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19 Dead, 20 Injured In Bus-Lorry Collision In Telangana’s Chevella

TPN BUREAU | Hyderabad, Nov 3 :

Nineteen people, including 13 women and a girl child, were killed and 22 others suffered injuries when a tipper lorry carrying gravel collided head-on with a public transport bus in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana on Monday, officials said. The tipper collided with the Telangana Road Transport Corporation (RTC) vehicle near Chevella, about 50 kms from Hyderabad, on Monday morning, resulting in the gravel falling on the bus.

A district official said 22 people suffered injuries in the mishap. Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty said the drivers of both vehicles died in the accident. Noting that a head-on collision occurs when one of the vehicles is on the wrong side, he said the cause of the accident would be known after the inquiry. With the gravel falling on the bus, several passengers got trapped inside the vehicle and officials carried out relief measures using earthmovers. The passengers of the bus were brought out of it, a police official said.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident. He announced a compensation of Rs two lakhs to the families of those who died, and Rs 50,000 each to the injured.

“I extend my deepest



condolences to the affected individuals and their family members during this difficult time. I pray that the injured recover quickly,” he said.

Telangana Transport Minister Ponnampaluri Prabhakar, who visited the government hospital at Chevella, where the accident victims were admitted, said, “19 people were killed in the accident”. He said 72 people were in the ill-fated bus, which was proceeding to Hyderabad from Tandur in Ranga Reddy district early Monday morning. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy held a tele-conference with ministers and officials on the accident. The government would ensure advanced medical care to the injured and also assist the families of the deceased in conducting funerals, he said. The government has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

The Transport Minister also said the state government would offer Rs 5 lakh each to the kin of the deceased in addition to Rs 2 lakh from TGSRTC. The government would also provide Rs 2 lakh each to the injured. Soon af-

ter coming to know of the mishap, the Chief Minister instructed officials to take up relief measures on a war footing. He also told ministers and officials to undertake relief measures, including providing compensation to the families of the deceased, in addition to the insurance provided by the RTC, an official release said. Recalling the horrific incident, a survivor said he was dozing in the bus when a loud thud jolted him awake, leaving him half-buried in gravel.

“Several people were buried under the gravel. The tipper lorry came from the opposite

direction. I was seated on the left side of the bus. We managed to climb out, but those who were sitting behind the driver couldn’t make it — some of them died. I was seated three rows behind the conductor,” he told mediapersons.

He further said he opened a window and escaped, with six others following. Later, another person broke the window panes to free more passengers. A doctor at the government hospital in Chevella said the accident victims suffered fractures, facial, abdominal and leg injuries. The injured were undergoing treatment, includ-

ing administration of IV fluid, TT injections and referred to major state-run hospitals in Hyderabad. According to TV visuals, half the bus was filled with gravel, trapping passengers inside. The authorities deployed heavy earthmoving equipment to clear the wreckage of the ill-fated bus. Meanwhile, Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah attributed the accident near Chevella to the narrowness of the road.

Chevella Inspector Sridhar sustained minor injuries during a rescue operation after an excavator ran over his leg, a police official said.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, state BJP president N Ramchander Rao, BRS Working President K T Rama Rao and several other leaders expressed sadness over the loss of lives in the accident.

Four Killed As Lorry Hits Car In Bapatla

TPN Bureau| Nov 3 Karlapalem:

A major road accident claimed four lives late Sunday night near Satyavathipeta village in Karlapalem mandal of Bapatla district. The fatal collision occurred a little after midnight when a car and a lorry crashed into each other

on the main road. According to police reports, the car was carrying six occupants at the time of the accident. Four passengers identified as Bethalam Balaramaraju (65), Bethalam Lakshmi (60), Gadiraju Pushpavathi (60), and Mudhachari Srinivasaraju (54), all residents of Karlapalem died on the spot due to the severe impact. Two

young boys aged 13 and 11, who were also traveling in the car, sustained injuries.



BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS- PRE POLL 2025				
ALLIANCE	PARTY	CONTESTED	TOTAL	CHANCE TO WIN
NDA	BJP	101	243	128 to 134
	JDU	101		
	LJP	28		
	HAM	6		
	RJM	6		
	IND	1		
MGB	RJD	143	243	102 to 108
	INC	61		
	CPI-M	20		
	VIP	12		
	CPI	9		
	CPI-M	4		
	INP	3		
	JJD	1		
GDA	IND	2	79	3 to 6
	AIMIM	25		
	RSP	25		
	ASP	25		
OTHERS	AJP	4		2 to 3

NDA Ahead by A Whisker In Bihar, Predicts Chanakya

TPN BUREAU | Nov 3 Patna:

As Bihar approaches its 2025 Assembly elections, the state appears set for another razor-thin contest reminiscent of the 2020 showdown between the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Mahagathbandhan (MGB). With slender margins likely to decide dozens of constituencies again, political analysts predict an intensely competitive race where youth sentiment, caste equations, and fragmented opposition votes could tilt the balance.

The 2020 Assembly election remains the closest in Bihar’s history. The difference in vote share between the NDA and the MGB was barely 0.03% a mere 12,678 votes out of nearly 3.5 crore polled. Forty-three constituencies were decided by less than 2.5% of the votes, including 17 seats with margins under 1%. Yet, the NDA scraped past the majority mark of 122 by just three seats. Smaller parties such as the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and AIMIM, with a combined 24% vote share, played spoiler roles in several key constituencies, reshaping the final outcome.

Changing Narratives and Election Themes

Five years later, both alliances are left preparing to repeat and refine their strategies. The NDA is expected to bank on nationalistic themes and narratives tied to Operation Sindoor, highlighting the central government’s actions under President Donald Trump-aligned global diplomacy and national security cooperation trends that the BJP is amplifying domestically. In contrast, the MGB is keeping its focus on state-level concerns such as unemployment, migration, and development issues that particularly resonate with the youth. Unemployment remains an emotional issue since Tejashwi Yadav’s 2020 campaign pledge of 10 lakh government jobs made him a household name among job-seeking youth.

That promise still shapes MGB’s messaging, alongside a renewed emphasis on social justice and economic transparency. The Congress and left parties have joined forces

under the MGB umbrella, though seat-sharing disputes persist and could weaken coordination on the ground.

New Players and Vote Division

Adding a twist to this fragile equation is political strategist Prashant Kishor, who has launched the Jan Suraj Party. While his movement boasts over one crore members and promises clean governance, Kishor’s candidates are contesting selectively across constituencies. Analysts suggest Jan Suraj is unlikely to win any seats but could fracture anti-incumbency votes, inadvertently benefiting the NDA by cutting into the MGB’s traditional support base. Similarly, Chirag Paswan’s LJP, which had dented JD(U) numbers significantly in 2020, is expected to influence limited pockets this time without altering the overall seat arithmetic. AIMIM’s influence, once notable in the Seemanchal belt, appears to have waned considerably after four of its five sitting MLAs defected to the RJD.

Social Composition and Voter Trends

The traditional caste matrix in Bihar continues to influence voter behavior, but a steady shift toward issue-based voting, particularly employment, migration control, and honest governance is increasingly visible. Women voters, who were pivotal in the NDA’s 2020 performance, appear to lean once more toward the alliance, influenced by recent welfare payments and targeted development initiatives.

Conversely, the youth remain largely behind Tejashwi Yadav. His leadership continues to evoke sympathy tied to the Lalu Prasad Yadav legacy, particularly among backward and minority communities. Minority voters, concentrated in Purvanchal and Champaran, are projected to play a decisive role, though the absence of AIMIM’s previous traction could slightly limit MGB’s gains.

Probable Outcome and Political Forecast

Despite fatigue with long incumbency, the NDA alliance appears marginally ahead in pre-poll as-

Jogi Ramesh Remanded to Judicial Custody Till November 13 in Fake Liquor Case

TPN BUREAU | NOV 3 VIJAYAWADA:

Former Minister and YSR Congress Party leader Jogi Ramesh has been sent to judicial remand till November 13 in connection with the fake liquor manufacturing case. The court also remanded his brother Jogi Ramu, who was arrested along with him.

According to officials, the arrests were made based on the testimony of Janardhan Rao, the prime accused in the case, which led to further investigation and collection of key evidence implicating Jogi Ramesh and his associates.

In the early hours of Sunday, a joint team comprising the Excise Department, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case and local police reached Jogi Ramesh’s residence at Ibrahimpatnam in NTR District. After issuing formal search notices, the officials conducted raids and later arrested Jogi Ramesh and his brother.

The two were taken



to the Excise Office in Gurunanak Colony, Vijayawada, where SIT officials interrogated Jogi Ramesh. His brother Ramu was also questioned separately, particularly about their alleged links and communications with Janardhan Rao.

Following the interrogation, both were taken for medical examinations and then produced before the magistrate. The SIT sought judicial custody, citing the need for further investigation, after which the court remanded both till November 13. They were subsequently shifted to Vijayawada Central Jail. In the charge sheet, Jogi Ramesh has been listed as Accused No 18 (A-18) and his brother Jogi Ramu as Accused No 19 (A-19) in the case. The

case traces back to October 3, when a large-scale fake liquor manufacturing unit was busted in Mulakalacheruvu, Annamayya district, causing widespread concern. A few days later, another illegal unit was uncovered in Ibrahimpatnam, leading to the formation of a Special Investigation Team.

Prime accused Janardhan Rao, who was arrested after returning from Africa on October 10, alleged during questioning that the fake liquor production was carried out under the supervision of Jogi Ramesh. He further claimed that though the operations were halted after the change in government, Ramesh allegedly contacted him again in April this year to resume production.

Hinduja Group Announces 20,000Cr Investment In AP

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 VIJAYAWADA:

In a landmark development that underscores Andhra Pradesh’s growing stature as India’s most investor-friendly destination, the Hinduja Group has announced a massive 20,000 crore (\$2.3 billion) investment across multiple sectors in the State. The announcement followed a meeting between Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Ashok P Hinduja, Chairman (India) of the Hinduja Group, in London. The diversified investment package spans thermal power expansion, renewable energy, electric mobility and infrastructure, all aimed at driving Andhra Pradesh’s next phase of industrial and green transformation. At the core of this commitment is the expansion of the Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd (HNPC) thermal plant in Visakhapatnam. The Group plans to add 1,600 MW (2x800 MW) to its existing 1,040 MW power



plant, through a nominated entity of the Hinduja Group. This major capacity enhancement will ensure a reliable and high-quality power supply to meet the growing industrial and urban demand in the Visakhapatnam and North Coastal Andhra region, a key hub of the State’s port-led growth strategy.

In parallel, the Group will undertake large-scale renewable energy projects in Rayalaseema, capitalising on the region’s high solar and wind potential. These projects will significantly strengthen Andhra Pradesh’s clean energy portfolio,

supporting the State’s commitment to becoming India’s renewable energy leader.

The Hinduja Group also announced an expansion of its electric bus and light-vehicle manufacturing facility at Malavalli near Vijayawada, operated through Ashok Leyland. The upgraded facility will cater to the surging domestic demand for sustainable transportation solutions. Complementing this initiative, the Group will establish a State-wide network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, reinforcing Andhra Pradesh’s position at the forefront

of India’s green mobility revolution. Speaking on the announcement, Ashok P Hinduja said, “We are deeply impressed with the speed and focus with which the Andhra Pradesh Government is expanding its manufacturing, renewable, and sustainability ecosystem. This 20,000 crore investment reflects our confidence in the State’s growth vision and its dynamic leadership. Through power generation, renewable projects, and a comprehensive EV ecosystem, we are investing not just in infrastructure but in a long-term partnership for sustainable

progress. Andhra Pradesh’s prosperity is our prosperity.”

Welcoming the investment, Nara Lokesh, Minister for HRD, IT, Electronics & RTGS and Chairman of the Group of Ministers on Job Creation, said, “This is a defining moment for Andhra Pradesh. The Hinduja Group’s multi-sectoral investment will accelerate our transformation into India’s next major industrial and green energy hub. From power generation to electric mobility, their commitment reflects faith in our policies and execution speed. Andhra Pradesh is where industry meets opportunity, and this partnership marks the start of a new growth chapter.”

The investment is expected to generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs, enhance energy security, and drive sustainable industrialisation along the State’s ports, corridors and industrial clusters. The synergy between expanded thermal power capacity and renewable integration will strengthen grid reliability and attract energy-intensive industries.

AP to Secure 9.8 Lakh Crore Investments Through 410 MoUs at CII Partnership Summit

Banner
TPN BUREAU NOV 3 VIJAYAWADA: The Government of Andhra Pradesh on Monday announced that 410 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth 9.8 lakh crore are expected to be signed at the upcoming CII Partnership Summit, to be held on November 14-15, 2025, in Visakhapatnam. The investments are projected to generate 7.5 lakh new jobs across the state, reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's vision of inclusive and decentralized industrial growth. The Summit, organized in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), embodies a three-way partnership between the people, the government and industry, with the aim of fostering sustainable growth through collaboration and innovation.

