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The Group of Ministers (GoM) on district reorganization convened a crucial meeting at the State Secretariat in Amaravati to review various proposals aimed at ensuring administrative convenience and balanced regional development.

The meeting was attended by Ministers Anagani Satya Prasad, Vangalapudi Anitha, Nim mala Rama Naidu, Nandendla Manohar and BC Janardhan Reddy. Ministers Ponguru Narayana and Satya Kumar participated virtually.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Minister Anagani Satya Prasad stated that the GoM held detailed discussions on several proposals received from the public

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taneously on SROs in multiple districts, with inspections reported to be ongoing in key areas including Ibrahimpatnam in NTR district, Ongole in Prakasam district, and Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. One of the most intense operations was reported at the Renigunta Sub-Registrar Office, where officials identified large-scale corruption

and illegal registrations. The raid here was conducted under the direct supervision of ACB Officer Mallikarjuna.


The probe in Renigunta was specifically triggered by detailed complaints of corruption against the Sub-Registrar, Anand Reddy. Given that sale deeds were being registered at the office, ACB officials are now systematically ques-

Super Moon Dazzles Sky on Kartika Pournami

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A spectacular celestial event lit up the evening sky on Wednesday as a stunning Super Moon graced the horizon during Kartika Pournami. The dazzling sight occurred precisely at 6:49 PM, leaving observers captivated by the Moon's extraordinary size and brilliance. During the event, the Moon appeared nearly 13 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than usual. This phenomenon, known as the Beaver Super Moon, occurred when the Moon reached its closest point to Earth in its elliptical orbit, known as perigee.

At this moment, the distance between Earth and the Moon was approximately 357,000 kilometers, making the lunar disc seem significantly more luminous and impressive. Unlike a regular Full Moon, a Super Moon happens when the Full Moon coincides with the Moon's closest approach to Earth. The result is a visibly larger and brighter moon that draws skywatchers and photographers alike. Wednesday's Super Moon was the second such occurrence of the year, offering another chance for astronomy enthusiasts and the general public to witness the Moon at its radiant best. The event added a festive glow to Kartika Pournami, a day celebrated across India with rituals and spiritual observances.





SAEL to Pump 22,000 Cr into AP, Create 77,000 Jobs

MOU to be signed in the CII Partnership summit on November 14th and 15th 2025

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SAEL Industries Limited is investing Rs. 22,000 crore in the state across renewable energy, biomass, data centers and port development, with an employment impact of 7,000 direct jobs and 70,000 indirect jobs.

Record commissioning by SAEL

SAEL Industries has already commissioned 600 MW in a record time of nine months, underscoring its execution capabilities as it scales up investments in Andhra Pradesh under the MoU.

Investment scope

The MoU with Government of Andhra Pradesh outlines a multi-sector pipeline including utility-scale solar and storage, biomass-based power, a hyperscale-ready data center, and port-linked infrastructure to anchor industrial growth

and logistics efficiency. The major areas of proposed collaboration are -

- Solar and Storage: Seven solar/BESS projects totaling over 1,750 MW solar with grid-scale storage are proposed across Kadapa and Kurnool districts, including NHPC and SECI-linked tenders, enabling round-the-clock renewable power for industry and data centers.
- Biomass: A 200 MW biomass program through eight 25 MW plants is planned, creating significant rural employment and agricultural residue value chains.
- Data Center: A data center investment of Rs. 3,000 crore with associated high-quality direct and indirect jobs is envisaged, leveraging Andhra Pradesh's growing digital infrastructure.
- Port Development: A port development investment of Rs. 4,000 crore is proposed to strengthen maritime logistics and export competitiveness.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Nara Lokesh said, 'I'm delighted that SAEL Industries Ltd. will be investing 22,000 crores

in Andhra Pradesh. As one of the first projects commissioned under the state governments integrated clean energy policy, SAEL has demonstrated excellent execution expertise. We look forward to their investment under various state government policies and incentive frameworks.'

Roles and facilitation

Under the MoU with Government of Andhra Pradesh, SAEL will bring investment, technology, design, and equipment to set up the projects, while APEDB will facilitate clearances and inter-agency coordination, with allotments and incentives processed by the competent departments as per policy and due process.

Governance and timelines

The MoU is valid for 12 months from the date of signing, with provisions for confidentiality, amendments by mutual consent, and compliance with applicable laws of India; implementation will follow tendering/competitive bid norms wherever applicable.



