participation across commodity segments.

Market participants expect the potential approval to provide a boost to metals and energy derivatives trading, attracting foreign capital and increasing competitiveness. Analysts say this could also help Indian commodity markets integrate better with global commodity flows, while giving domestic investors more hedging and investment options.

The SEBI chairman reiterated that the proposals are under review and would be implemented with appropriate safeguards to protect market integrity, risk management, and investor interests, signaling SEBI's ongoing efforts to modernize India's commodity derivatives ecosystem.

Sensex, Nifty Rise on US Fed Rate Cut; IT Stocks Lead Gains



Indian equity markets extended their positive run on Thursday following global cues after the US Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25 basis points, bringing the benchmark rate to 4-4.25%. The S&P BSE Sensex surged over 350 points to trade above 83,000, while the NSE Nifty50 crossed 25,400 in early trade. Broader market indices also recorded gains, with volatility remaining stable.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, described the Fed's 25 bp rate cut as a "risk management cut," highlighting uncertainties around economic activity, unemployment, and inflation. He added that with the US labor market cooling and GDP growth projected at 1.6% for 2025, further rate cuts are possible, creating a favourable environment for global and domestic markets. Despite this, Indian stocks are largely driven by expectations of corporate earnings revival and positive de-

velopments in India-US trade negotiations.

On the domestic front, Nifty50 closed Wednesday at 25,330, marking gains in 11 of the last 13 sessions and recovering over 900 points from its recent low of 24,404 on August 29. Analysts noted that the Nifty remains in an uptrend, with support near 25,150 and resistance levels at 25,550 and 25,670.

IT stocks led the gains, with Infosys and Wipro seeing notable increases, while investor activity included major insider purchases in Jindal Steel (Rs 997 crore), Indus Towers (Rs 708 crore), Jindal Stainless (Rs 352 crore), Tourism Finance Corporation (Rs 161 crore), and Paisalo Digital (Rs 126 crore).

With both global and domestic factors providing momentum, market analysts expect Indian equities to maintain their bullish trajectory in the near term, driven by earnings optimism, policy support, and sustained foreign investor interest.

GST Inversion Eases, But Input-Output Rate Gaps Worry Industry



The recent GST rate rationalisation in India has eased the inverted duty structure (IDS) across many sectors, but wide gaps between input and output tax rates continue to raise concerns for industry, particularly regarding working capital and refund processes. The removal of the 12 per cent slab and consolidation into two main rates of 5 per cent and 18 per cent has addressed most anomalies, yet items such as bicycles, tractors, fertilisers, and certain textiles still face inversion. For example, steel inputs attract 18 per cent GST, while final products like bicycles and e-bicycles are taxed at 5 per cent, creating potential capital blockage.

In the textile sector, GST cuts on manmade fibres and yarn have largely corrected inversion, with about 80 per cent of the value chain now aligned. However, minor inversions remain in polyester fibre raw materials and textile machinery, where input tax at 18 per cent exceeds the final product's 5 per cent rate. A textile industry executive noted that the wide rate difference, though smaller than before, continues to pose working capital challenges and highlighted the importance of a smooth refund mechanism.

Similarly, in the fertiliser sector, GST on key inputs such as sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and ammonia has been reduced from 18 per cent to 5 per cent. Yet packaging costs and government subsidies can still result in inversion, as final product prices may fall below input costs. Officials involved in GST rationalisation acknowledged these transitional issues but emphasized that majority of IDS cases have been corrected, with expected savings for the fertiliser sector reaching Rs 5,000 crore annually due to lower refund outgo.