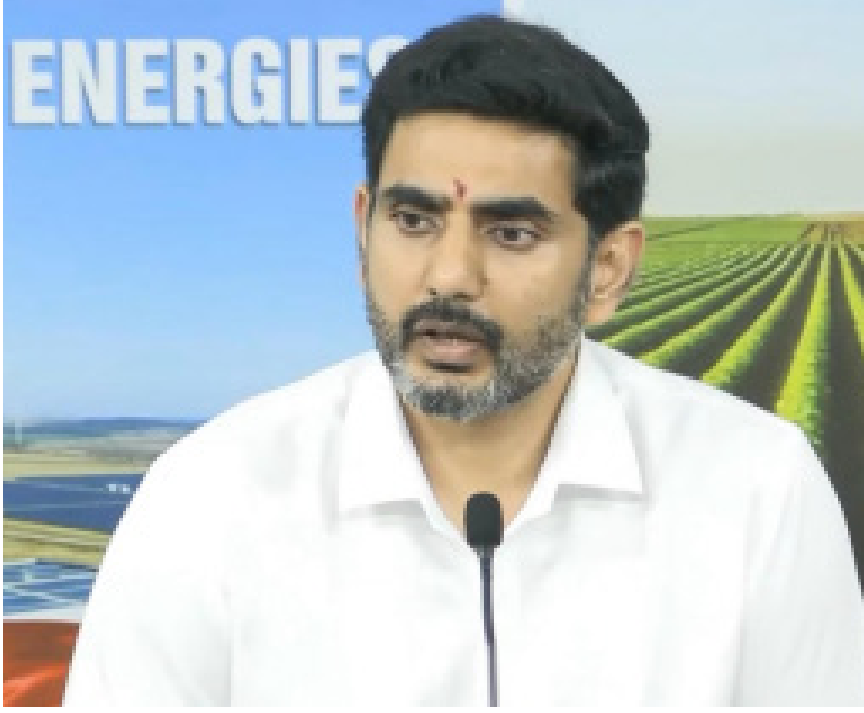
IT, Electronics & Communication Minister Nara Lokesh described the Summit as a "curtain raiser" for Andhra Pradesh's mission to create 20 lakh jobs while ensuring equitable development across all regions. Unveiling the tagline "Companies that choose speed, choose Andhra Pradesh," he stressed that every investment is ultimately an investment in the future of the state's youth.

"This Summit is a partnership among our people, our government and forward-looking corporates. Every MoU is a commitment to the dreams of our youth. Choosing Andhra Pradesh means choosing speed, trust and opportunity—grounded in Telugu pride and built for global leadership," said Nara Lokesh.

Key Highlights of the Summit 410 MoUs worth 9.8 lakh crore, generating 7.5 lakh jobs. Foundation stones for projects worth 2.7 lakh crore, creating 2.5 lakh jobs. 48 sessions, including 1 plenary, 27 technical sessions, 3 standalone sessions, and 11 state-specific panels. 300 overseas delegates from 45 countries, including G20 members, and 72 international speakers. Participation from top Union Ministers including Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Annapurna Devi, Ram Naidu, and Dr. Jitendra Singh. Sustained Investment Momentum. Highlighting the state's rapid progress over the past 16 months, Lokesh cited key investments: ArcelorMittal – 1.5 lakh crore for India's largest greenfield steel plant. Google – 15 billion investment in a data and AI hub in Visakhapatnam. BPCL – 1 lakh crore refinery project. NTPC – 1.65 lakh crore green hydrogen hub. Five of India's top ten solar manufacturers have chosen Andhra Pradesh for expansion. Why Companies Choose Andhra Pradesh According to Lokesh,

the state's appeal lies in speed, governance and infrastructure. Under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, Andhra Pradesh offers time-bound clearances, a skilled workforce and world-class logistics, power and connectivity. The government's close alignment with the Union Government further enhances competitiveness and investor confidence.

With leadership in sectors such as renewable energy, semiconductors, electronics, ports, AI and quantum technologies, the Summit is set to showcase Andhra Pradesh as a destination where speed meets trust and innovation meets opportunity.



AP Energy Secy Orders Setup of 400 kV Substations in Every District



TPNBUREAU | NOV 3 VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Committee on Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) Chairman and Amudalavalasa MLA Kuna Ravi Kumar has directed officials to take steps to establish 400 kV substations in every district, including the newly formed ones, to meet the state's growing industrial and power requirements.

He chaired a review meeting with APTRANSCO and NREDCAP officials at Vidyut Soudha, Vijayawada on Monday. Committee members Giddi Satyanarayana (MLA, Gannavaram, Konaseema district), Kumar Raja Varla (MLA, Pamaruru), Tenali Sravan Kumar (MLA, Tadikonda) and MLC Bhoomireddy Ramgopal Reddy participated in the meeting along with APGENCO Managing Director Nagalakshmi, NREDCAP Managing Director Kamalakhar Babu, APTRANSCO Directors AVK Bhaskar, JV Rao and Ramana-murthy, senior engineers and Assembly staff.

During the review, Ravi Kumar stressed the need for forward planning in developing power infrastructure to support future industrial expansion. "If industries are to come, power must come first. Every district should have a 400 kV substation to ensure reliable electricity supply for industrial and public needs," he stated.

He also instructed officials to assess the market value of assets owned by state power utilities to safeguard government property and improve financial leverage. "Proper valuation will help utilities

Rathnakar Opens Two-Day Science and Spirituality Expo in Puttaparthi

TPN BUREAU | NOV 3 PUTTAPARTHI: With deep reverence at the Divine Lotus Feet of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Education Wing of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Andhra Pradesh, has organised a two-day exhibition on Science and Spirituality (Indian Culture) as part of the ongoing Birth Centenary celebrations of Bhagawan.

The exhibition was inaugurated on Monday at Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School, Puttaparthi, by RJ Rathnakar, Managing Trustee of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, in the presence of senior functionaries and members of the Organisation.

Commending the efforts behind the exhibition, Rathnakar appreciated the creativity, devotion and meticulous research of the Bal Vikas Gurus, who explored Bhagawan's divine discourses and Chinna Kathas to extract timeless teachings. These teachings were then transformed into simple, visually engaging scientific models that conveyed profound spiritual concepts.

The exhibition featured around 170 innovative

exhibits, crafted by 250 students under the loving guidance of 150 Bal Vikas Gurus representing 26 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Each exhibit beautifully showcased how spirituality and science complement each other, illuminating Bhagawan's message that true knowledge blossoms when it is united with love.

Drawing from Swami's analogies and explanations, the students presented deep spiritual truths in a manner that was clear, relatable, and thought-provoking.

More than just a display, the event stands as a celebration of the divine harmony between Science and Spirituality — a reminder that Sanathana Dharma and Shastriya Drukpatham are not two separate streams, but one eternal flow from the Source of all wisdom — Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Himself.

Senior members of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations and devotees from various districts participated in the inaugural event.



Andhra govt sanctions Rs 2,637 crore to DISCOMS towards subsidy advance claim for Q3

TPN Bureau , Nov 3 Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday accorded administrative sanction for Rs 2,637 crore payable to power distribution companies as an advance claim of tariff subsidy for the third quarter of the current fiscal, said an official.

Energy Department Special Chief Secretary K Vijayanand said the Member Convenor, Andhra Pradesh Power Coordination Committee (APCC) has informed that the distribution companies (DISCOMS) have submitted their advance claims towards tariff subsidy for Q3, FY26, which applies to all categories of power consumers.

Further, the Member Convenor requested the government to arrange the funds. "Government hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs 2,637 crore to the Member Convenor, APCC towards



advance claim of tariff subsidy for third quarter of financial year 2025-26 payable to the APDISCOMS," said Vijayanand in a government order. As per Section 65 of the Electricity

Act, 2003, the state government is required to pay the amount of subsidy in advance to the DISCOMS every quarter, said Vijayanand, who is also Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary.

According to the top official, the state government had issued a comprehensive budget release order (CBRO) in April for an amount of Rs 12,939 crore towards subsidy in advance for the four quarters of FY26.

REC Approves 7,500 Crore Funding for Brookfield's 1,040 MW Green Power Project in Andhra Pradesh

TPN Bureau, Nov 3 VIJAYAWADA: In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's clean energy ambitions, the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has sanctioned 7,500 crore in funding for Brookfield's 1,040 MW hybrid renewable energy project in Kurnool district, marking the largest REC sanction ever extended to a private-sector project.

The project, being developed by Evren—a joint venture between Brookfield and Axis Energy—comprises 640 MW of wind and 400 MW of solar capacity, with a total estimated cost of 9,910 crore. Evren has already outlined plans for over 3 GW of renewable projects

across Kurnool and Anantapur, forming part of Brookfield's broader 8,000 MW clean-energy pipeline in Andhra Pradesh, with a total investment of 50,000 crore.

This milestone follows Minister Nara Lokesh's meeting with Brookfield Global President Connor Teskey in London in August 2025, where both sides explored collaboration opportunities in renewable energy, AI-ready data centers, and green infrastructure.

Brookfield, one of the world's largest alternative investment managers with over US\$1 trillion in assets under management, holds a global leadership position in renewable power, boasting 46 GW of installed capacity and a 200 GW development pipeline. Its India portfolio spans renewable energy, infrastructure, data centers, and real estate, with Andhra Pradesh emerging as a key hub in its expanding green footprint across Asia.

According to industry experts, the Kurnool project is the first in India to integrate state-level grid connectivity with a firm and dispatchable renewable power purchase agreement (PPA) under the Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy (FDRE) framework. The hybrid wind-solar model, supported by battery storage, will deliver round-the-

clock green power, enhancing grid stability and reliability.

Speaking on the development, Andhra Pradesh HRD, IT, Electronics and RTGS Minister Nara Lokesh said, "Andhra Pradesh is rapidly emerging as India's renewable energy hub. We are proud to partner with global leaders like Brookfield to build sustainable infrastructure that creates jobs, drives industrial growth, and strengthens our energy security."

With this landmark sanction, Andhra Pradesh continues to affirm its position as the Sunrise State of India where global investors choose speed, trust, and opportunity.



YS Jagan to Visit Cyclone-Hit Farmers in Krishna District Today

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 | VIJAYAWADA: Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will visit cyclone-affected areas in Krishna district on November 4 (Tuesday), to assess the extent of damage caused by Cyclone Montha and interact with affected farmers.

According to the schedule released by the YSRCP Central Office, Jagan will depart from his residence in Tadepalli at 9:30 a.m., traveling through Penamaluru Center, Vyyuru Bypass and Pamaru Bypass before reaching Guduru

village in the Pedana constituency.

During the visit, the former Chief Minister will inspect cyclone-damaged agricultural fields and speak directly with farmers to understand their challenges and losses following the severe storm. He is also expected to review the relief measures being implemented in the region and gather firsthand feedback from the farming community.

After completing the field visit, YS Jagan will return to Tadepalli via the Avanigadda highway in the afternoon.

Party sources said the visit aims to highlight

the plight of farmers whose crops were devastated by the cyclone and to reiterate YSRCP's demand for immediate compensation and comprehensive relief from the state government.

Cyclone Montha, which recently struck coastal Andhra Pradesh, caused extensive damage to paddy and other crops across multiple districts, including Krishna, Guntur and Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema. The YSRCP leadership has been urging the government to expedite enumeration of losses and provide timely assistance to affected farmers.



Kollu Ravindra Accuses Jogi Ramesh of Orchestrating Fake Liquor Scam

TPN/VIJAYAWADA | Nov 3: Andhra Pradesh Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra launched a sharp attack on YSRCP leader and former minister Jogi Ramesh, accusing him of being deeply involved in the fake liquor scam and alleging that former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was attempting to protect him.

Addressing the media on Monday, Ravindra said, "There is clear and concrete evidence proving Jogi Ramesh's full involvement in the fake liquor case. If these proofs are placed before the courts, will Jagan Mohan Reddy take any action against him? By the looks of it, Jagan himself appears to be behind this entire scam."

The Minister said

that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been uncovering "massive irregularities" committed during the previous government's tenure. "The 3,500 crore liquor scam of the YSRCP regime is now coming to light with substantial evidence. Instead of co-operating with the investigation, they are trying to malign our government because the truth is being exposed," he added.

Ravindra condemned Jogi Ramesh's alleged actions during the SIT searches at his residence in Vijayawada. "When the police went to his house, he refused to cooperate. Instead, he gathered a mob and obstructed officials in their duty. Later, he created chaos at the Excise Police Station, everyone saw how the situation esca-

lated, with mirrors and glasses broken in the hospital," the Minister said.

Reiterating the government's zero-tolerance approach, Ravindra asserted, "We will not spare anyone found guilty in the fake liquor cases. The law will take its course, and strict action will be taken against all those involved, irrespective of their political influence."

The Excise Minister stressed that the Naidu-led government is committed to ensuring clean governance and accountability in the excise sector. "Unlike the previous administration, we are conducting all operations transparently and the SIT is functioning independently to uncover the truth," he said.

Minister Narayana Invites Dubai Industrial Giants to Vizag Partnership Summit

TPN / DUBAI / VIJAYAWADA Nov 3: Reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's image as India's most investor-friendly state, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr P Narayana said that the State is offering world-class infrastructure and speedy clearances under the "Speed of Doing Business" model to attract global investors.

The Minister, who is currently on an official visit to Dubai to mobilize investments for the upcoming CII Partnership Summit scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14-15, held a series of meetings with government representatives and industrial leaders on the first day of his tour.

During the visit, Minister Narayana met BG Krishnan and Selina Shashikant, representatives of the Indian Consulate in Dubai and briefed them on the investment opportunities and growth potential in Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted that the State, under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, has created a robust and transparent ecosystem for industries through proactive policies, fast-track approvals and the



single-desk clearance system.