Govt and industrialists should build a right platform for future generations: CM

Bhuvaneswari receives two awards from Institute of Directors, London
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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said that both the administration and industrialists have collective responsibility to build a right platform for future generations. The Institute of Directors, London presented Distinguished fellowship 2025 award to Nara Bhuvaneswari, wife of Chandrababu Naidu in recognition of her services in sociological issues. She also received Golden

Peacock award for excellence in corporate governance for Heritage foods.

Delivering key note address on this occasion, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressing happiness over Bhuvaneswari receiving two awards stated that the ties between UK and India strengthening. He said the agreement between the two countries in July paved way for trade cooperation between two countries. He said that the vision of government as well as different organizations should be changed according to global demands. He opined that prior planning is essen-

tial to face the challenges posed by emerging technology. As Artificial Intelligence playing a key role Andhra Pradesh also planning accordingly. Google company is going to set up AI data centre in Visakhapatnam which will lead to innovation, research and skill development.

The Chief Minister observed that technology should benefit people by improving their living standards. Citing the example of recent Montha cyclone, the Chief Minister said with technology-driven planning and real time monitoring, the state government is able to prevent loss of life and property during the cy-

clone. He stressed the need of speed of doing business and as a result Andhra Pradesh attracted huge investments in one year period. He said Amaravati will be developed as blue and green city. Stating that climate change is biggest challenge for the world, he said that all countries should come together to protect climate and to protect the interests of future generations.

The Chief Minister congratulated those who received awards including Nara Bhuvaneswari, Dr Krishnaprasad Chigurupati, Prof Peter Bonfield and Harshbina Jhaveri.

Telugu-Origin Ghazala Hashmi Becomes Virginia Lt Governor

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Hyderabad-born Ghazala Hashmi scripted history by winning the Virginia Lt Governor race to become the first Muslim, the first South Asian American, and the first Indian-origin woman to hold the post.

Six years after making history with her election as Virginia state Senator, the 61-year-old Democrat set another record by defeating Republican John Reid in the Virginia Lt Governor's race.

She will succeed Re-

publican Winsome Earle-Sears, the first woman to hold the post.

Ghazala Firdous Hashmi was born in Hyderabad in 1964 to Tanveer and Zia Hashmi. She lived at her maternal grandparents' home in the Malakpet area here during her childhood.

Her maternal grandfather served in the Finance Department of the Andhra Pradesh government.

When she was four years old, she, along with her mother and older brother, moved to the United States, joining her father, who was then pursuing a PhD in inter-

national relations in Georgia and beginning his university teaching career, according to the profile on her website.

"Ghazala grew up in that small college town, at a time when public schools were being desegregated, and so she saw firsthand how communities can be built and dialogue promoted through intentional efforts to bridge cultural, racial, and socioeconomic divides."

She attended the Marvin Pittman Laboratory School at Georgia Southern University, where both her father and uncle taught in the political

science department.

Ghazala earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Georgia Southern University and her PhD in American literature from Emory University in Atlanta.

Ghazala and her husband, Azhar, moved as newlyweds to the Richmond area in 1991, and she spent nearly 30 years as a professor, first teaching at the University of Richmond and then at Reynolds Community College, where she founded and led the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CE TL). She and Azhar have two adult daughters who



both graduated from Chesterfield County Public Schools and the University of Virginia.

Her decision to enter

politics was deeply influenced by Donald Trump's travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries, which motivated

her to represent the voices of inclusion and equality in American governance.

In November 2019, she was elected to the Virginia state senate, defeating incumbent Republican Senator Glen Sturtevant. She became the first Muslim-American woman and also the first Indian-American to enter the Virginia state Senate.

According to the website, as an experienced educator and advocate of inclusive values and social justice, her legislative priorities include public education, voting rights and the preservation of democracy, repro-

ductive freedom, gun violence prevention, the environment, housing, and affordable healthcare access.

"As a state Senator, Ghazala has dedicated her efforts to improving the lives of others, focusing on issues of inequity in housing, education, health care, environmental justice, and much more."

In 2024, she was named Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee, a crucial leadership post for two critical Democratic priorities, reproductive freedom and public education.