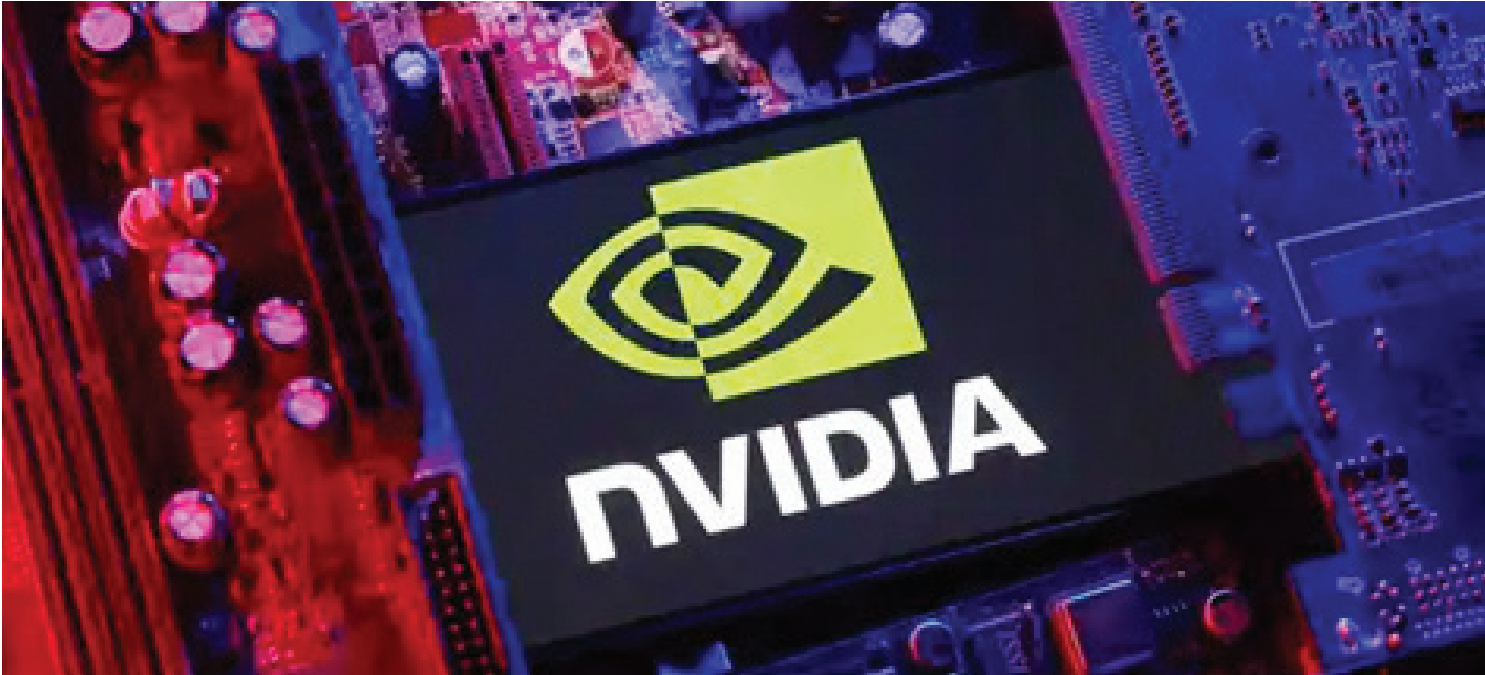
Industry experts caution that while progress has been made, residual inversions could incentivize evasion if refunds are delayed or capital remains blocked, underscoring the need for efficient implementation and monitoring. The government continues to refine rates and streamline processes to minimise such bottlenecks and support industrial liquidity.

Nvidia Invests \$5 Billion in Intel to Boost AI Infrastructure and PCs

Leading chipmaker Nvidia announced on Thursday that it will invest \$5 billion in Intel to develop AI infrastructure and personal computing solutions. The investment involves purchasing Intel common stock at \$23.28 per share, slightly below Intel's Wednesday closing price of \$24.90. Upon completion, Nvidia will become one of Intel's largest shareholders, holding roughly 4% or more of the company. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals.

This move follows increased interest in Intel from major investors, including the US government, which acquired a roughly 10% stake in August, and Japan's SoftBank, which invested \$2 billion. Intel has also been raising funds by selling assets to support heavy investments required for advanced semiconductor development amid declining market share.

The collaboration will integrate Nvidia's AI infrastructure and accelerated computing with Intel's leading CPU technologies and x86 ecosystem. Intel will develop Nvidia-custom x86 CPUs for data centers, which will be incorporated into Nvidia's AI



platforms. For personal computing, Intel will create x86 system-on-chips (SOCs) integrating Nvidia RTX GPU chiplets, enabling high-performance PCs combining top-tier CPUs and GPUs.