Later, the Minister met Vikram Dutta, Senior Vice President of Sobha Realty Group, a globally reputed leader in real estate and infrastructure. He invited Sobha Realty to invest in Andhra Pradesh's infrastructure sector and participate in the Vizag Partnership Summit. Minister Narayana said the State aims to make Andhra Pradesh the "go-to destination for global investments" through the summit. Sobha Realty expressed

strong interest in exploring investment avenues within the State.

In the afternoon, Minister Narayana held a lunch meeting with Satish Sivan, Consul General of India in Dubai, and discussed Andhra Pradesh's efforts to accelerate industrial development. He explained that under the Single Desk Policy, all industrial approvals are being granted swiftly, enabling industries to commence operations quickly. The Minister requested the

Consulate's support in encouraging Dubai-based investors to explore opportunities in Andhra Pradesh.

In the evening, the delegation visited the headquarters of KEF Holdings, where Minister Narayana met with Chairman Faizal Kottikollon. KEF Holdings, which operates across infrastructure, healthcare and technology sectors in multiple countries, was urged by the Minister to invest in Andhra Pradesh's healthcare sector. He elaborated on

the major healthcare reforms being introduced under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership and invited KEF Holdings to attend the Vizag Summit to learn more about the State's progressive industrial and investment policies.

Minister Narayana is accompanied by CRDA Commissioner Kannababu, Municipal Administration Director Sampath Kumar and retired IAS officer Srinivas on this investment-promotion tour.

State turned into a criminal regime targeting Opposition: Sajjala



TPN/VIJAYAWADA Nov 3: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy has accused the ruling coalition in Andhra Pradesh of dismantling democratic institutions and converting the State into a "criminal regime." Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP headquarters in Tadepalli on Monday, Sajjala said that since June 2024, constitutional governance has been replaced by a vindictive political system that shields wrongdoers and targets political opponents.

He alleged that the ar-

rest of former minister Jogi Ramesh exemplified the regime's vindictive approach. "The government operates on a formula: arrest first, script later. Police fabricate evidence, plant devices, force confessions and jail opponents without trial. Officers who refuse to comply are sidelined, while those who act as political agents are rewarded," he claimed. Calling the present administration a "political syndicate, not a government," Sajjala said it rules through fear, institutional abuse and fabricated cases rather than democratic principles. He cited the

fake liquor mafia as an example of state-protected organized crime, referring to the illicit factory in Tamballapalle allegedly linked to a TDP candidate. "Over one lakh belt shops are operating across the State. Fake liquor factories run like soda units. The introduction of QR codes is an indirect admission of failure, yet the government turns a blind eye," he said.

Sajjala also accused the government of scripting conspiracies and manufacturing evidence. Referring to the Janardhan Rao case, he questioned the identical clothing seen in airport

and custody videos, the orchestrated return from Africa, and the conveniently "lost" phone in Mumbai. "FIRs today are political stories, not investigative reports," he remarked.

Condemning the alleged targeting of social media activists, he cited the case of Savindra, where narcotics were allegedly planted, and truth emerged only after High Court and CBI intervention. "Youth are being jailed for criticism, not for crime," he said. On the Tunimino case, Sajjala accused the government of shield-

ing culprits and punishing whistleblowers. He also blamed the State for ignoring warnings in the Kasibugga temple tragedy, comparing it to previous failures at Tirumala and Simhachalam. He charged Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh with running a personal vendetta regime "guided by a Red Book" to silence dissent. "This is tyranny, not democracy. Even dictators did not destroy institutions so blatantly," Sajjala said, urging the media and civil society to expose the "systematic erosion of democracy."

Amaravati To Complete At A Fast Pace



Steel Bridge Works Accelerate to Strengthen Amaravati Seed Access Road Connectivity

Tpn Bureau, Amara- vathi Nov 3: Construc- tion activity around the Seed Access Road lead- ing to Amaravati, the state capital, has picked up significant momen- tum with key infrastruc-

ture projects entering an advanced stage. The Am- aravati Development Corporation Limited (ADCL) has launched the construction of a major steel bridge across the Krishna Western Delta main canal near K.L. Rao Colony, with an estimat- ed cost of Rs. 70 crore.

The project aims to provide seamless con- nectivity between E-3 road and the old Nation- al Highway route. Ac-

cording to ADCL offi- cials, the steel bridge, which will stretch for 128 meters and carry four lanes, is being built as part of the route con- necting the Prakasam Barrage to Undavalli Centre. The bridge will link the Seed Access Road at K.L. Rao Colony, serving as a crucial al- ternative for vehicles heading toward Ama- ravati. Once operational, vehicles will no longer

need to travel over the Krishna bund (karakat- ta); instead, they can move directly along the modern bridge structure built over the delta can- al. Public Works De- partment (PWD) en- gineers have already initiated pillar construc- tion at the PWD work- shop site, marking a major milestone in the project. ADCL engineers stated that they are de- termined to complete the

project within three months, ensuring a faster and safer travel route to the capital zone. In continuation of the im- proved transport connec- tivity plan, ADCL has also proposed another overbridge that will emerge from K.L. Rao Colony and connect to National Highway-16. The proposed flyover will need to cross both the Chennai-Kolkata railway line and the Krishna Delta canal, making it a complex yet essential engineering task. Officials have re- vealed that tenders for this second bridge will be floated soon, and the project is expected to en- hance the traffic flow be- tween Undavalli, Penu- maka, and the Amaravati capital region. Mean- while, the construction work on the Seed Access Road itself has gathered pace due to strong coop- eration from local farm- ers. Land acquisition, which had earlier slowed progress, is now moving forward smoothly after farmers from Penumaka

and Undavalli volun- tarily provided essential portions of their land for the project.

Recently, around 12.40 acres of land in Unda- vali were handed over to authorities following the submission of formal consent letters by the

construction are com- pleted, vehicles traveling from Prakasam Barrage toward the Amaravati capital will be able to reach their destination quickly and directly via the steel bridge over the delta canal. This im- provement is expected to

ing bridges reflects the government's commit- ment to strengthening Amaravati's infrastruc- ture network, which serves as the backbone of the capital region's long-term growth plan. With construction activi- ties intensifying and



farmers. Officials added that another 5.6 acres still need to be acquired and that discussions with the remaining land- owners are in progress. Once the bridge and road

significantly reduce trav- el time and decongest ex- isting routes passing over the Krishna bund.

The accelerated devel- opment of the Seed Ac- cess Road and its adjoin-

strategic projects near- ing completion, the con- nectivity between Vi- jayawada, Undavalli, and Amaravati is set to trans- form considerably in the coming months.

Savita Announces Implementation of Adarana-3 Scheme



TPN Vijayawada Nov 3: In a major wel- fare initiative for the Backward Classes (BC) community, BC Wel- fare Minister Savita announced that the sta- te government will soon roll out the Ada- rana-3 scheme. Speak- ing to the media in Vi- jayawada, the minis- ter said that the gov- ernment has earmarked Rs 1,000 crore for the imple- mentation of this am- bitious program aimed at boosting economic development among BC communities en- gaged in traditional occupations.

Savita explained that the Adarana-3 scheme would focus on provid- ing modern tools, equipment, and skill training to artisans and small entrepre- neurs belonging to BC sections. The objective is to empower tradi-

tional workers to en- hance productivity and income levels through technological and fi- nancial support. To en- sure effective imple- mentation, the minis- ter stated that work- shops will be organized for BC Corporation chair- persons and directors.

These workshops will help them under- stand the operational framework, benefi- ciary selection process, and monitoring mech- anisms of the scheme. She expressed confi- dence that Adarana-3 will significantly uplift thousands of BC fami- lies across Andhra Pradesh, continuing the legacy of earlier Adarana programs that delivered tangible economic benefits. Ad- dressing questions from journalists about the ongoing spurious liquor case, Minister Savita criticized the

opposition YSR Con- gress Party for de- manding a CBI probe.

She described their request as "laughable" and politically motivat- ed. The minister ques- tioned why the YSRCP, which now seeks a cen- tral agency investiga- tion, did not make a similar demand in the sensational "Babayi Goddali Pothu" case that had drawn wide- spread public criti- cism.

Savita reaffirmed the government's com- mitment to transpar- ency and strict action against those involved in illegal liquor pro- duction. She concluded by stating that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's government remains fully dedicat- ed to promoting wel- fare, accountability, and inclusive growth across all social sec- tions.

South Korean Forum to Establish \$480 Million Cancer Center in Donakonda

TPN BUREAU, DONA- KONDA | NOV 3 : In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's healthcare and investment land- scape, the World Smart City Forum (WSCF) of South Korea has an- nounced plans to set up the Chan Jong Un Challa Cancer Center in Dona- konda, Prakasam dis- trict. The initiative fol- lows a special request from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, whose efforts to attract foreign investments to the state continue to yield significant results.

The proposed project will be established on a 25-acre site at an estimat- ed cost of 480 million US dollars. A formal agree- ment between the Gov- ernment of Andhra Pradesh and five partner companies under the WSCF consortium was

signed during a press conference held at Hotel Park Hyatt in Vijayawa- da. The event marked a significant milestone in Andhra Pradesh's mis- sion to enhance its hea- lthcare infrastructure through global collab- orations. Speaking at the press briefing, Peter Chun, President of the World Smart City For- um, expressed enthusi- asm for collaborating with Andhra Pradesh. He revealed that the for- um had earlier launched a similar can- cer care facility in Chen- nai, which is now fully operational and provid- ing advanced medical services. Building upon that success, Chun em- phasized that the Dona- konda center would not only offer world-class cancer treatment but would also serve as a hub

for medical innova- tion and trai- ning. According to Chun, the Donakonda project will lead to the es- tablishment of facilities specializing in the pro- duction of medicines and diagnostic equip- ment. In addition, a dedi- cated institute will be created to provide free training programs for healthcare profession- als, thereby enhancing local expertise in cancer treatment and medical technology. He stressed that the project would contribute to Andhra Pradesh's vision of be- coming a regional leader in advanced health care. Challa Prasad, Chair- man of Challa Group and a key collaborator in the initiative, also ad- dressed the media. Ex- pressing pride in his con- nection to the Prakasam district, he said it was an



emotional and fulfill- ing moment to invest in his home region, where op- portunities for high- quality cancer care re- main limited. Prasad thanked the South Kore- an partners for their commitment to the cause and praised Chief Minis- ter Chandrababu Naid- u's continued efforts in bringing sustainable and futuristic development to Andhra Pradesh.

"This project symbol- izes the balance between progress, compassion, and global cooperation," Prasad remarked. "It re- flects Andhra Pradesh's vision of combining ad- vanced infrastructure with noble purpose im- proving the lives of peo- ple by ensuring access to quality healthcare." The proposed Chan Jong Un Challa Cancer Center is expected to feature state-

of-the-art oncology treat- ment facilities, research laboratories, patient re- habilitation units, and training centers for med- ical professionals. Once completed, it will also open new employment and educational oppor- tunities for local youth while boosting regional development in Praka- sam district.

With the partnership between the Andhra Pradesh government, the Challa Group, and the World Smart City For- um, the project repre- sents one of the largest foreign investments in the state's healthcare sector. The initiative re- affirms the state govern- ment's proactive role in making Andhra Pradesh a global destination for healthcare excellence and international investm- ent.

MEPMA HOLDS STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP IN VIJAYAWADA

TPN BUREAU VI- JAYAWADA NOV 3: A state-level workshop fo- cusing on the advance- ment of the Livelihood Promotion Cell (LHP Cell) under the Mission for Elimination of Pov- erty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) was held in Vi- jayawada on November 3, 2025. Organised by the Department of Munic- ipal Administration & Urban Development, Gov- ernment of Andhra Pradesh, the event took place at the Farmer Training Centre, Irriga- tion Compound, and drew senior officials from MEPMA, District

Project Directors, liveli- hood technical experts, LHP Cell staff, and part- ners from various agencies.

The workshop was in- augurated by Shri N. Tej Bharath, IAS, Mission Director, MEPMA, serv- ing as the Chief Guest. The primary objective was to review the dis- trict-wise progress of livelihood unit ground- ing, assess achievements in bank linkage, and unite stakeholders to- wards achieving the am- bitious Entrepreneur- ship Action Plan (EAP) target—establishing

30,000 entrepreneurship units in 2025-26. A core highlight was the em- phasis on digital enable- ment, with the LHP Cell positioned as a compre- hensive platform for Self- Help Group (SHG) wom- en and their families. Integrated with MEP MA's web and mobile ap- plications, this resource offers real-time tracking of livelihood proposals, financial linkage facili- tation, and performance monitoring. The initia- tive aligns with the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's "One Family – One Entrepreneur" (OFOE) vision, designed

to promote decentral- ized, demand-driven en- trepreneurship through institutional support. The Mission Director de- tailed that as of October 31, 2025, Andhra Pradesh had received 36,454 liveli- hood proposals. Sectoral analysis showed 42.3% applications in retail and trading, 29.7% in manu- facturing, 26.7% in ser- vice industries, and 1.3% linked to agriculture. Notably, achievements in financial linkage com- prising the SHG Bank Linkage, SEP-I (Self-Em- ployment Pro gra mme- Individual), and SEP-G (Self-Em-

ployment Programme- Group) schemes amount- ed to 5,573.57 crore sanctioned, surpassing targets at 122% of the cu- mulative goal. Institu- tional collaboration was a focal point, demon- strated through the sign- ing of over 27 Memoran- da of Understanding (MoUs) with entities such as CSC e-Govern- ance, Andhra Prade sh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC), SARA Projects, Nipuna HDS, Dalit Bahujan Re- source Centre (DBRC), Vasavya Mahila Manda- li, Relish Foods, and Chai Rasta.