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Clean-Energy Project Aims to Redefine Sustainable Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

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Vijayawada: In alignment with the Union Governments vision of accelerating economic development through cutting-edge clean technologies, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has proposed the introduction of world-class Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) in priority growth sectors across the country. Andhra Pradesh, with its strong governance framework and globally acknowledged leadership in energy efficiency, has been chosen as the Launchpad for this major national initiative in

the tourism sector. After detailed consultations with Ajay Jain Spl. CS, Housing & Tourism and Amrapali Kata Managing Director AP Tourism, Akhilesh Kumar Dixit, CEO EESL has agreed in principle to implement the country's largest geothermal pilot project in Andhra Pradesh. The pilot installations are proposed at Araku Valley and Visakhapatnam — two iconic tourism hubs known for their climate, natural attractions, and year-round visitor inflow. This initiative comes at a crucial time as Visakhapatnam is set to host the Global CII Summit on November 14–15, sheer high level international experts are expected to engage in focused discussions on sustainable technologies and its potential to redefine tourism experiences in India.



The decision therefore holds strategic significance, reinforcing the states leadership in adopting innovative clean-energy solutions. Geothermal energy harnesses the stable temperatures beneath the Earth's surface to provide environmentally friendly heating and cooling.

At a depth of around 7–8 meters, the ground temperature remains constant throughout the year, making geothermal systems both highly efficient and reliable. Technologies such as Earth Air Tunnel (EAT) systems and

Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP) help maintain comfortable indoor environments in buildings while drastically reducing energy consumption. These systems lower electricity usage by nearly 50 percent, require minimal maintenance, and significantly

reduce greenhouse gas emissions — while ensuring enhanced comfort standards for tourists. With a short financial payback period of three to four years, geothermal technology presents a strong business case for widespread adoption in the hospitality and tourism industry. EESLs planned deployment of GET aims not only to improve visitor amenities but also to demonstrate how clean-energy-powered tourism infrastructure can become a catalyst for sustainable economic growth. The initiative will contribute to improved living standards in tourist centers, deliver substantial operational savings to tourism establishments, and create a scalable model that can be replicated across the country. This project represents the continuation of a long-standing and impactful partnership between Andhra Pradesh and EESL. In the past, AP has pioneered some of Indias most celebrated energy-efficiency programs such as UJALA, the Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP), agricultural demand-side management Energy Efficient Pump sets and early adoption of electric mobility — many of which were rolled out 10 years back first in Visakhapatnam before being extended across the nation.

Spl. CS Ajay Jain said that Sri. N. Chandrababu Naidu the Chief Minister has directed that the Tourism main projects should generate more than 25000 direct send indirect jobs in the next four years, Positioning AP as a leading Global Tourism investment destination. By integrating state-of-the-art geothermal solutions into tourism infrastructure, Andhra Pradesh is once again positioning itself at the forefront of global sustainability practices. The initiative demonstrates how environmental leadership and tourism excellence can go hand in hand, driving clean growth, creating new economic opportunities, and playing a vital role in Indias fight against Climate Change said Spokesperson of EESL.

Strict Action Against Negligence in Duty: Mukesh Kumar Meena



State-Level Review on Excise Department Held in Amaravati, Severe Consequences for Corrupt Practices

TPN BUREAU Amaravati, November 5: Government principal Secretary (General Administration Political, Excise, and Mines) Mukesh Kumar Meena has warned that strict disciplinary action will be taken against officials who show negligence in the discharge of their duties. He said that decisions or actions that could damage the reputation of the government would not be tolerated. He chaired a state-level review meeting with excise officers, assistant and deputy commissioners from all districts at the Excise Commissioner's Office in Mangalagiri on Wednesday.

During the meeting, Meena directed officials to ensure that incidents like the Mulakalacheruvu tragedy do not recur. He expressed strong displeasure that the standard protocol required during such incidents had not been followed. He announced that henceforth, the Excise Commissioner and Enforcement Director will

hold reviews once every 15 days, while he himself will conduct a monthly review on all key matters.

Referring to reports of systemic corruption in the Excise Department appearing in the media, Meena warned that anyone found involved in illegal or unethical earnings will face serious consequences. He stated that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has instructed the administration to act firmly in such cases.

The principal Secretary instructed officials to practice meticulous monitoring in all departmental operations. He directed the Commissioner to extend the ongoing district-level reviews to the circle level as well. Officials, he said, must refrain from giving routine or vague explanations and instead provide clear and specific answers during reviews.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the performance of officials from the erstwhile West Godavari district, Meena also reprimanded officers from four other districts who had displayed similar inefficiency. He urged all officials to implement government directives without fail.