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang

highlighted the significance of the collaboration, stating, "AI is powering a new industrial revolution and reinventing every layer of the computing stack — from silicon to systems to software. This historic collaboration tightly couples Nvidia's AI and

accelerated computing stack with Intel's CPUs and the vast x86 ecosystem — a fusion of two world-class platforms. Together, we will expand our ecosystems and lay the foundation for the next era of computing."

The partnership is seen as a

major step in advancing AI capabilities, bridging Nvidia's GPU leadership with Intel's CPU expertise, and strengthening the overall AI and PC ecosystem, signaling a new era of integrated high-performance computing solutions.

Bengaluru Techie Calls Traffic the City’s “Hidden Tax”



A viral Reddit post has reignited the debate on Bengaluru’s traffic crisis, calling it a “hidden tax” that drains time and productivity from lakhs of commuters. Shared in the r/Bengaluru community on Friday, the post narrates the ordeal of an Oracle employee living in JP Nagar, who says the city’s gridlock costs him nearly two and a half months of his life every year.

According to the post, the techie earns Rs 28 lakh annually, excluding stock options. Out of this, he pays Rs 6.5 lakh in income tax and another Rs 1.4 lakh through GST on daily expenses—already surrendering over three months of work to the exchequer. But the bigger loss, he argues, is time. His office, just 14 kilometers away, should be a 30-minute commute. Instead, it takes an exhausting 90 minutes each way. Over the course of the year, this adds up to 2.5 months lost—time he believes is equivalent

to another hidden tax paid not to the government, but to the city’s poor infrastructure.

The post has struck a chord with thousands of Bengaluru residents who face the same grind daily. Many echoed the frustration that India’s “Silicon Valley” may be powering global innovation, but its broken roads, endless traffic jams, and inadequate public transport force professionals to pay with their most valuable resource—time.

Experts say such urban inefficiencies also take a toll on mental health, family life, and the city’s economy. While civic authorities have announced metro expansions, road upgrades, and tech-driven traffic management systems, citizens argue change is too slow to match the city’s exploding population and vehicle density.

For Bengaluru’s workforce, the message is clear: the real tax isn’t just in paychecks—it’s the endless hours wasted in traffic.

Which Country Holds The Most Gold?



Gold has always been more than a shiny metal—it is wealth, stability, and power. Even in today’s digital age of cryptocurrency and online payments, gold continues to be a backbone of global economies. Nations with large gold reserves enjoy a buffer against inflation, rising investor confidence, and stronger currencies. The World Gold Council’s latest data highlights the top countries leading the gold game in 2025.

At number one is the United States, holding a massive 8,133.46 tonnes of gold in the second quarter of 2025. This level has remained steady since the first quarter and makes the US the undisputed leader in official gold reserves worldwide. Germany follows at number two, with 3,350.25 tonnes, although this marks a 25-year low for the country, still placing it firmly behind America.

In third position stands Italy, holding steady at 2,451.84 tonnes—a figure that has barely changed for

decades, showcasing remarkable consistency. Close behind is France with 2,437 tonnes, maintaining stable reserves despite past fluctuations. Meanwhile, Russia secures fifth place with 2,329.63 tonnes, nearly doubling its long-term average and reflecting its aggressive push to build reserves in recent decades.

These figures not only underline the global gold hierarchy but also signal how countries use gold as a hedge against economic uncertainties. While Western economies dominate the top ranks, nations like Russia have been catching up rapidly, using gold as a shield against sanctions and currency instability. For emerging economies like India, which also features in the top 10, gold reserves remain a crucial part of financial security and long-term strategy.

The bottom line: gold is still king, and the countries that hold it the most continue to wield significant influence in the world economy.

Charlie Kirk’s Anti-India Visa Remark Resurfaces Amid H-1B Shakeup

Conservative US leader and staunch Trump supporter Charlie Kirk, who was shot dead on September 10 in Utah, is back in the spotlight after his controversial post on Indians and immigration resurfaced. Just days before his death, the 31-year-old Turning Point USA founder declared that America does not need more visas for Indians.