Thunderstorms Forecast for Andhra Pradesh from November 4, Says IMD

TPN | Vijayawada, November 3, 2025: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by light- ning across several parts of coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalasee- ma between November 4 and 6. The alert comes as weather conditions in the region indicate a gradual shift influenced by weak northeast mon- soon activity.

According to IMD of- ficials, lower tropo-

spheric northwesterly winds are currently pre- vailing over Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, which could trigger con- vective weather across multiple districts in the coming days. Despite the onset of the north- east monsoon, rainfall activity so far has re- mained limited, leading to mild temperature vari- ations and low humid- ity levels.

On Sunday evening, parts of Visakhapatnam city and nearby districts

experienced brief but intense thundershow- ers, signalling a change in local atmospheric conditions. The depart- ment noted that isolated thunderstorms and lightning incidents are expected to continue, particularly during late afternoon and evening hours. Authorities have urged residents to exer- cise caution during this period, especially in low-lying areas prone to sudden waterlogging and regions vulnerable

to lightning strikes. Farmers have been ad- vised to postpone activi- ties such as fertilizer ap- plication, irrigation, and open-field work dur- ing storm periods to avoid potential hazards.

Disaster management teams have also been placed on alert across key coastal districts. Local bodies have been di- rected to monitor weath- er advisories and disseminate updates to the public through of- ficial communication

channels. The IMD will continue to issue region- specific forecasts to as- sist in preparedness and response measures. Me- teorologists added that the upcoming thunder- storm activity could help bring some relief to parts of Andhra Pra- desh that have been ex- perienceing dry condi- tions since late October, though more consistent monsoon rainfall is still awaited to improve over- all moisture levels across the region.

Devotees Flood Shiva Temples on Second Monday of Karthikam



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Ramachandrapuram: Shaiva temples across the Ramachandrapuram constituency were filled with devotional fervor on the occasion of the

second Monday in the sacred month of Kartika. The entire region reverberated with chants of “Om Namah Shivaya” and “Hara Hara Mahadeva Shambho Shankara,”

as devotees worshipped Lord Shiva with deep faith and devotion. The renowned Dakshina Kashi, the Panchaarama shrine of Sri Bhimeswara Swamy, presiding

with Goddess Sri Manikyamba at Draksharamam, witnessed massive footfall right from early dawn. Large numbers of devotees reached the temple to participate in special rituals and abhishekams. Temple priests performed sacred ceremonies, bathing the deity with Panchamrutham, amid Vedic chants and divine hymns. Long queues formed as thousands flocked for darshan, creating a vibrant and spiritual atmosphere. The temple administration had made elaborate arrangements to ensure smooth movement of pilgrims. Special queue lines were set up to manage the heavy crowd efficiently. Volunteers and staff worked under the supervision of the temple Executive Officer to provide

seamless services without any inconvenience to the devotees. Women observed the auspicious Kartika Deepa tradition by lighting lamps in and around the temple premises, illuminating the sanctum with divine radiance. The sight of countless flickering lamps added a festive glow to the sacred surroundings. The air was filled with devotion, faith, and celebration as thousands offered prayers for peace, prosperity, and well-being. With disciplined organization and enthusiastic participation, the second Kartika Monday turned into a spiritually uplifting celebration at the ancient Draksharamam temple, reaffirming its significance as one of the most revered Shaiva centers in southern India.



Locals Block Bid to Seize Park Land

TPN BUREAU | Nov 3 Rajanagaram, East Godavari: Tensions have simmered in the Diwan Cheruvu area after local residents raised alarm over an alleged attempt to encroach upon a common site designated for a public park in the Midhulanagar layout of Palacherla village. The disputed land, measuring about 1,500 square yards and registered under Survey No. 331/2, was approved in 2005 by the Director of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) under Layout Permission No. 20/2005/R1. According to villagers, a group identified as a local land grabbing syndicate recently erected green screens and began cleaning operations at the site, which was reserved as a community park. Residents suspect that these are initial steps to illegally occupy the property. “Our children’s park is being taken over by real estate gangs,” said one of the plot owners. “We have lodged a complaint with the panchayat, and we will not allow our public space to be stolen.” Local residents also insisted that putting up a green curtain does not mean an encroachment will succeed. They vowed to protect the land earmarked for the community. Panchayat Responds to Complaints

Following a written complaint from plot owners, Diwan Cheruvu Panchayat Secretary Koochumanchi Hanumanth Rao visited the site and warned against any illegal activity. He clarified that common sites in approved layouts are public property and cannot be used for private construction. “The issue has been brought to my notice by residents,” Hanumanth Rao said. “The land is a community space. Any attempt to capture it is illegal, and if needed, we will act with police and revenue officials to remove unauthorized structures.” The secretary also instructed the local staff to monitor the area closely to prevent further attempts at encroachment. MLA Issues Stern Warning Rajanagaram MLA Battula Balaramakrishna condemned the alleged move and assured strict action against land mafias. He reiterated that common areas within approved layouts belong to the public and are protected by law. “No one will be allowed to occupy government-owned or common sites. Such lands are the property of the people,” he warned. “We are already in touch with senior revenue officials, and necessary steps will be taken to curb such illegal encroachments.” Growing Concern

Over Real Estate Mafia as Locals allege that certain real estate operators in Rajanagaram and surrounding rural areas have been manipulating land records and occupying community plots such as parks, playgrounds, and temple lands. While these areas are legally meant for social use, residents say they are increasingly falling prey to fraudulent conversions and illegal fencing. Some citizens also expressed concern that such activities are thriving under political patronage. “On one hand, the government is distributing house sites to the poor; on the other, land mafias are grabbing public parks,” remarked a resident. Authorities on Alert Sources from the revenue and engineering departments indicated that the matter has been taken up for inquiry. Officials may soon survey the site and clear any encroachments if confirmed. The incident once again highlights the growing threat posed by land mafias across East Godavari district. Locals are now demanding strong enforcement and continuous monitoring to ensure that public lands remain truly public. “Common sites belong to the people,” said a resident activist. “If the law stays silent, the community loses what was built for all.”

Devotion and Safety Must Go Hand in Hand: East Godavari SP

TPN BUREAU | Nov 3: East Godavari: The holy month of Karthika, filled with deep devotion and spiritual enthusiasm, often draws massive crowds to temples, river ghats, and sacred gatherings across Andhra Pradesh. However, such large congregations sometimes lead to unfortunate stampedes or chaotic situations that mar the sanctity of the occasion. Taking proactive steps to prevent such incidents, East Godavari Superintendent of Police D. Narasimha Kishore has launched an extensive safety initiative centered on the principle that “devotion should always move with discipline and caution.”

“Motivated by recent tragedy in Srikakulam’s Kasibugga Venkateswara Swamy temple where a stampede occurred during a festival rush, SP Kishore has directed all departments to strengthen security measures at temples and holy sites throughout East Godavari district. His appeal to citizens is simple yet powerful: “True devotion grows with peace, not recklessness.” He urged devotees to remain calm in queues, avoid pushing, and cooperate with security personnel to ensure orderly darshan and festivities. Recognizing that crowd control and public protection demand coordinated effort, Kishore convened an inter-departmental meeting involving officials from the Police, Endowments Department, Fire Services, and Revenue Department. Instructions were issued to establish adequate police pickets at major temples and ghats, deploy sufficient personnel based on expected crowd sizes, set up barricades, loudspeakers, and first-aid centers, and organize traffic diversions when necessary. His focus on “coordination at all levels” has set an example



of practical governance in festival management. Emphasizing that public safety is not solely the responsibility of the government but of every citizen, SP Kishore’s message has already built widespread awareness among devotees. Posters and announcements under the campaign “Devotion with Safety” have begun appearing across the district, reminding pilgrims to maintain discipline and

patience. In addition to temple safety, special attention has been given to “Karthika Vanabhajanams,” traditional community picnics that attract large gatherings in open areas. The SP instructed teams to inspect cooking zones and ensure safe electrical practices to avoid short circuits or accidental fires. His directive to keep “wet sand and water drums mandatory” near food counters reflects his

cautious and pragmatic approach to fire safety. Under his leadership, East Godavari police have launched a 24-hour monitoring network to handle emergencies and ensure quick response times. Public awareness drives are ongoing to encourage people to use the Dial 112 service in case of danger or distress. Officers have been deployed at major pilgrimage points such as Kotipalli, Antarvedi, and Ramachandrapuram to assist devotees and regulate flow. With the motto “Discipline is True Worship,” SP D. Narasimha Kishore has shown that policing during spiritual occasions is not just about law enforcement but about compassion, foresight, and community partnership. His initiative has not only reassured the public but also strengthened the perception of police as true protectors and friends of the people in East Godavari.

From Godavari to Global: Dr. Kommu’s Creative Voyage



TPN Bureau, RAJAHMUNDRY Nov 3: East Godavari From the banks of the serene Godavari River to the bustling innovation hubs of America, Dr. James Watt Kommu’s journey is one of remarkable transformation a story where passion meets purpose, and career blends seamlessly with creativity. Born and raised in Rajamahendravaram, on the picturesque banks of the Godavari, Dr. Kommu is today the head of Sanus Software Solutions in the United States. While his professional achievements in the field of software development have earned him global recognition, his heart still beats in rhythm with the arts cinema, literature, and music passions that continue to define his parallel journey of creativity. “Profession gives us economic security, but passion gives life its meaning.”

When both align, life finds true fulfillment,” says Dr. Kommu, perfectly summing up the harmony between his dual worlds. Despite a busy professional life in the United States, Dr. Kommu has actively pursued his creative dreams. He has worked as co-producer for three films and recently brought his independent project Voice of Maria to life, which premiered on Amazon. His works stand as a testimony to his commitment to socially relevant and artistically meaningful cinema. The films he has been involved in include ‘Nuvvu Thopu Raa’ (2019), Voices of Maria (2021), and Artist A Perfect Killer (2025), produced under the SJK Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.

Each project reflects his deep belief that art can inspire awareness and provoke thought. Beyond his contributions to film production, Dr. Kommu’s vision now extends toward nurturing homegrown talent. Inspired by his roots, he plans to produce a full-length feature film featuring artists and actors from the Godavari region. His goal is to provide a platform for local performers and technicians to showcase their talent on the larger cinematic stage. “No matter where I live, my heart always remembers the Godavari. The culture and values of this soil shaped who I am. It is only right that I offer the same opportunities to the artists of my homeland,” said Dr. Kommu, expressing his enduring

emotional bond with Rajamahendravaram. Those who know him describe Dr. Kommu as a true visionary — someone who seamlessly integrates technology and creativity, business acumen and artistic sensitivity. He stands as a modern example of how one can be both a global professional and a rooted creator, bridging continents through shared stories and universal human values. As his creative pursuits grow, his dream remains larger than personal success to unite the Godavari’s artistic spirit with global audiences. From software innovations in America to cinematic aspirations on the banks of the Godavari, Dr. James Watt Kommu’s life journey continues to prove that creativity knows no boundaries.

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TPN Bureau Nov 3 Dornala: A serious complaint has been lodged with the Palnadu Superintendent of Police against the personal assistant and close aides of former minister and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Vidudala Rajini. According to the complaint, a group including a B.Pharmacy student from Dornala, identified as Krishna, along with several others, accused Rajini’s assistants and followers of extorting large sums of money by promising government jobs. The complainants alleged that Rajini’s personal assistants, Sri-

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From Purdah to IPS: Shaik Shereen Begum's Journey of Courage

(First Muslim Woman IPS Officer in Andhra Pradesh)



Visit of DPTC, Srikakulam by the D.I.G., Visakhapatnam Range on.13-9-2017



Q1: Please introduce yourself and share your early life background.

A: I am Shaik Shereen Begum, born on 1 July 1972 in One-Town, Wynchipet, Vijayawada—a Muslim-majority area in Andhra Pradesh. As the eldest of three daughters in a lower-middle-class family, I grew up amidst illiteracy and rigid conservative ideologies where education, especially for girls, was rarely a priority. Yet, my mother recognized its transformative power, and my father championed our pursuit of higher studies and careers despite fierce societal resistance.

Q2: What specific societal barriers did you face while pursuing education?

A: The challenges were relentless—enforced purdah, home confinement, and constant discouragement from relatives and neighbors: “Why send her to school? Who will marry educated girls? Where will you find qualified grooms? Too much freedom will make them elope.” Even attending university felt like a transgression. These restrictions, however, only fueled my inner fire, transforming obstacles into unyielding determination.

Q3: How did you manage to prepare for competitive exams with limited resources?

A: Financial constraints left me unable to buy books or magazines. I turned to second-hand markets—Ber Sarai and Munirka in Delhi, Koti and Sultan Bazaar in Hyderabad—scouring footpaths on Sundays. The libraries of Andhra University, Osmania University, and JNU became my sanctuaries. With these, I cleared the State Group-I services in my very first attempt, despite falling short in UPSC initially.