Excise Director Cha-

mukuri Sridhar stressed that it is essential to continuously monitor the actual production capacity and sales trends of toddy. He instructed district officers to submit detailed data-based reports within two days. Sridhar also directed that disciplinary cases pending at various levels be investigated strictly in accordance with the rules and that outstanding license fees of permit rooms be collected promptly.

Enforcement Director Rahul Dev Sharma emphasized that every liquor bottle sold in the state must be mandatorily registered in the Suraksha App. He pointed out that there appeared to be some lack of accountability in implementing the Navodayam 2.0 program in Srikakulam and Manyam districts.

He called upon officials to remain vigilant against duty-evaded liquor, illicit distillation, and spurious liquor. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Dev Kumar, Joint Commissioners Anusuya Devi, Nagalakshmi, Aruna Rao, OSD Chandrasekhar Naidu, as well as deputy and assistant commissioners, district excise officers, and departmental staff from across the state.

CII's Young Indians Call on Minister Nara Lokesh

Yi Delegation Lauds AP's 15,000 Cr Google Data Centre, Invites Lokesh to National Meet

TPN VIJAYAWADA Nov 5, A delegation from CII's Young Indians (Yi) chapters across Andhra Pradesh, led by Sri Hari Krishna K, Chapter Chair; Yi Amaravati Chapter; Bala Krishna Chitineni, Chapter Co-chair; Yi Amaravati Chapter; Varsha V Kasthuri, Chapter Chair; Yi Tirupati Chapter; Nitin D, Chapter Co-Chair, Yi Tirupati Chapter along with chapter members, met Nara Lokesh, Minister for Human Resource Development, Informa-



tion Technology, Electronics & Communication, and RTG, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Minister was apprised of the dynamic nation-building

initiatives undertaken by Yi chapters across the state — working with youth, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, and rural communities to foster innovation,

leadership, and inclusive growth. The delegation also congratulated Shri Nara Lokesh for successfully bringing the landmark Google 15,000 crore (USD 15 billion) – 1

GW Data Centre Project to Visakhapatnam, a major milestone that underscores Andhra Pradesh's growing prominence as a global technology and investment hub.

During the interaction, the Yi leaders extended a cordial invitation to the Hon'ble Minister to deliver a keynote address at the Yi Annual National Conference - Take Pride scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 19-20 December 2025.

The meeting reinforced Yi's commitment to partnering with the Government of Andhra Pradesh in empowering young leaders and contributing to the state's progressive development agenda.

Minister Durgesh Woos Global Investors at London Travel Expo

AP Invites Tourism Investments with Single-Window Clearances, Assured Support

TPN VIJAYAWADA Nov 5: Minister Kandula Durgesh stated that the World Travel Market - 2025 exhibition has served as an excellent platform to promote AP tourism at an international level. On this occasion, he cordially invited investors to invest in the AP tourism sector. Participating in the World Travel Market - 2025 as part of his second day in London, Minister Durgesh shared with the international delegates why Andhra Pradesh should be chosen for tourism investments, what AP's specialities are, and what incentives the NDA government offers for investments. Similarly, through the AP stall, he explained in detail the new tourism policies being implemented in the tourism sector, the grant of tour-



ism (industrial) status, and other aspects. On this occasion, he said, "Come to AP and see the tourist places," and "Enjoy the natural beauty of the state." He then invited them to invest in the tourism sector with government cooperation.

On this occasion, Minister Kandula Durgesh held special meetings with delegates including Hari Daggubati, UK Leading Asia Travel Specialist from Trans Indus Company; Anthony Kingsley, Founder of AK Travel Agency; Chris Ford, MICE Specialist from CMCO organization for Europe & North Africa; and Jekku Kurien Kuriaakose, Director of Tamil Nadu Tourism Board. He gave interviews to Lyca Radio

Channel Presenter Ruby Raza and the Editor of the Travel and Tour World online travel publication. He voiced AP's tourism message through many international media representatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kandula Durgesh said that they view the WTM as the right platform to attract several investors by revealing the policies being implemented by the AP government in the tourism sector. He stated that they are developing the AP tourism sector under the PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model. He mentioned that if the investors who came here invest in the AP tourism sector, it will enable further growth and create employment opportunities for local youth. He said that within one year of the NDA government coming to power in AP, they have attracted Rs. 12,000 crores in tourism investments. In this context, he explained the Caravan,

Home Stay, Tent City, and Land Allotment policies. He said they are conducting roadshows in various states and countries to attract tourism investors. He stated that permissions are being issued through a single-window system to ensure no trouble for investors in the tourism sector. He mentioned that renowned star hotels and beach resorts have come to AP. He added that private partners are coming forward in their own style to develop the tourism sector.