On September 2, Kirk wrote on X that legal immigration from India had displaced American workers more than any other, insisting that America was “full” and should put “its own people first.” His remarks were in response to Fox News host Laura Ingraham, who argued that any US trade deal with India would involve more visas. Kirk’s post sparked backlash, with critics calling it xenophobic and damaging to innovation and bilateral ties, since most Indians in the



US migrate as skilled professionals in the tech sector. The controversy has resurfaced now because former President Donald Trump, back in the headlines, has announced sweeping changes to the H-1B visa programme. From September 21, 2025, applicants will face an annual \$100,000 fee, a move expected to drastically reduce Indian tech migration. The H-1B visa has long served as the backbone of Silicon Valley’s workforce, powering giants like Google, Microsoft and Amazon with Indian talent.

Kirk, known for his fiery podcasts and youth outreach, built a strong base in conservative circles, aligning with Trump’s “America First” agenda. His critics, however, saw his stand as part of a broader push within the MAGA movement to curb legal immigration, even at the cost of America’s competitiveness.

With his death, Kirk leaves behind a polarising legacy. But his last words on visas highlight a growing fault line in US politics—whether America should remain open to Indian talent or shut the door in the name of nationalism.

Internet Shocked Over Sky-High iPhone 17 Prices in Pakistan

Apple’s latest iPhone 17 series has just hit global markets, but in Pakistan, it’s the jaw-dropping price tags that have caught everyone’s attention. While Indian fans queued up outside Apple stores in Mumbai and Delhi to grab the new device on launch day, social media in Pakistan is buzzing over how expensive the phones are across the border.

A viral post on X revealed that a resident in Pakistan will need to shell out between PKR 3.65 lakh (Rs 1.14 lakh) and PKR 5.74 lakh (Rs 1.79 lakh) for the new lineup. The iPhone 17 Pro Max alone costs around PKR 547,000—or roughly Rs 1.70 lakh. The iPhone Air comes in at PKR 483,680 (Rs 1.51 lakh), while the iPhone 17 Pro is priced at PKR 531,680 (Rs 1.66 lakh).

Reactions online have been hilarious and exasperated in equal measure. Some users quipped that “flats mil jayenge iss daam mein” (you can buy an apartment at this price), while others joked that buying an iPhone in Pakistan now requires taking out a loan. Many pointed out that with the country already struggling with inflation and economic challenges, these luxury prices make the iPhone 17 an unrealistic dream for the average consumer.

Comparisons with India also dominated the chatter, where



despite premium pricing, the iPhone 17 is still considerably cheaper. Indian fans, though, face their own problem—long queues outside Apple’s flagship stores in cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi.

For Pakistan, however, the bigger conversation is about affordability. With the iPhone priced like real estate, netizens are asking whether Apple’s latest innovation is even worth it—or if it’s time to settle for Android alternatives that don’t cost the price of a flat.

Rare Black Tiger Captured by Indian Photographer

In a moment that has mesmerized the world, India has gifted a rare glimpse of nature’s magic. A photograph of the elusive black tiger, captured in Odisha’s Similipal National Park, is featured on the October 2025 cover of National Geographic. Wildlife enthusiasts and the online community alike are celebrating this extraordinary achievement.

The photographer behind this stunning shot is Prasenjeet Yadav, an Indian wildlife photographer and National Geographic Explorer. Known for his dedication and keen eye for nature’s hidden wonders, Yadav has once again brought India’s unique wildlife into global focus. The black tiger, also called the pseudo-melanistic tiger, is an extremely rare variant of the Bengal tiger, and Similipal National Park is the only place in the world where it is known to exist.

National Geographic highlighted the tiger’s striking appearance, with its dark coat and subtle stripes, which make it almost invisible in the dense forest. The image not only showcases the animal’s rarity but also emphasizes the importance of wildlife conservation in India. By bringing attention to the black tiger, Yadav is encouraging awareness and protection of the forests that are home to such unique species.



The photograph has gone viral across social media, with enthusiasts, conservationists, and nature lovers praising the skill, patience, and perseverance required to capture such a once-in-a-lifetime shot. Many users expressed pride that an Indian photographer has achieved this global recognition while spotlighting the biodiversity of India’s forests.