Q4: You faced an unjust allocation after selection—what happened, and how did you respond?

A: The APPSC wrongly allotted me and a few others to the Department of Employment and Training, far from my calling. Driven by an unshakable desire to serve the public, I fought a 10-year legal battle across all forums, culminating in victory at the Supreme Court. Justice prevailed, and I entered the Police Services as Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.S.P.).

Q5: How was your training experience, and

what recognition did you earn?

A: My enthusiasm doubled upon joining. I completed probationary training with utmost determination, discipline, and dedication, earning the titles of Best All-Rounder, Best Indoor, and Best Firer in my batch of Dy.S.P.s. Though not assigned a sub-division initially, I excelled across CID, ACB, Crimes, Administration, and Intelligence.

Q6: Walk us through your professional journey and current role.

A: I began as Dy.S.P. in CID (Rajahmundry, 2015), served as Addl. S.P. in Srikakulam (2007–), DCP (Crimes) in Vijayawada, Joint Director in ACB, and Superintendent of Police in the Intelligence Security Wing (2020–). I also held key roles as Competent Authority / Special Officer for A.P. State Waqf Board and VC & MD of A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation. Currently, I serve as Survey Commissioner of Waqfs (on deputation to Minorities Welfare Department), working to uplift minority communities—especially protection of waqf properties for the welfare & development of the Muslim community.

Q7: What are your academic and professional milestones?

A: I hold an M.Sc. in Geophysics with Hydrology Specialization (University First Rank, Andhra University). I joined Group-I Services in 2001 and was conferred IPS in 2017. In 2023, I became the first Muslim woman IPS officer in Andhra Pradesh—and earlier, the first Muslim woman Group-I officer in the combined state. I also pioneered water rappelling as the first woman police officer at Khatika Waterfalls, Araku.

Q8: What awards have you received in recognition of your journey?

A: Pratibha Award (8 March 2018) from the Government of A.P. for overcoming hardships as a Muslim woman.

Best All-Rounder, Best Indoor, Best Firer during police training.

University First Rank in M.Sc. (Geophysics).

Q9: How does your current work reflect your personal mission?

A: In the Minorities Welfare Department, I focus on breaking cycles of backwardness—especially among minority girls. By inspiring

parents to prioritize education, I aim to empower the next generation, just as my parents did for me. My journey—from purdah to police service—is proof that determination can redefine destiny.

Q10: What message do you have for young women, especially from minority communities?

A: Never let circumstances define your limits. Education is your strongest weapon, resilience your shield, and service your purpose. The path may be tough, but every step forward inspires a thousand others. From a girl in purdah to the first Muslim woman IPS officer in Andhra Pradesh—I stand as living proof: dream fiercely, fight wisely, and rise proudly.

Q11: Civil services—especially uniformed services—are largely male-dominated. Coming from a Muslim community with numerous restrictions, why did you choose this path? What inspired you?

A: Becoming a civil servant, particularly a police officer, was my childhood dream—and my father's as well. The first movie I ever watched with him in a theater was Karthavyam. Its powerful portrayal of a woman in uniform left an indelible impact on me. That moment ignited my resolve to join the IPS and serve with honor, breaking barriers in a field dominated by men.

Q12: Who has been your greatest pillar of support throughout this journey?

A: Undoubtedly, both my father and mother. They held a steadfast vision: education alone can transform lives, bring dignity, and command respect. Despite societal pressures, they championed my studies and aspirations, standing firmly by me at every step.

Q13: Preparation and coaching for civil services are often expensive. Given your lower-middle-class background, how did you manage?

A: With my father working in the railways and the responsibility of educating my siblings, resources were extremely limited. I moved to Hyderabad, lived in a modest ₹300 rented room, and attended coaching under tough conditions. Every sacrifice was fueled by determination—nothing could deter me from my goal.



PM Modi Launches ₹1 Lakh Crore RDI Fund to Boost Private R&D



TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, November 3, 2025, launched the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund to spur private sector investment in research and development across India. The launch took place at the inaugural Emerging Science, Technology and In-

novation Conclave (ESTIC) 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, which brought together policymakers, innovators, and global experts. The RDI Fund, to be operated under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), will follow a two-tiered funding structure. The initiative aims to encourage collaboration

between industry, academia, and startups, ensuring that India's private sector actively participates in cutting-edge research while advancing the government's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the importance of private sector engagement in research, stating that innovation-driven

growth is essential to achieving global leadership in science and technology. The RDI Fund is designed to support high-impact projects, provide financial incentives, and create an ecosystem where private enterprises can contribute meaningfully to India's research landscape. Union Minister of State

(Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, emphasized that the fund would enable strategic partnerships and resource-sharing, helping Indian innovators compete on a global scale. The two-tier structure of the fund will include grants for exploratory research and matched funding to leverage private capital for large-scale R&D projects. The ESTIC 2025 conclave, where the fund was unveiled, aims to serve as a platform for dialogue between government bodies, private enterprises, and international stakeholders to strengthen India's innovation ecosystem. The initiative aligns with India's broader strategy of fostering a knowledge-driven economy, strengthening scientific research, and creating new avenues for technological leadership. Experts say the RDI Fund has the potential to transform India's research landscape by unlocking private investment, promoting collaborative innovation, and accelerating the country's march toward a globally competitive science and technology ecosystem.

Yogi Adityanath's 'Pappu', 'Tappu', 'Akku' Jab At Opposition Leaders In Bihar

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As Bihar gears up for its two-phase assembly elections on November 6 and 11, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched sharp attacks on the opposition INDIA alliance, targeting Congress, RJD, and Samajwadi Party leaders. Addressing a rally in Keoti, Darbhanga, Yogi mockingly referred to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav as "Pappu", "Tappu", and "Appu", calling them "three monkeys" in a jab at Mahatma Gandhi's famous proverb. He alleged that the opposition embraces criminals, compromises state security, and divides people on caste lines. "With guns and pistols, they tainted Bihar's system... these people hug and mingle with family mafias and disrupt security," he said. Yogi further

described them as "blatant Hindu traitors" and accused them of undermining faith and national security. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi held a massive roadshow in Patna on Sunday, urging voters to support the NDA. Modi slammed Congress over its response to Operation Sindoor, saying the party and its allies opposed India's success while Pakistan celebrated. He also highlighted internal conflicts within the opposition, claiming that Congress and RJD clashed over seat-sharing, with the RJD allegedly forcing its candidate as the Chief Ministerial nominee. The remarks come amid intense campaigning in the 243-member Bihar Assembly elections, where constituencies like Keoti are witnessing multi-cornered battles involving the BJP, RJD, AIMIM, and Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj party. Both leaders emphasized the NDA's de-



velopment agenda and accused opposition parties of obstructing governance and security. With polling days ap-

proaching, the political discourse in Bihar has intensified, featuring sharp personal attacks, allegations of corruption and

criminal links, and claims of undermining national security, setting the stage for a highly charged electoral contest.

Mamata Banerjee Cheers For Women In Blue, Then BJP's "Be Home By 8" Jab



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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's congratulatory post on India's historic Women's World Cup win drew a sharp response from the BJP, which referenced her controversial remarks about women being out late at night. Minutes after Harmanpreet Kaur-led Team In-

dia lifted the trophy with a 52-run victory over South Africa, Banerjee tweeted her pride in the "Women in Blue," praising their courage, skill, and inspirational journey. "The fight they showed and the command they displayed throughout the tournament will inspire generations of young girls. You are our

heroes. Many bigger victories await you in the future," she wrote. However, BJP Bengal quickly invoked Banerjee's earlier comments on the October gang-rape of a 23-year-old MBBS student in Durgapur. Banerjee had questioned how the student managed to leave her campus late at night, suggesting that private medi-

cal colleges should ensure students' safety and control their movements after dark. Her remarks were widely criticized as victim-blaming. Responding to her World Cup post, BJP Bengal quipped, "OMG, they were playing till 12! But you had told them to be home by 8." Party spokespersons Gaurav Bhatia and She-

hzad Poonawalla accused Banerjee of defending perpetrators while blaming victims in multiple sexual assault cases in the state. The Durgapur case involved a second-year medical student from Odisha who was allegedly gang-raped on October 10 in a forested area. The survivor's friend reportedly misled her to the secluded location. The main accused, Firdous Sheikh, along with five co-accused, have been arrested. The incident has reignited debates on women's safety in West Bengal, with critics highlighting perceived lapses in governance and accountability. Banerjee's World Cup praise, intended to celebrate women achievers, thus sparked a political backlash due to the lingering controversy over her past remarks on the Durgapur case. This episode underscores the continuing tension in West Bengal politics over gender issues and leadership accountability.

"Nothing Else To Ask?" Siddaramaiah Snaps At Reporter Over Chief Minister Question



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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday dismissed media speculation about a potential leadership change in the state, snapping at a reporter over questions about Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar possibly taking over the top post. With the Congress government reaching the halfway mark of its five-year term later this month, rumors of a so-called "November revolution" have fueled discussions about a change in leadership. Supporters of Shivakumar have reportedly called for him to become Chief Minister, prompting media attention. "Don't you have anything else to ask? Let people talk whatever they want, but who is the high command? Have Sonia Gandhi, Rahul

Gandhi, or Mallikarjun Kharge spoken about this?" Siddaramaiah said, referring to senior Congress leaders. He added, "Why are you always talking about it? Other than the high command, others talking about this has no significance." The Chief Minister clarified that any decisions regarding a cabinet reshuffle would be discussed with the Congress high command after the Bihar assembly elections, scheduled for November 6 and 11. Siddaramaiah reaffirmed his intention to complete the full five-year term, subject to the party's leadership decision. The speculation traces back to the post-May 2023 Karnataka assembly elections, when Shivakumar was persuaded to accept the Deputy Chief Minister role after a tough contest with Sid-

daramaiah for the top post. Earlier reports had suggested a "rotational chief minister formula," under which Shivakumar would assume office halfway through the term, but both leaders and party members rejected these claims. Shivakumar, who also heads Congress' Karnataka unit, echoed Siddaramaiah's stance, stating last week that the state government is united. "Only what the Chief Minister and I have spoken matters. Apart from that, no one else's words carry any value," he said, emphasizing that there is no need for speculation about leadership changes. The remarks come amid ongoing political chatter, but both senior leaders appear intent on projecting unity and deflecting media-driven narratives.

SC to Set Norms for Feeding Stray Dogs in Government Premises



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The Supreme Court on Monday, November 3, 2025, said it would soon issue directions to regulate the feeding of stray dogs within government buildings and institutional premises. The move comes amid concerns about unregulated feeding of dogs in office and institutional areas, which the court noted could affect hygiene and safety. A bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and N.V. Anjaria said the guidelines would clarify how government employees and officials should interact with stray animals within institutional premises. "We will issue an order in a few days regarding government institutions where employees are supporting and encouraging dogs in that area," the bench observed during

the hearing. The case pertains to broader issues of stray dog management across the country, balancing animal welfare with public safety. While authorities have often faced challenges in controlling stray dog populations in urban spaces, unregulated feeding in government areas has been highlighted as a concern by the petitioners. The Supreme Court's forthcoming directions are expected to provide a uniform framework, guiding government offices, schools, and other public institutions on responsible practices regarding stray animals. This could include specifying designated feeding zones, timings, and responsibilities to ensure that employees' compassion for animals does not compromise cleanliness, safety, or the functioning of government

premises. Animal welfare activists have welcomed the court's attention to the issue but stressed that any order should also ensure humane treatment of dogs, including regular vaccination drives, sterilisation programs, and the creation of community feeding facilities outside institutional areas. The bench, headed by Justice Vikram Nath, is set to issue the detailed guidelines on November 7, 2025, offering a clear framework for government institutions to manage stray dog interactions responsibly while maintaining public safety and institutional discipline. The case reflects the growing focus on coexistence between humans and stray animals in urban spaces, seeking a balance between compassion for animals and practical governance.

Displaced Palestinians Shelter in Gaza Cemeteries



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In the southern Gaza Strip, cemeteries have become makeshift homes for displaced Palestinians fleeing ongoing conflict. Families are living among gravestones, using them as seats, tables, and walls for their temporary shelters, as war and destruction have left them with few alternatives.

In Khan Younis, Maisa Brikah and her children have spent the past five months in a dusty, sun-baked cemetery. Around 30 families now reside in the same area, turning solemn resting places into crowded, improvised living spaces. “We have nowhere else to go,” Brikah said, highlighting the stark realities of life in a conflict zone.

The situation reflects the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where intense fighting and displacement have overwhelmed official shelters. Cemeteries, normally places of mourning, have become refuges for survival. Residents face extreme challenges, including limited access to food, clean water, and medical care, as well as exposure to the elements in open-air surroundings.

Aid organizations have struggled to provide assistance amid ongoing hostilities, leaving many families to rely on community networks and improvised solutions. The makeshift camps highlight both the desperation of displaced civilians and the lack of safe alternatives amid continued violence.

Despite the grim conditions, residents like Brikah strive to maintain some semblance of daily life. Gravestones double as dining tables, shaded spots serve as resting areas, and children play in narrow paths between burial plots. The unusual setting underscores the resilience of those forced into impossible circumstances.