He said that AP has many routes like road, water, air, and rail to connect with other states and countries. He mentioned that airports are present in areas like Kadapa, Kurnool, Tirupati, Visakha, Vijayawada, and Rajamahendravaram. He said they are determined to establish an airport in every district of AP soon. Through this, they expect direct connectivity to more regions. He stated that with diverse routes, AP

stands as the region with the highest connectivity in India.

He stated that AP state was bifurcated in 2014, after which tourism was developed, but the government that came to power in AP from 2019-24 derailed the tourism sector. After that, the NDA government that came to power has focused specially on the tourism sector. He mentioned that CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan are both giving high priority to the tourism sector, and the AP government, under their leadership and with the central government's cooperation, has undertaken innovative programs in the state's tourism sector. He revealed that industrial status has been granted to the state's tourism sector, and all incentives given to the industrial sector are being extended to those investing in tourism. He said the new tourism policy 2024-29 has given a boost to the tourism sector.

78 Best Teachers From AP to Visit Singapore for Advanced Education Study

TPN VIJAYAWADA Nov 5: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics Nara Lokesh has directed officials to make necessary arrangements to send 78 Best Teacher Award recipients to Singapore on November 27 to study advanced educational systems.

During a high-level review meeting on the education department held at his Undavalli residence on Wednesday, Minister Lokesh said

the teachers would visit reputed schools in Singapore from November 27 to December 2. The objective of the visit is to study innovative teaching methods, classroom environments, and the use of modern technology in education. After returning, the teachers will submit a detailed report suggesting ways to improve educational standards across Andhra Pradesh.

Lokesh also instructed officials to organize Stu-

dent Assemblies on November 26 in celebration of Constitution Day and to conduct the Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) across the state on December 5 in a festive manner, similar to last year. Public representatives will also be invited to participate in the event.

He emphasized the promotion of the LEAP App, developed to help parents monitor their children's academic performance regularly. The Minister directed Dis-

trict Education Officers (DEOs) and Mandal Education Officers (MEOs) to visit schools frequently and closely monitor their performance.

Steps must be taken to strengthen the e-Office system and prepare a 100-day action plan focusing on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) under the LEAP-1 guidelines, Lokesh said. He also instructed officials to initiate measures for setting up smart kitchens modeled after

Kadapa across the state and to effectively implement PARAKH and other national benchmarking programs.

Highlighting the need for inclusivity, Lokesh emphasized the establishment of Bhavita Autism Support Centers, improved infrastructure, and skilled faculty. He also asked officials to consider the recommendations of the legislative committee formed for this purpose.



The Minister urged awareness and motivation among Class 8 students eligible for NMMS scholarships, and discussed plans for establishing a Central Library

in Amaravati, strengthening public libraries, and creating digital libraries in schools.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary (Human Resource

es) Kona Sasidhar, School Education Commissioner Vijaya Rama Raju, and Samagra Shiksha State Coordinator B. Srinivasa Rao, among others.

Coalition Government Ensured Justice for Farmers: Minister Nandendla Manohar

TPN BUREAU Vijayawada, November 5: Civil Supplies Minister Nandendla Manohar stated that the coalition government's reforms have ensured justice for farmers, emphasizing the government's commitment to prompt grain procurement and welfare distribution. Speaking at the Civil Supplies Bhavan in Vijayawada on Wednesday, the minister announced that the department has set a target of purchasing 51 lakh metric tonnes of paddy for the current Kharif season, worth approximately 12,200 crore.