For Prasenjeet Yadav, this moment is both a personal triumph and a reminder of the responsibility photographers hold in documenting and protecting wildlife. The October cover of National Geographic is not just about a tiger—it is about India’s rich natural heritage and the incredible stories it continues to offer the world.

Sinner Advances, Zverev Survives in Paris Masters

Jannik Sinner kicked off his Paris Masters campaign with a commanding 6-4, 6-2 victory over Zizou Bergs on Wednesday, keeping his hopes of a maiden ATP 1000 title—and a return to world number one—alive. Following the early exit of world number one Carlos Alcaraz in the round of 32, the Italian second seed showed no signs of pressure, breaking early in both sets and cruising through the match in just one hour and 27 minutes without facing a break point.

“I’m very happy to come through the first match,” Sinner said. “I was very precise, and I also started off with a break straight away, which gives you a bit more confidence.” He will face Francisco Cerundolo in the third round on Thursday.

Reigning champion Alexander Zverev also survived a tough opener, edging past Argentina’s Camilo Ugo Carabelli 6-7 (5/7), 6-1, 7-5. The German fourth seed overcame an early deficit in the final set to keep his title defence alive and will



next play Spain’s Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

The day saw other surprises, including Norwegian eighth seed Casper Ruud’s defeat to Daniel Altmaier and a withdrawal by former world number one Grigor Dimitrov due to a shoulder injury, granting Daniil Medvedev a walkover to the third round. Italy’s Lorenzo Musetti fell to compatriot Lorenzo Sonego in three sets, while Canadian ninth seed Felix Auger-Aliassime battled past France’s Alexandre Muller in a tight contest.

In other matches, Monegasque Valentin Vacherot defeated Arthur Rinderknech and will face Cameron Norrie, while hometown favorite Corentin Moutet lost in straight sets to Alexander Bublik. Russian tenth seed Karen Khachanov overcame Joao Fonseca 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 and will meet Australia’s Alex de Minaur in the round of 16.

With top seeds falling early and intense battles continuing, the Paris Masters promises thrilling action as players vie for crucial points and a shot at the prestigious crown.

Diana Pundole First Indian Woman to Race Ferrari



Pune-based racer Diana Pundole is set to make history as the first Indian woman to compete in a Ferrari in an international championship. The 32-year-old will be driving the Ferrari 296 Challenge car at the Ferrari Club Challenge Middle East, which kicks off in November 2025 and will run through April 2026.

Pundole will take on some of the Middle East’s most iconic circuits, including Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, in the Ferrari 296 Challenge—a track-focused, high-performance machine renowned for its sharp handling and race-ready engineering. Her participation marks a landmark moment for Indian motorsport and women racers in particular.

Speaking about this historic opportunity, Diana said, “It’s truly an incredible honour. Being part of the Ferrari Club Challenge

Middle East as the first Indian woman is a proud moment not just for me but for women in Indian motorsport. I hope it encourages more women to pursue their passion for racing.”

Diana Pundole began her racing career in 2018, participating in the JK Tyre Women in Motorsport program. Over the years, she has secured multiple podium finishes across various racing events, establishing herself as one of India’s most promising female racers. Her consistent performances have now earned her the chance to showcase her talent on an international stage with Ferrari.

With this breakthrough, Pundole not only represents India but also highlights the growing presence and success of women in motorsports. Her entry into the Ferrari Club Challenge Middle East is expected to inspire a new generation of Indian female racers to aim for international glory. As she gears up to take the track, all eyes will be on Diana Pundole as she drives history in the making.

Glenn McGrath Names Top 5 Indian ODI Batters: Virat Kohli No. 1, Sachin Tendulkar Not In Top 2

Legendary Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath has named Virat Kohli as his top pick among Indian ODI batters, followed by Rohit Sharma in a move that surprised many cricket fans. McGrath placed Sachin Tendulkar third on his list, with MS Dhoni and Yuvraj Singh rounding out his top five. Notably, explosive opener Virender Sehwag was absent from the ranking.