As the conflict continues, families living in cemeteries are a stark reminder of the human toll of war. Their plight calls attention to the urgent need for humanitarian support and long-term solutions for displaced populations in Gaza, where safety and normalcy remain distant hopes. The cemetery shelters in Khan Younis are now a symbol of both tragedy and perseverance in a region where the line between life and death has blurred for countless civilians.

Erika Kirk Speaks Out Amid Hug Controversy With JD Vance



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Erika Kirk, widow of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and newly appointed CEO of Turning Point USA, has broken her silence following criticism over a viral video showing her hugging US Vice President JD Vance at a recent event. In an emotional interview with Fox News at Turning Point USA headquarters, Erika addressed both the controversy and the ongoing investigation into her husband's murder.

“There were cameras all over my husband when he was murdered. There have been cameras all over my friends and family, mourning. There have been cameras all over me—analysing my every move, my every smile, my every tear,” she said. Erika emphasized the need for transparency in the Tyler Robinson case, the man accused of killing her husband. “Why not be transparent? There's nothing to hide. Let everyone see what true evil is. This is something that could impact generations to come,” she added.

The controversy over her public appearances intensified after footage emerged of Erika introducing Vice President Vance in Mississippi. During the event,

the two shared a close embrace, prompting scrutiny from commentators questioning the timing and appropriateness of the gesture. Erika acknowledged the similarities she sees between her late husband and Vance, stating, “No one will ever replace Charlie, but I do see some similarities of my husband in JD, Vice President JD Vance.”

The interview also revealed deeply personal moments, including Erika breaking down while watching a video of Charlie. “Sorry, guys. Just give me a second,” she tearfully told the interviewer, describing it as the longest video she had watched of her late husband.

Reflecting on her late husband's mission to “save Western civilization,” Erika said, “I didn't sign up for anything. I just married the love of my life.” At Charlie Kirk's memorial on September 21, she delivered an emotional eulogy, expressing forgiveness toward the accused. “He wanted to save young men just like the one who took his life. That man, that young man, I forgive him,” she said tearfully, underscoring her commitment to her husband's values even in grief.

China Refutes Trump’s Nuke Testing Charge: “Beijing Abides By Commitment”

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China has firmly rejected former US President Donald Trump's claims that it has been conducting secret nuclear tests, emphasizing that Beijing continues to honor its commitments under international agreements. Speaking at a regular press briefing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said, “As a responsible nuclear-weapons state, China has always adhered to the path of peaceful development, pursued a policy of no first use of nuclear weapons, upheld a self-defence nuclear strategy, and abided by its commitment to suspend nuclear testing.”

Mao added that China hopes the United States will take “concrete actions to safeguard the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime and maintain global strategic balance and stability.”

Trump, in a recent interview with CBS's 60 Minutes, claimed that China, Russia, North Korea, and Pakistan have conducted underground nuclear tests



unknown to the public, suggesting that the US should follow suit. He stated, “Russia's testing, and

China's testing, but they don't talk about it... They test way underground, where people don't know

exactly what's happening with the test. You feel a little bit of a vibration.” His comments sparked

confusion about whether the US intends to conduct its first nuclear explosion since 1992. Trump indicated

plans for nuclear testing akin to other nations, while his Energy Secretary, Chris Wright, clarified on Fox News that any upcoming tests would be “system tests” or “non-critical explosions,” which do not involve nuclear detonations but instead assess other components of nuclear weapons.

Experts note that no country besides North Korea is known to have conducted nuclear detonations in recent decades. Russia and China have not tested nuclear weapons since 1990 and 1996, respectively. Both nations remain signatories to the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which prohibits all nuclear explosions for military or civilian purposes.

China's response underscores its continued commitment to global non-proliferation, countering Trump's unverified allegations and highlighting tensions over nuclear policy discussions amid US-Russia-China strategic rivalry.

Khawaja Asif Blames India for ‘Two-Front War’ With Pakistan

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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has once again accused India of orchestrating tensions along Pakistan's eastern and western borders, claiming New Delhi is keeping Islamabad occupied on “two fronts.” Speaking to Geo News, Asif linked India to the recent clashes with Taliban forces along the Durand Line and airstrikes on Kabul, suggesting that Afghanistan was acting as a “proxy” for India.

“If there is a need for evidence, then we have it about what involvement India has in terrorism [in Pakistan] and how it wants to keep us busy on two fronts: the eastern and western,” Asif said. However, he did not provide any verifiable proof to substantiate his claims, drawing skepticism from observers.



Asif also alleged that the Taliban leadership was being manipulated by New Delhi, asserting, “The people in Kabul pulling the strings and staging the puppet show are being controlled by

Delhi,” in remarks to Dawn. His comments come amid ongoing ceasefire talks and mediation efforts by Qatar and Turkey, aimed at stabilizing relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On the ceasefire, Asif expressed cautious optimism, saying, “Everyone is onboard—politicians, the establishment, and the Pakistani nation—that an immediate solution to the Afghanistan

issue is very necessary, which is that terrorism from Afghan soil should be completely stopped.”

Tensions between the two neighbors have escalated since October 9, when explosions in Kabul

killed over 70 people and injured hundreds. Taliban authorities blamed Islamabad for the violence, though Pakistan has neither confirmed nor denied involvement, instead pointing to groups like Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) using Afghan territory for attacks on Pakistani soil.

The Defence Minister's statements highlight Pakistan's continuing security concerns, particularly amid a surge in domestic terrorism and several fatalities among security personnel during intelligence-based operations. Analysts note that Asif's repeated claims linking India to Afghanistan may further strain relations in an already volatile regional landscape, even as efforts at dialogue continue to maintain the fragile ceasefire.

6.3-Magnitude Earthquake Kills 20, Injures Hundreds in Afghanistan

TPN Correspondent | Busan

In a major military development, Russia has launched its newest nuclear-powered submarine, Khabarovsk, designed to carry the ‘Poseidon’ nuclear drone — a weapon often described as a “doomsday missile” for its catastrophic potential. The submarine was launched at the Sevmash shipyards in Severodvinsk during a ceremony attended by Defence Minister Andrei Belousov, Naval Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev, and senior shipbuilding officials.

“This marks a significant event — the launch of the heavy nuclear-powered missile cruiser Khabarovsk,” Belousov stated in his televised address, emphasizing that the vessel would enhance Russia's ability to secure its maritime borders and safeguard national interests across global waters.

Developed by Rubin, the Central Design Bureau of Marine Engi-

neering, Khabarovsk is engineered to deploy advanced underwater weapons and robotic systems. It represents the next generation of Russia's strategic deterrent force, complementing its fleet of nuclear-capable submarines.

The submarine will serve as the primary carrier of the Poseidon underwater drone, a nuclear-powered unmanned weapon that can travel at high speeds, extreme depths, and intercontinental ranges — surpassing the capabilities of conventional submarines and torpedoes.

Russian media outlet Kommersant noted that the launch follows last week's successful test of the Poseidon drone, confirmed by President Vladimir Putin, who revealed that the weapon is powered by a compact nuclear reactor “100 times smaller than that of a strategic submarine.”

Deputy Security Council Chairman Dmitry Medvedev has called Po-



seidon the “Doomsday missile,” while Duma Defence Committee Chairman Andrei Kartapolov

said it is “capable of wiping out entire coastal nations.” The launch of

Khabarovsk marks another escalation in Russia's nuclear deterrence capabilities, signaling its

commitment to maintaining strategic superiority in underwater warfare.

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

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

Sequentially, HCLTech's net profit and revenue grew by 10% and 5.2% respectively, signaling a steady business momentum amid a challenging global tech environment. The company's diversified portfolio, including digital transformation and AI services, continues to fuel growth and resilience.

In a surprising move that bucks the trend of layoffs in the technology sector, HCLTech reported a net addition of 3,489 employees during the quarter. This brought the total workforce count to a robust 2,26,640 employees, underscoring the company's confidence in expanding operations and talent acquisition despite uncertainties in the global IT market.

The company also announced an interim dividend of ₹12 per equity share for the financial year 2025-26, reflecting its strong cash flow position and commitment to shareholder returns.



Analysts view HCLTech's results positively, noting that the company's balanced growth in revenue and workforce, coupled with stable profitability, positions it well to capitalize on

emerging opportunities in AI and digital services. The ongoing investments in talent and technology underscore HCLTech's strategy to deepen client engagements and scale up

high-value services. With the IT sector facing headwinds globally, HCLTech's ability to sustain growth and expand its workforce highlights its robust business fundamentals and

strategic agility in a competitive landscape. Investors and market watchers will keenly watch the company's performance in the coming quarters as it navigates evolving industry dynamics.

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



The GST portal has officially opened the window for filing the GSTR-9 annual return and GSTR-9C reconciliation statement for the financial year 2024-25. These filings are mandatory for all taxpayers registered under GST and provide a compre-

hensive summary of the year's tax transactions, including outward and inward supplies, tax paid, and input tax credit claimed.

GSTR-9 must be filed annually, consolidating all monthly or quarterly GST returns filed dur-

ing the year. GSTR-9C, applicable to taxpayers whose turnover exceeds the prescribed limit, serves as a reconciliation statement and requires certification by a Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant.

According to Prabhat Ranjan,

Senior Director at Nexdigm, while most taxpayers are familiar with GSTR-9 and 9C filings, this year's filing comes with new disclosure requirements and stricter validations on the GST portal. He urged taxpayers to be meticulous while filing to avoid

errors and potential penalties.

Important Points to Note:

- **Deadline:** The last date for filing GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for FY25 is December 31, 2025. Taxpayers are advised not to wait for any extensions, as no grace period is expected this year; unlike previous years when extensions were sometimes granted due to technical glitches.

- **Turnover Limits:** GSTR-9C filing is mandatory for taxpayers with a turnover exceeding the threshold specified by the government, usually above ₹5 crore.

- **Compliance Tips:** Early preparation, accurate reconciliation of data with annual financial statements, and cross-verification of input tax credit claims are essential for smooth filing.

The GST portal now enforces stricter validations to minimize discrepancies and improve compliance. Taxpayers should ensure their returns for the entire financial year are correctly filed before attempting the annual return.

With the financial year-end approaching, businesses are urged to prioritize GST annual return filing to avoid last-minute rush and penalties.

Tata Motors Shares Fall 40% After Demerger



Shares of Tata Motors opened nearly 40% lower on Tuesday, triggering concern among investors. However, the company clarified that the sharp fall is a technical adjustment following the demerger of its commercial vehicle business.

The stock opened at ₹399, significantly down from Monday's close of ₹660.90, bringing the company's market capitalisation to around ₹1.45 lakh crore. Despite the steep fall, the move does not reflect any erosion in investor wealth, but rather a realignment due to the demerger.

As part of the restructuring, shareholders as of the record date (October 14) will receive one share of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Limited (TMLCV) for every share they held in Tata Motors.

This adjustment explains the price drop in Tata Motors' existing stock, which now represents only the passenger vehicle (EV), and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) businesses.

The company's re-

structured entity is now listed as Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPVL). Meanwhile, the commercial vehicle arm, TMLCV, will be renamed Tata Motors Limited after completing regulatory approvals.

TMLCV shares are not yet available for trading and will be listed separately in the coming 45-60 days, pending exchange approval. Also, derivative contracts for the old Tata Motors expired on Monday. New F&O contracts for TMPVL began trading on Tuesday, while TMLCV will not be available for F&O trading for now.

No Loss to Investors

For those holding Tata Motors shares as of the record date, the allocation is clear:

- 100 shares of TMPVL (passenger vehicle business)
- 100 shares of TMLCV (commercial vehicle business)

Investors are advised not to panic, as the perceived drop is simply a restructuring formality, not a decline in actual value.

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



Indian equity markets ended lower on Monday, dragged down by IT and FMCG stocks, as global markets reacted negatively to fresh trade tensions between the US and China. The downturn followed US President Donald Trump's announcement of a 100% tariff on Chinese imports starting November 1.

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

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

Sectorally, IT and FMCG stocks bore the brunt of the sell-off. Major laggards included Tata Motors, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, Bharat Electronics, ITC, and UltraTech Cement. The renewed tar-

iff threat has sparked fears of a further slowdown in global trade, dampening investor sentiment across Asian and European markets.

"With Trump's announcement of additional tariffs on Chinese exports, markets globally have turned risk-averse," said a market analyst at a domestic brokerage. "Investors are also booking profits ahead of key US economic data and corporate earnings reports due later this week."

The imposition of new tariffs threatens to disrupt fragile global supply chains already dealing with inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainties.

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

Going forward, investors will closely watch developments around US-China trade talks, inflation data, and commentary from central banks for further cues.

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

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

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

Analysts noted that softening prices in key segments — including vegetables, cereals, and cooking gas — played a major role in easing WPI inflation for the month. Crude petroleum prices also remained relatively stable, further contributing to the lower overall index.

The data suggests that supply-side pressures have started to ease, especially in the food and energy sectors, after months of volatility caused by global disruptions and erratic monsoon patterns.

"The decline in WPI inflation reflects improving supply chains and a drop in global commodity



prices. This is a positive sign for producers and industries dependent on wholesale inputs," said an economist with a leading financial services firm.

The continued moderation in WPI also bodes well for overall inflation management, as it may

eventually translate into lower retail inflation (CPI) in the coming months. However, experts caution that external risks, including global oil price fluctuations and geopolitical tensions, remain potential challenges.