Kendras and 3,803 procurement centers, employing 16,700 staff members across the state. To prevent delays experienced in previous years, 6 crore gunny bags have already been prepared to support procurement activities. The minister pointed out that the previous government had left pending dues amounting to 1,670 crore, with some farmers waiting 6 to 9 months for payments. He noted that since the coalition government took charge, nearly 87 percent of paddy payments were credited to farmers' accounts within 48 hours. Efforts are now underway to ensure

that payments are made within 24 hours. To ensure transparency and uniformity, only one brand of moisture reading machines will be used, equipped with Bluetooth-enabled features for accurate measurement. Manohar also introduced a new digital feature allowing farmers to schedule their paddy stock deliveries by simply sending a "Hi" message on WhatsApp. Monthly and weekly reviews will be conducted to monitor procurement progress. Procurement Calendar: November: 11 lakh metric tonnes December: 25 lakh metric tonnes January: 8 lakh

metric tonnes February: 3 lakh metric tonnes March: 4 lakh metric tonnes From January onward, each rice cardholder family will be provided one kilogram of wheat flour at 18 per kilogram. The state is preparing 2,400 metric tonnes of wheat flour for this initiative. Under the third phase of the Deepam-2 scheme, around 90 lakh beneficiaries have received support, and this phase will continue till November 30. In response to the recent Mountha cyclone, essential supplies were distributed to 2,39,169 affected families. So far, 92 percent of smart cards have been

distributed, with the remaining cards to be issued through verification under the Mana mitra app. To assist farmers during the rainy month of November, the government will provide 50,000 free tarpaulin sheets. The minister further reassured that all registered paddy from the current crop, covering 39.51 lakh acres and expected to yield 85 lakh metric tonnes will be fully procured. He dismissed rumors that damaged crops would be excluded from procurement, calling them baseless. Civil Supplies VC & MD Delhi Rao (IAS) and Director Govind (IAS) were also present at the meeting.



YSRCP leaders submit representation to DME

TPN VIJAYAWADA Nov 5: The YSR Congress Party's NTR District Medical Wing has expressed deep concern over the situation at Pulivendula Medical College. The Wing's Chairman, Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav, submitted a representation today to the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) office in Vijayawada. The representation was handed over to Additional DME Dr. D. Venkateshwar Rao.

Medical College to other institutions, reducing the number of seats, and transferring staff could adversely affect the college's development. He urged the DME to review these actions and take immediate measures to ensure that Pulivendula Medical College functions at its full capacity. He appealed for decisions that align with equitable development, without hurting the aspirations of local doctors, students, and medical staff. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav said, "If measures that affect the future of Pulivendula Medical Col-

lege continue, we will be left with no choice but to launch large-scale movements with public support. Our sole aim is to protect public interest." The following YSR Congress Party leaders attended the representation submission: Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav, Chairman, YSRCP NTR District Medical Wing, G. Sunder Paul, YSRCP State Joint Secretary, P. Triveni Reddy, YSRCP State Mahila General Secretary, Dr. Prabhu Das, YSRCP State Doctors Wing General Secretary, P. Nitin Babu, YSRCP City Youth Wing, B. Subbarao, District SC Cell.

Chandrababu lacks sincerity in solving farmers' problems: Minister

TPN VIJAYAWADA Nov 5: YSRCP East Godavari district president and former minister Chelluboina Venu Gopala Krishna said that even after becoming Chief Minister for the fourth time, Chandrababu Naidu continues to look at agriculture as a burden.

Speaking to the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, he said that over 60 percent of people in the state depend on agriculture, yet the government is showing no sincerity in addressing farmers' issues. He said that while farmers were in deep distress due to Cyclone



Montha, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu was on a foreign tour, his son Nara Lokesh was busy watching cricket matches abroad, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan only made a brief show visit to cyclone-hit areas without any real concern for the affected people. Chelluboina said the coalition government has completely forgotten its responsibility, and instead of providing relief, it is using yellow media to spread lies against YS

Jagan and the YSRCP to divert public attention. He said Chandrababu once called agriculture a burden and opposed free power to farmers when YSR introduced it. He reminded that YSR transformed barren lands through the Jalayagnam programme, but Chandrababu mocked it as "Dhanayagnam". Even after four terms as CM, he could not complete Polavaram and continues to act against farmers' interests. The former minister

said that under YS Jagan's rule, agriculture was a prosperous mission. Through RBKs, the government helped farmers from seed to sale, provided MSP, and paid Rs 13,500 annually as investment support. But the present coalition scrapped free crop insurance and is manipulating e-cropping data. He said Chandrababu's politics have only directionless diversions, and his arrogance and lies will soon destroy the coalition government.