McGrath praised Rohit’s incredible numbers in one-day cricket, calling them “unbelievable.” “Three double hundreds and the highest score of 264 is just unheard of. 11,370 runs in 276 matches—probably a little bit unfortunately earmarked as a one-day specialist. His stats in Test cricket should have been better because he was a class player,” McGrath said. On Kohli, he added, “At No. 1, it’s hard to go past Virat. You look at the runs, average, and strike rate—unbelievable.”

Rohit Sharma recently made history by becoming the oldest Indian to reach the top spot in the ICC ODI batting rankings at 38 years and 182 days, surpassing India captain Shubman Gill.



His rise came after a stellar performance in the recent ODI series against Australia, where he amassed 202 runs in three matches at an average of 101, earning the ‘Player of the Series’ award.

Shubman Gill, in contrast, struggled in the series, scoring just 43 runs across three matches. Rohit’s consistency and big-match performances in ODIs have now cemented his reputation as one of India’s greatest limited-overs batters, a fact recognized even by cricketing legends like McGrath.

With Kohli continuing to dominate and Rohit hitting new milestones, India boasts one of the most formidable ODI batting line-ups in the world, blending experience with exceptional skill.

WI Clinch 2-0 Lead After 14-Run Win Over Bangladesh



A brilliant 61 from Tanzid Hasan went in vain as West Indies secured a 14-run victory over Bangladesh in the second T20I on Wednesday, taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Three-wicket hauls from Akeal Hosein and Romario Shepherd proved decisive as the visitors restricted Bangladesh to 135/8 while chasing 150.

Hosein (3/22) made history by surpassing Dwayne Bravo’s tally, becoming the second-highest wicket-taker for West Indies in T20Is with 81 wickets in 83 matches, including a five-wicket haul. Shepherd complemented the effort with 3/29 and also contributed a quick 13 runs in the lower order, earning him the ‘Player of the Match’ award.

West Indies, elected to bat first, were powered by Alick Athaneze (52 off 33 balls) and skipper Shai Hope (55 off 36 balls). The duo stitched together a 105-run second-wicket partnership after an early loss of Brandon King (1), setting the platform for a competitive total. Mustafizur Rahman (3/21), Rishad Hossain (2/20), and Nasum Ahmed (2/35) managed to restrict further damage, but late contributions from Roston Chase (17* in 15 balls) and Shepherd (13 in 16 balls) took West Indies to 149/9.

In the chase, Bangladesh struggled to build partnerships despite Tanzid’s resilient innings, which included three fours and three sixes. His dismissal at 117/4 in 17.1 overs triggered a collapse as Shepherd, Hosein, and Jason Holder (2/20) took quick wickets. Bangladesh lost four wickets for just 18 runs and ended their innings at 135/8.

With the series now sealed, West Indies can look forward to the final T20I with confidence, while Bangladesh will need a strong performance to avoid a whitewash.

Oman Replaces Pakistan at Junior Hockey World Cup



Oman will join the lineup for the upcoming FIH Men’s Junior World Cup 2025 in Tamil Nadu, following Pakistan’s late withdrawal, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced on Wednesday. The tournament is scheduled from November 28 to December 10, with matches to be held in Chennai and Madurai.

Oman earned the spot as the next highest-ranked team from the Junior Asia Cup 2024, stepping in after Pakistan decided not to participate despite qualifying through last year’s continental championship. The Pakistan Hockey Federation informed the FIH that the team would not accept the invitation, citing internal consultations with their government before the event.

Pakistan had been placed in Group B alongside India, Chile, and Switzerland. With Oman taking their place, the group composition has been updated ahead of the tournament. This late withdrawal marks the second recent instance of Pakistan pulling out from a major hockey event in India, after the Men’s Asia Cup in Rajgir, Bihar, where Bangladesh replaced them. The withdrawal also cost Pakistan a chance to qualify for next year’s World Cup, as the Asia Junior Cup served as a qualifying event.

The FIH had initially postponed the official draw for nearly a month to accommodate Pakistan’s decision-making, eventually holding the ceremony at its headquarters in Lausanne. The Men’s Junior World Cup 2025 will feature 24 teams for the first time, alongside the Women’s edition, reflecting the FIH’s Empowerment and Engagement strategy aimed at promoting wider participation.