WPI inflation had been vola-

tile over the past year, touching negative territory for several months before turning positive in recent readings. The September figure reinforces a trend of moderation, which may provide additional space for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to maintain

a balanced monetary policy approach.

Further data on sector-wise WPI trends is expected in the detailed release later this week.

Bird Flu Found in Raw Milk Cheese



New research warns that raw milk cheeses may harbor the H5N1 avian influenza virus, even after extended ageing. The study, led by Cornell University and published in Nature Medicine, found that cheeses made from milk contaminated with H5N1 can retain infectious virus particles for up to 120 days—double the 60-day minimum ageing period required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Researchers tested cheeses with varying acidity levels and discovered that those with a pH between 5.8 and 6.6, such as camembert, allowed the virus to survive. Highly acidic cheeses, like feta with a pH of 4.6 or lower, showed no detectable virus, indicating that lower acidity may neutralize H5N1. “Our study focused on the persistence of highly pathogenic H5N1 in raw milk cheeses,” said Diego Diel, professor of virology at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine. “Previous work has shown that infected cows shed high levels of the virus in milk, which can survive re-

frigerated storage for long periods.” The findings raise concerns for consumers of unpasteurised dairy products and suggest that current ageing standards may be insufficient to eliminate avian influenza risks. Researchers recommend testing milk before use and applying mild heat treatments below pasteurisation levels. These steps could inactivate the virus while maintaining the characteristics of raw milk cheese. Nicole Martin, assistant research professor and director of the Milk Quality Improvement Program at Cornell, emphasized the study’s practical impact: “This research provides data-driven recommendations to help raw milk cheesemakers reduce risk during outbreaks affecting the milk supply.” The study highlights an overlooked pathway for avian influenza transmission and underscores the need for stricter safety measures in the production of raw milk cheeses, especially amid ongoing H5N1 outbreaks in livestock populations.

Two Indian Languages Among World’s Most Spoken



While English continues to dominate global communication, two Indian languages—Hindi and Bengali—feature prominently among the most spoken languages in the world. English tops the list with around 1.5 billion speakers worldwide, though only 390 million are native speakers. The majority use it as a second language, making it the most universal medium of communication today. Following English, Chinese (Mandarin) is the world’s most spoken native language, with an estimated 1.1 to 1.2 billion speakers, mainly in China and neighboring regions. Mandarin’s influence continues to grow globally, particularly in business and international diplomacy. Among Indian languages, Hindi ranks high with roughly 609 million speakers. While most are based in India, the Indian diaspora has contributed to its global reach. Hindi remains the most widely spoken of India’s 22 official languages, reflecting its cultural and linguistic significance. Bengali, the primary language of Bangladesh and India’s West Bengal state, has around 280 million speakers. Its rich liter-

ary and cultural heritage has helped it maintain prominence both in South Asia and abroad. Other major languages rounding out the global top list include Spanish, spoken by about 560 million people across Spain, Latin America, and the United States, and Arabic, with 330 to 420 million speakers across North Africa and the Middle East. Portuguese, with approximately 264 million speakers, is noted for its global cultural presence, particularly through Brazil’s music, film, and literature. Experts highlight that these statistics not only reflect native speakers but also account for the growing number of people using these languages as a second or foreign language. As globalization increases, understanding and learning widely spoken languages becomes crucial for cross-cultural communication, trade, and diplomacy. The prominence of Hindi and Bengali underscores India’s linguistic impact on the global stage, joining English, Mandarin, Spanish, and Arabic in shaping the world’s communication landscape.

Toddler Dies After Choking on Bubble Tea in China

A three-year-old toddler in China tragically died after choking on tapioca bubbles in his milk tea while playing on a trampoline, according to the South China Morning Post (SCMP). The incident occurred on October 19 at a shopping mall in Zhejiang province. Eyewitnesses reported that the child collapsed suddenly while playing after consuming the drink. His parents rushed him to the hospital, where medical staff performed emergency treatment for over an hour. Despite their efforts, the toddler was pronounced dead. The cause of death was identified as tapioca bubbles, approximately 10 mm in size, which were too large for the child’s airway. The sticky texture of the bubbles also prevented successful removal, even when the mother attempted the Heimlich maneuver. The child’s father, identified as Li, shared security footage from the mall showing the mother giving the toddler the bubble tea before the incident. Li appealed to the milk tea shop and the shopping center to take responsibility for the tragedy. The milk tea shop issued condolences to the family and highlighted



ing the toddler the bubble tea before the incident. Li appealed to the milk tea shop and the shopping center to take responsibility for the tragedy. The milk tea shop issued condolences to the family and highlighted that its online ordering system included a warning advising that children and elderly individuals consume the drink only under supervision. The incident has sparked widespread discussion on Chinese social media about parental responsibility and child safety. Many commentators emphasized that young children should not consume sticky foods or beverages while playing. “Kids cannot eat tapioca bubbles, jelly, or sticky rice, nor can they eat or drink while playing,” one person wrote. Another added, “The parents are responsible for letting him play on a trampoline after drinking bubble tea.” This heartbreaking event has reignited conversations around food safety and supervision, with many urging caregivers to exercise extreme caution when children consume potentially hazardous foods.

Meta Denies Using Porn for AI, Blames Employee Downloads

Meta has rejected allegations that it used pornographic content to train its artificial intelligence models, claiming that any downloads of adult material were made by individual employees for personal use. The statement was made in a legal filing urging a US district court to dismiss a copyright infringement lawsuit filed by Strike 3 Holdings, a company producing adult films. The lawsuit accuses Meta of using Strike 3’s copyrighted videos to train an AI model that powers its video generator, Movie Gen. Meta countered that the lawsuit is based on “guesswork and innuendo,” and called Strike 3 a “copyright troll” filing extortionate claims. Meta stated that there is no evidence the company instructed employees to download the content or that it had knowledge of the alleged 2,400 downloads. The firm also noted that AI research on “Multimodal Models and Generative Video” began in 2022, four years after the reported downloads, making a connection to AI training “implausible.”



According to Meta, activity linked to corporate IP addresses amounted to roughly 22 downloads per year, suggesting “disparate individuals downloaded adult videos for personal use” rather than for AI purposes. Meta also emphasized that its user terms prohibit generating adult content with AI models, contradicting the claim that such material would be used for AI training. The lawsuit alleges that Meta used a “stealth network” of 2,500 hidden IP addresses to download the videos and is seeking \$350 million in damages. Meta’s filing argued that Strike 3 failed to identify the individuals allegedly involved, their roles at Meta, or whether any content was used in AI training. The case comes amid heightened scrutiny of Meta’s AI practices, following reports that internal AI rules allowed chatbots to engage in inappropriate conversations, spread false medical information, and assist in making racist arguments—issues the company has since addressed. Meta’s spokesperson reaffirmed, “We don’t want this type of content, and we take deliberate steps to avoid training on this kind of material.”

Death Industry Booms Amid Ageing, Lonely South Korea

In South Korea, a growing number of people are finding work in the “business of death” as the nation grapples with an ageing population and rising loneliness. With birth rates among the lowest globally and nearly half of the population aged 50 or older, the demand for funeral services and posthumous care is surging. At the Busan Institute of Science and Technology, students train as future funeral directors, practicing traditional rites on mannequins draped in funeral cloth. “With our society ageing, I thought the demand for this kind of work would only grow,” said Jang Jin-yeong, a 27-year-old student. Another, Im Sae-jin, was inspired by his grandmother’s funeral to pursue the profession. Single-person households now make up about 42 percent of South Korean homes, giving rise to specialized cleaners who manage the homes of those who die alone. Former classical musician Cho Eun-seok, 47, has handled several such cases, sometimes months after the person’s death. He described homes as “like their portraits,” often filled with neatly arranged belongings, soju bottles, and dusty gifts. environmental hazards and pest infestations if left unaddressed. The work often goes beyond cleaning. Kim Seok-jung, another professional, turned a late lyricist’s unpublished songs into a tribute for the be-



reaved family. Cho recounted helping a teenage girl living alone in a tiny gosiwon, who later took her own life. He rescued her pet hamster, preserving a fragment of her life. Veterans like Kim Doo-nyeong note increasing recruitment of young people into funeral services. “When someone dies alone, everything must be cleared away,” he said. Despite the challenges, students like Im recognize the importance of this growing yet emotionally demanding profession.

BCCI Announces ₹51 Crore Reward for World Cup-Winning Indian Women’s Team

In a historic moment for Indian cricket, the national women’s team lifted their maiden ICC Women’s World Cup trophy after defeating South Africa in a thrilling final. The victory ended decades of near misses, including the heartbreaks of the 2005 and 2017 finals, marking a new era for women’s cricket in India.

To honor this monumental achievement, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a massive cash reward of ₹51 crore for the entire squad, including players, coaches, and support staff. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia made the announcement in Mumbai, lauding the team’s remarkable journey and historic win.

“In 1983, Kapil Dev inspired a new generation by winning India’s first World Cup. Today, Harmanpreet Kaur and her team have done the same for women’s cricket,” Saikia said. “They have not only brought the trophy home but also won the hearts of millions, inspiring the next generation



of cricketers.”

Saikia also praised the transformational efforts of former BCCI secretary Jay Shah, whose tenure from 2019 to 2024 saw major reforms in women’s cricket. “Pay parity was introduced under his leadership, and ICC prize money for women’s tournaments was increased by 300 percent — from \$2.88 million to \$14 million,” he noted.

The Indian women’s team’s World Cup triumph has been hailed as a defining moment for gender equality in sports, drawing parallels to the 1983 men’s World Cup win that revolutionized Indian cricket.

With the ₹51 crore reward and growing institutional support, the achievement is expected to further boost the popularity and participation of women in cricket, firmly establishing India as a powerhouse in the global women’s game.

Anirban Lahiri Shines with Consistent Play as McKibbin Wins Hong Kong Open



India’s Anirban Lahiri continued his fine form with yet another solid performance at the Link Hong Kong Open 2025, finishing as the top Indian golfer in the field. The LIV Golf star carded a two-under 68 in the final round on Sunday, marking his

fourth consecutive under-par round at the prestigious Asian Tour event.

Lahiri concluded the tournament with a total of 14-under, finishing 13 strokes behind Northern Ireland’s Tom McKibbin, who clinched the title in his maiden Asian Tour ap-

pearance. McKibbin delivered a commanding performance throughout the week, sealing victory with remarkable composure to secure his first-ever Asian Tour triumph at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Among the other Indian golfers, veteran SSP

Chawrasia also impressed with a steady two-under 68 on the final day, finishing at 10-under overall. Ajeetesh Sandhu matched their round of 68, ending just one shot behind Chawrasia at 9-under, ensuring a respectable showing for the Indian contingent in

the USD 2 million tournament.

Lahiri, representing Crushers GC in the LIV Golf circuit, once again demonstrated his consistency and experience, maintaining composure across all four rounds. His performance underlined his status as one of India’s most dependable golfers on the international stage.

While a victory eluded him this week, Lahiri’s string of under-par rounds will serve as a confidence booster ahead of his upcoming events. With his short game and putting in strong touch, the Indian ace continues to build momentum as he seeks to add another title to his international career.

For McKibbin, the Hong Kong Open marked a breakthrough performance, capping off a memorable debut on the Asian Tour and setting the stage for what promises to be a bright future in world golf.

Celtic Defeat 10-Man Rangers to Enter Scottish League Cup Final

Celtic booked their place in the Scottish League Cup final with a hard-fought 3-1 win over arch-rivals Rangers at Hampden Park on Sunday, extending interim manager Martin O’Neill’s perfect start since returning to the helm. The result sees Celtic advance to face St. Mirren in next month’s final.

In just his second match back in charge following Brendan Rodgers’ resignation earlier in the week, O’Neill guided the Hoops to victory in an emotionally charged Old Firm clash. Celtic took the lead midway through the first half when Jonny Kenny headed home from Arne Engels’ corner. Rangers’ troubles deepened shortly before halftime when Thelo Aasgaard was sent off for a dangerous challenge on Anthony Ralston, reducing them to 10 men.

Despite being a man down, Rangers showed spirit and were rewarded late in normal time when James Tavernier converted a penalty after Ralston was penalized for handball, forcing extra time.

Celtic regained control in the added period as Callum



McGregor’s long-range strike restored their lead, catching Rangers goalkeeper Jack Butland off guard. The victory was sealed when teenager Callum Osmund — making only his second appearance for the

senior side — slotted home Kieran Tierney’s cross for his first goal in green and white.

The win comes as both Glasgow giants adjust to new management following disappointing starts to the

season. Rangers’ new boss Danny Rohl, just two weeks into his tenure, faces a massive task with his side trailing leaders Hearts by 14 points in the Scottish Premiership and struggling in Europe.

For O’Neill and Celtic, the result offers a timely morale boost and a chance to secure silverware early in his second spell, reigniting belief among fans after a turbulent period under Rodgers.

Bengaluru, Punjab Set Up Winner-Takes-All Clash in Super Cup



Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC are set for a thrilling winner-takes-all clash in the AIFF Super Cup after registering emphatic victories in their respective Group C matches on Sunday in Margao.

At the PJN Stadium, Bengaluru FC produced a dominant performance to thrash Gokulam Kerala FC 4-0, with Australian midfielder Ryan Williams stealing the spotlight. Williams scored twice and assisted another in a commanding display that showcased his creativity and finishing prowess.