YSRCP questions coalition's indifference



TPN Visakhapatnam Nov 5: Strongly criticizing the coalition government for its indifference and inefficiency in handling calamities and governance, YSRCP has said farmers and all sections of people are in distress. Speaking to the media here on Wednesday, Opposition leader in the Legislative Council, Botsa Satyanarayana said, the government has totally failed in handling the relief for cyclone-affected farmers and the manner in which the enumeration was shoddy. The questions raised by our leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy are relevant and Chandrababu has to be blamed for not paying the crop insurance and not paying the input subsidy Chandrababu's

remarks on the Kasibugga stampede are highly deplorable and he has learnt no lessons from the previous incidents of stampede. He stated that the temple is private property only shows his indifference towards humanity. His governance, along with the attitude of his cadre, is irresponsible, he stated. The government failed to protect the interests of farmers, and when YS Jagan Mohan Reddy went to express solidarity with farmers, Chandrababu and his media started false propaganda. How can the government be so indifferent towards the Kasibugga incident, and it did not learn any lessons from the Tirupati and Simhachalam incidents, he said.

Downpour Floods Vijayawada, Paralyzes Traffic

TPN Vijayawada, November 5: A sudden spell of heavy rain on Wednesday afternoon left several parts of Vijayawada, especially the Autonagar industrial area, completely waterlogged. The downpour, which lasted for several hours, paralyzed road movement, turning main roads and bylanes into temporary water bodies. In Autonagar, poor drainage infrastructure led to extensive

flooding, making vehicular movement nearly impossible. Roads resembled small tanks, and several industrial sheds were inundated with rainwater, forcing workers to wade through knee-deep water. Many industrial units temporarily halted work due to flooding inside the premises. The impact of the rain was not limited to Autonagar. Several key road stretches including



Patamata Police Station Road, Gurunak Colony Road, Mahanadu Road, Bandar Road, Benz Circle, Nirmala Convent Road, Patamata Center, P&T Colony, and Prasadampadu reported flooding. In many of these localities, water levels reached up to the knees, adding to the difficulties of motorists and pedestrians. In response, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) staff

deployed heavy machinery and water pumps to clear stagnant water from the affected areas. Despite their efforts, traffic movement remained sluggish throughout the evening. Traffic police were seen managing congested junctions and guiding vehicles through submerged routes to prevent accidents. Residents expressed frustration over the recurring problem of

urban flooding, blaming inadequate drainage maintenance. Many shopkeepers in low-lying areas suffered losses as water entered their shops and damaged goods. Commuters and industrial workers have urged the civic authorities to take immediate steps to strengthen the city's stormwater drainage network to avoid such disruptions in the future.

AI Twist Deepens East Godavari Liquor Scandal

'Fake Audio' Claim Sparks Fresh Questions, Public Doubt
TPN EAST GODAVARI NOV 5: The liquor syndicate controversy in East Godavari district has resurfaced with renewed intensity, particularly across Rajamahendravaram city and surrounding rural areas. Allegations have emerged that unauthorized liquor trade continues, with syndicate members reportedly charging an extra ten rupees per bottle. Public discussions increasingly point toward the involvement of certain political figures in these operations. Recently leaked audio clips have further inflamed the situation. Several recordings circulating on social media purportedly capture conversations between syndicate members and local political leaders, discussing commission deals, payments to journalists, and allocations for press clubs. The clips triggered outrage online, with YSR Congress support-



ers quickly using them to attack the opposition, claiming the voices belong to Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders from East Godavari. However, after days of silence, TDP leaders dismissed the recordings as products of artificial intelligence (AI) manipulation—an attempt, they said, to tarnish their reputations. While invoking AI may appear to deflect the controversy, the defense itself raised sharper questions. If those clips were truly fabricated, why haven't any legal cases been filed against the accounts that posted them? Why is there no official inquiry into the leaked phone numbers, call logs, or devices allegedly linked to the syndicate network? Observers argue that invoking AI without pur-

suing cyber crime complaints undermines credibility and signals a desire to hide deeper truths. The term "bakaraalu"—loosely meaning "scapegoats"—has become symbolic of public frustration, as citizens question whether they or the party itself are being deceived. Political analysts say the liquor syndicate cannot be the work of individuals alone; it thrives on political patronage and organized layers of protection. The alleged use of the "AI defense" now appears to be an orchestrated narrative meant to divert attention and maintain the network's secrecy. In an era where technology can expose secrets within minutes, concealing the truth seems nearly impossible. The critical question now confronting both politicians and the public is this: will the real story behind the liquor syndicate ever come out—or will political intent keep it buried under digital excuses?