Germany enters the tournament as the defending champions, having won the 2023 edition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The inclusion of Oman ensures the tournament maintains full participation and competitive balance, while giving the Middle Eastern nation an opportunity to showcase its growing hockey prowess on the global stage.

Sharwa’s Biker Glimpse to Premiere with Baahubali & Mass Jathara



Charming star Sharwa is set to impress audiences as a sportsman in his upcoming film *Biker*, directed by Abhilash Reddy Kankara. The movie, set between the early 1990s and 2000s, revolves around bike racing and tells the story of three generations bound by love, ambition, and adrenaline-fueled challenges.

Fans eager for a first look will get their chance soon. The makers are set to release the *First Lap Glimpse* on November 1st. However, moviegoers don't have to wait that long. Starting tomorrow, the glimpse will be attached to screenings of *Baahubali: The Epic* and *Mass Jathara*, offering an early sneak peek on the big screen.

Sharwa's first-look poster has already created a buzz among fans. Dressed in a red, white, and black streamlined racing suit, Sharwa exudes intensity and determination. With his long, curly hair and sunglasses, he perfectly captures the fierce spir-

it of a professional racer, signaling a performance that promises more than just a stylish appearance.

The glimpse is expected to provide audiences with a taste of the film's thrilling narrative and high-octane action sequences. It will also highlight the emotional journey that ties the three generations together, combining adrenaline-pumping bike races with heartfelt family moments.

Produced under the banner of UV Creations, *Biker* is currently progressing swiftly in its shoot. The combination of Sharwa's star power, the nostalgic 1990s-2000s setting, and the film's focus on passion and ambition has already raised expectations among cinephiles.

With the early glimpse arriving alongside blockbuster screenings, *Biker* is poised to become one of the most talked-about films of the year, promising action, emotion, and a riveting journey on two wheels.

Yash’s “Toxic” Set for On-Time Release



Following the massive success of the *KGF* franchise, Rocking Star Yash has firmly established himself as one of India's most beloved superstars. His next venture, *Toxic – A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups*, has generated enormous anticipation ever since it was announced, with fans eagerly awaiting every update. Recently, online speculation suggested the film's release might be delayed, sparking concern among enthusiasts.

However, the makers have officially quashed all such rumours, confirming that *Toxic* will release worldwide on March 19, 2026, as planned. KVN Productions addressed the chatter on social media, reinforcing the release schedule and putting fan worries to rest. To build excitement, the team shared a striking countdown post stating, "140 days to go... His Untamed Presence, Is Your Existential Crisis. #ToxicTheMovie releases worldwide on 19-03-2026." The post immediately reignited fan enthusiasm and reinforced confidence in the

film's timely arrival.

The project's production has been progressing steadily. Post-production and VFX work have been underway since April, running alongside Yash's shooting commitments for *Ramayana* in Mumbai. The final leg of filming is currently taking place in Bangalore, promising large-scale sequences and high-octane action that fans have come to expect from the actor.

Promotional campaigns are set to kick off in January 2026, creating momentum for one of the year's most eagerly awaited releases. With its official release date now confirmed, anticipation for *Toxic* is expected to reach a fever pitch in the coming months, as audiences prepare to witness Yash in a new avatar that blends intensity, drama, and style.

As excitement builds across India and beyond, one thing is certain: fans can mark their calendars, because *Toxic* is coming—and it will arrive exactly on time.

Nani’s HIT 3 Rules Netflix, Beats OG and Devara

Natural Star Nani's *HIT 3* is creating waves on Netflix, proving once again that his films have a loyal fan following both in theaters and on OTT platforms. Despite Nani being busy with his upcoming pan-Indian project *The Paradise*, directed by Srikanth Odel, his previous thriller *HIT 3* has surged in popularity, ranking third in first-week viewership.

According to the latest streaming data, *HIT 3* attracted 4.2 million viewers in its opening week, trailing only behind *Pushpa 2: The Rule* with 5.8 million and *Kalki 2898 AD* (Hindi) with 4.5 million views. Surprisingly, Pawan Kalyan's highly anticipated *OG*, which had generated significant buzz prior to release, has settled for the fourth spot with 3.2 million viewers. Other popular titles in the list include *Kingdom* (2.9 million), *Daaku Maharaj* (2.6 million), *De-*



vara (2.2 million), and *Guntur Kaaram* (2.0 million).