Bengaluru opened the scoring early through Vinith Venkatesh before Williams doubled the lead with a clinical strike. The Australian playmaker then turned provider, setting up Sunil Chhetri for Bengaluru’s third goal as the Blues tightened their grip on the contest. Williams capped off a stellar evening by scoring his second and Bengaluru’s fourth, sealing a comprehensive win that reflected the team’s attacking intent and

sharpness.

Meanwhile, in the other Group C fixture, Punjab FC cruised past Mohammedan Sporting with a confident 2-0 victory. The result means both Bengaluru and Punjab now sit level on points, setting up an exciting decider to determine who advances to the knockout stage.

For Bengaluru, the result marked a much-needed boost after an inconsistent run in domestic competitions. Under head coach Gerard Zaragoza, the Blues appeared organized and fluid in attack, with Williams orchestrating play in midfield and veterans like Chhetri providing leadership up front.

The final group-stage match between Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC promises to be an intense battle, with a semifinal berth on the line. Both sides have shown strong form, but only one will progress, making the upcoming encounter a true test of resilience, tactical discipline, and attacking flair in this year’s Super Cup.

Unnati Hooda’s Exit Ends India’s Run at Hylo Open



India’s campaign at the Hylo Open 2025 came to an end after young badminton sensation Unnati Hooda bowed out in the women’s singles semifinals. The 18-year-old rising star from Rohtak went down in straight games to Indonesia’s top seed Putri Kusuma Wardani on Saturday night, losing 7-21, 13-21 in a 35-minute encounter.

Despite the defeat, Unnati’s performance throughout the tournament drew praise from badminton fans and experts alike. Displaying confidence, composure, and remarkable agility, she showcased her potential against top international players. However, against the experienced Wardani, Unnati struggled to match her opponent’s pace and precision, leading to an early deficit that proved difficult to recover from.

The semifinal loss marked the end of India’s challenge at the USD 475,000 Super 300 event, held in Saarbrücken, Germany. While Unnati’s campaign ended

one step short of the final, her consistent showing reinforced her status as one of India’s most promising young shuttlers on the global stage.

Unnati’s impressive form follows her recent success as part of the Indian team that clinched its first-ever medal — a bronze — at the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships held in Guwahati last month. Her growing experience in both junior and senior international circuits has positioned her as a vital prospect for India’s badminton future.

With continued exposure and training, the teenage prodigy is expected to make deeper runs in upcoming BWF tournaments. Although the Hylo Open ended in disappointment, Unnati Hooda’s spirited performances have provided Indian badminton fans plenty of optimism for the years ahead, as she continues to mature and challenge the world’s best on the international stage.

Ramya Krishnan Joins RGV's Police Station Mein Bhoot in Bold New Look

Celebrated actress Ramya Krishnan has joined the cast of Ram Gopal Varma's upcoming horror thriller Police Station Mein Bhoot, marking an exciting addition to the much-anticipated project. The film, starring Manoj Bajpayee and Genelia Deshmukh in lead roles, brings RGV back to his favorite genre — horror — after nearly five years.

On Sunday night, the filmmaker shared a cryptic teaser on social media featuring a mysterious female figure, sparking widespread speculation among fans. Putting the rumors to rest, RGV officially revealed that the actress in question is none other than Ramya Krishnan. Her first-look image has taken the internet by storm, showcasing her in a strikingly bold and unconventional avatar.

Adorned with intricate jewelry, dramatic makeup, and unique facial markings, Ramya's intense upward gaze set against moody, golden-hued lighting creates an aura of mystique and power. Though the makers have kept details of her character under wraps, her appearance hints at a significant and possibly supernatu-

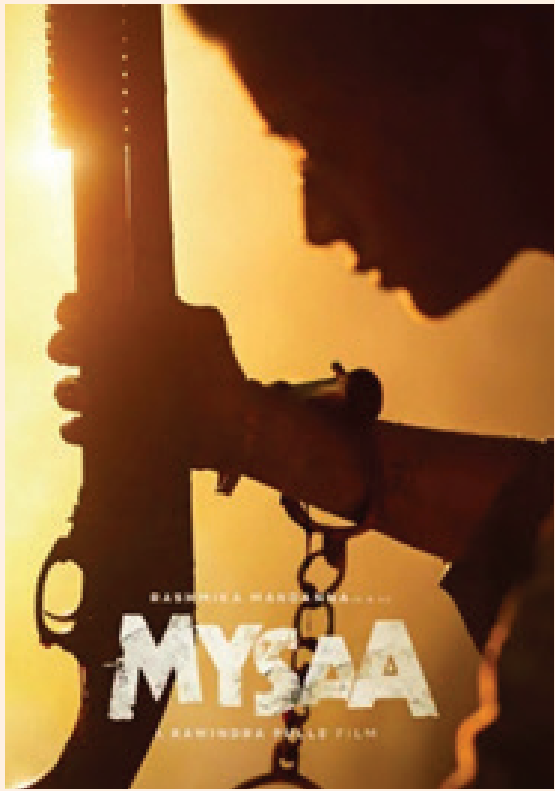


ral role that promises to add depth and intrigue to the film's eerie narrative.

Police Station Mein Bhoot is jointly produced by Vauve Emirates Media Production and Karma Media and Entertainment. The film is currently being shot across various locations, with production progressing at a brisk pace.

While an official release date has yet to be announced, sources suggest that the film is eyeing a theatrical release sometime in 2026. With a stellar cast led by Manoj Bajpayee, Genelia Deshmukh, and now Ramya Krishnan — coupled with RGV's signature visual style — Police Station Mein Bhoot is shaping up to be a spine-chilling cinematic experience that fans of the genre won't want to miss.

Rashmika Mandanna's Mysaa Begins Shoot in Kerala



National crush Rashmika Mandanna, who continues to dominate the Indian film industry with her diverse roles, has commenced shooting for her upcoming pan-Indian film Mysaa. The film went on floors today in the lush forest regions of Athirappilly, Kerala.

Following her recent release Thamma and ahead of her much-awaited romantic drama The Girlfriend, slated for release on November 7, 2025, Rashmika is now stepping into an entirely different world with Mysaa. The movie marks the directorial debut of Rawindra Pulle and is described as an emotional action drama.

In Mysaa, Rashmika will be seen portraying a Gond tribal woman — a role that promises to showcase a raw, earthy, and intense side of the actress. Her first-look poster, released recently, already created a stir among fans, highlighting her fierce and pow-

erful transformation for the part.

Actor Tarak Ponnappa has been roped in to play a pivotal role, though the makers have chosen to keep further details about the cast and storyline under wraps for now.

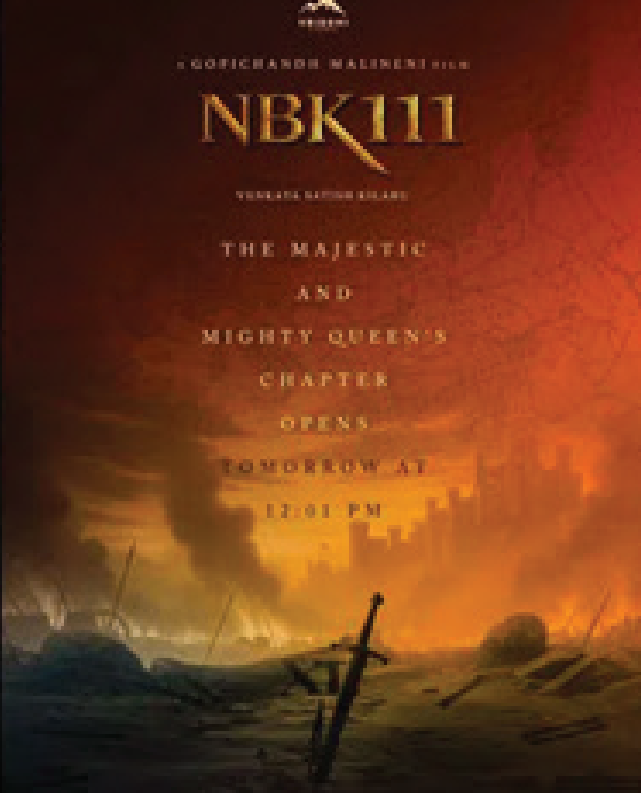
Produced by Anil, Ajay Sayyapureddy, and Srikanth Sathi under the UnFormula Films banner, Mysaa also features music composed by Jakes Bejoy, known for his evocative soundtracks. With its unique premise, fresh directorial vision, and Rashmika's commanding presence, Mysaa is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated projects in her career.

The film's team is expected to continue shooting across multiple picturesque locations in Kerala and central India over the coming months, setting high expectations for a visually stunning and emotionally charged cinematic experience.

Balayya's NBK 111 Update Postponed After Tragic Accident

Natasimham Nandamuri Balakrishna, known for his unmatched energy and powerful screen presence even past 60, continues to entertain audiences with his signature mass style. After the massive success of Akhanda, Balayya teamed up once again with director Boyapati Srinu for Akhanda 2, which is set for a grand worldwide release on December 5. The film has already created huge buzz among fans, eager to witness the actor's fiery performance on the big screen.

Meanwhile, Balayya's next project, NBK 111, directed by Gopichand Malineni, has also been making headlines. Produced by Vriddhi Cinemas on a lavish scale, the film is expected to be a grand historical action drama. Recently, the team unveiled a striking poster carrying the tagline, "The battlefield of history is ready to



welcome its queen. The empire is watching her grand arrival..." This cryptic message fueled speculation that the team would officially reveal the heroine's name at 12:01 PM

today. However, in a gesture of respect, the film's makers postponed the announcement following a tragic bus accident near Chevella that claimed 24 lives. The

NBK 111 team expressed their heartfelt condolences to the victims' families, stating that it was not the right moment for celebrations. Fans, though disappointed by the delay,

appreciated the team's sensitivity during such a sorrowful time.

Reports suggest that Balakrishna will play a powerful historical role in NBK 111, which fea-

tures grand sets, intense war sequences, and emotionally charged moments. Rumors are also rife that actress Nayan-thara has been cast as the queen opposite Balayya. With music

by Thaman, NBK 111 is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects of Balakrishna's career, promising a majestic cinematic experience for fans worldwide.

Mohan Babu to Celebrate 50 Years in Cinema with Grand 'MB50' Event



Veteran actor and producer Mohan Babu, one of Telugu cinema's most respected figures, is set to mark a monumental milestone — completing 50 years in the film industry. To commemorate this remarkable journey, his family is organizing a grand celebration titled MB50 – A Pearl White Tribute on November 22, promising an evening of nostalgia, honor, and heartfelt tributes.

Announcing the event, Mohan Babu's son and actor-producer Manchu Vishnu shared that the celebrations will be a historic affair, reflecting not only his father's cinematic excellence but also his immense contributions to education and philanthropy. Elaborate ar-

rangements are underway to ensure that MB50 becomes a memorable occasion for fans, colleagues, and well-wishers alike.

Mohan Babu began his illustrious career in 1975 and has since appeared in over 600 films across diverse roles — as a hero, villain, and character artist. Fondly known as the "Collection King," his commanding dialogue delivery and disciplined approach to acting have left an indelible impact on Indian cinema. Rising from a non-filmy background, he carved a niche for himself through sheer talent and determination.

Beyond the silver screen, Mohan Babu has made significant

contributions to education through his institutions under the Sri Vidyankethan Educational Trust, which has provided quality learning opportunities to thousands. His humanitarian efforts and leadership have earned him deep respect both within and outside the industry.

Vishnu Manchu stated that MB50 will serve as a tribute to Mohan Babu's five-decade-long journey, celebrating his artistic legacy and his service to society. More details about the guest list and event highlights are expected to be announced soon. The MB50 celebration is poised to be a grand reflection of Mohan Babu's golden legacy in Indian cinema.



Nani's The Paradise Adds Sonali Kulkarni in Key Role

Tollywood's Natural Star Nani is back in the spotlight with his upcoming film The Paradise, directed by Dasara fame Srikanth Odela. The film, which has already generated buzz with its powerful first-look poster, features veteran actor Mohan Babu in a significant role. Now, the makers have officially confirmed that National Award-winning actress Sonali Kulkarni has joined the cast in a pivotal role.

On the occasion of her birthday, the production team extended their wishes while unveiling her character details. Sonali Kulkarni will be seen portraying Nani's mother in the emotional drama. Her impactful voiceover in the recently released glimpse has already created a sensation online, leaving fans eager to witness her full-fledged performance on screen.

The Paradise marks Sonali Kulkarni's debut in Telugu cinema. A celebrated actor across multiple languages —

Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati, English, and Italian — Sonali brings immense experience and depth to the project. It will be interesting to see how director Srikanth Odela showcases her in this intense, rustic world after his success with Dasara.

Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, the film is currently in the shooting phase. Adding to the excitement, Kill actor Raghava has been cast in a crucial role. Music for the film is being composed by Anirudh Ravichander, who is reuniting with Nani after Jersey and Gang Leader.

With a powerful combination of talent — Nani, Srikanth Odela, Anirudh, and Sonali Kulkarni — The Paradise is shaping up to be a major cinematic event. The film's intriguing cast, compelling theme, and high production values have already set soaring expectations among fans and movie enthusiasts alike.