The rise of *HIT 3* on OTT platforms highlights Nani's consistent ability to draw audiences, whether through his signature charm, gripping storytelling, or engaging performances. The thriller, part of the *HIT* franchise, has been praised for its taut narrative and suspenseful plot, making it a must-watch for fans and new viewers alike.

Streaming platforms have become a major avenue for star-driven content, and *HIT 3*'s performance reinforces Nani's status as one of the most bankable stars in Telugu cinema. While *The Paradise* is in the works,

this renewed attention to *HIT 3* cements Nani's reputation for delivering quality entertainment that resonates with audiences across the country.

With the film continuing to dominate OTT charts, it's clear that Nani's magic remains unstoppable, keeping fans eagerly anticipating his next cinematic ventures.

Mahakali Joins Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe



Vash Level 2, the latest Gujarati horror film, has made waves on Netflix since its digital premiere, receiving strong audience reactions and earning praise from the filmmakers. Reports suggest that Netflix acquired the digital rights for approximately Rs. 3.5 crore, marking the highest amount ever paid for a Gujarati film.

The movie, also released in Hindi, is being hailed as a milestone for Gujarati cinema, showcasing the growing popularity and commercial potential of regional films in India. Netflix will stream *Vash Level 2* for three and a half years, holding exclusive rights to both the Gujarati and Hindi versions

for the first year. Following this period, the producers have the option to release the film on other streaming platforms.

Produced by Kalpesh Soni and Krunal Soni and directed by Krishnadev Yagnik, the film features a star-studded cast, including Janki Bodiwala, Hitu Kanodia, Monal Gajjar, and veteran actor Hiten Kumar. The film's music is composed by Andrew Samuel, while Shivam Bhatt handled editing, contributing to the overall high production values.

Industry insiders note that the deal reflects the rising significance of regional content in India's OTT market, where plat-

forms like Netflix are increasingly investing in diverse stories to cater to pan-Indian audiences. The strong reception of *Vash Level 2* demonstrates that Gujarati films can attract substantial viewership and generate meaningful revenue beyond traditional theatrical releases.

The success of *Vash Level 2* could pave the way for more Gujarati and regional films to secure significant digital deals, encouraging filmmakers to invest in high-quality production and storytelling for wider audiences. The film's horror genre and bilingual release strategy are also seen as key factors in its digital success.



Rashmika Shines on LA Red Carpet

Rashmika Mandanna, who has been lighting up social media with her adorable "baby talk" while promoting *The Girlfriend*, stole the spotlight once again—this time with pure red carpet glamour. The actress, who recently spoke about her deep love for her unborn children, appeared at the Swarovski Masters of Light Opening Celebration in Los Angeles last night, turning heads with a bold, confident look.

Gone was the sweet, soft persona fans have seen online. Rashmika arrived exuding elegance, confidence, and that signature sparkle that has become her hallmark. Her outfit was a showstopper: a black-

and-white gown that seemed pulled from a classic Hollywood dream. The white corset top hugged her figure flawlessly, while the flowing black skirt added drama and sophistication.

Complementing the ensemble were chunky, dazzling diamond jewels from Swarovski, perfectly matching the grandeur of the event. Her hair was neatly pulled back, and her makeup was simple yet sharp, emphasizing a cool, grown-up glow that balanced perfectly with the sparkle of her accessories.

Rashmika's charm lies in her effortless presence. She didn't need to pose or overdo it—she simply walked in, smiled, and owned every camera

frame. Fans and onlookers could see she was enjoying herself, soaking in the atmosphere while radiating confidence and poise.

Last night's appearance marks another step in her evolving style journey. From social media darling to red carpet sensation, Rashmika continues to refine her image, blending charm, sass, and elegance in a way that feels both natural and refreshing.

As she levels up with each public appearance, one thing is clear: Rashmika Mandanna is not just attending events—she's making them memorable. With each glamorous outing, she proves that her star is only rising higher.