Andhra Teacher Gets Foot Massage From Students, Suspended

TPN Bureau, Nov 5 Vijayawada: A video showing a teacher getting a foot massage from her students during school hours at a government-run tribal school in Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam district has triggered outrage, leading to her immediate suspension. The incident took place at the Bandapalli Tribal Girls Ashram School. The clip, now viral, shows the woman teacher seated comfortably on a chair,

speaking on her mobile phone while two uniformed students sit on the floor and massage her legs and feet. Officials said the incident appeared to have occurred during class hours, raising serious concerns over the teacher's conduct and misuse of authority, especially in an institution meant for tribal girls. Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) Seethampeta Project Officer Pawar

Swapnil Jagannath confirmed swift action. "A show-cause notice has been issued to the teacher, and an inquiry has been ordered to establish the facts and ensure appropriate disciplinary measures," he said. Authorities have condemned the incident as a violation of professional ethics and child rights, terming it an "exploitative and unacceptable" act in an educational environment.

Devotees from 140 nations to converge in Puttaparthi for Sathya Sai Baba's centenary

TPN Bureau | Nov 5 Vijayawada: Devotees from nearly 140 countries are coming together for the centenary birth celebrations of Sathya Sai Baba from November 13 to 24 here, which will see Vice President C P Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking part in events. A large number of devotees from different parts of the country and world are expected to take part in the event, and massive arrangements are being made to provide free food and stay, which include temporary shelters. Also the venue of the Prime Minister's event is being redeveloped for the occasion. "Sri Sathya Sai Baba centenary celebration is being planned by all the devotees coming together from nearly 140 countries. Everyone in the Sai mission feels this is a momentous occasion, a special occasion, a once-in-a-lifetime occasion for them to express their commitment and to rededicate themselves to the cause of Sai mission, to the teachings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai

Baba, that is — Love all, serve all. Help ever, hurt never," Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust managing trustee R J Rathnakar said. H said all the Sai devotees and followers are taking this occasion to rededicate themselves to the mission of service, spreading love and unity amongst mankind. November 23 is the most anticipated day for all the Sai followers and devotees across the globe, for which we preparations are on for the last two years, he further said. "After Baba's Maha Samadhi (death) in 2011, this is the biggest event which we are going to do, and this happens to be Baba's 100th birthday. The celebrations are starting on November 13 till the 24th." PM Modi has consented to be here on November 19 and will be attending a grand programme at the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium, as part of the centenary celebrations, Rathnakar said. November 22 happens to be the 44th convocation of Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, a deemed to be univer-

sity, and Vice President C P Radhakrishnan has consented to be the chief guest, he said. The next day, there will be a lot of invitees and guests and celebrities and people from offices of high positions taking part in the celebrations. "Every devotee feels he is the chief guest on that particular day, because that is the kind of feeling that every follower feels — that on that day, it is like your father's birthday. So you feel you have to be there, and you are the important person, you are the one who has to be in the show," he added. Indicating that the trust plans to unveil its next plans during the PM's visit, Rathnakar, without sharing further details said, "it is on the cards, and we would like to do it on that day." The Government of India has agreed to release a commemorative stamp in Baba's honour, and also a commemorative Rs 100 coin, he said, adding it is likely to be released by PM Modi on November 19. Pointing out that after Baba's Maha Samadhi, a lot of questions were asked re-

garding, how his legacy and programmes will be carried forward, the managing trustee said. The foundation that was laid by Sai Baba was very firm and absolutely on solid ground. He created systems and a kind of institution which has the wherewithal to carry forward all the missions which he had started in his lifetime, with the support of his followers and devotees. "All the works are absolutely going in the way he directed us to take it forward — like education, medical, and social services — everything, as per his direction, we are carrying forward with the support of all the devotees and followers of Baba," he said. Providing free and quality education and health care, and socially relevant projects have continued. The number of people visiting Puttaparthi is more now, than when Baba was physically here, Rathnakar said, adding, his mission is moving forward. "We want to strengthen the legacy of Baba, we would like to see where we can expand. In

fact, we are upgrading continuously. Just a couple of months back, we introduced robotic surgeries in heart surgery — we introduced robotic equipment, I think its the first robotic surgeries anywhere in the world which are done free of cost. We are continuously upgrading and trying to be trendy and trying to catch up with whatever is happening around," he said. Along with the support of donations, the trust has also diligently built a corpus to fund programmes and service initiatives of Baba that are free, the managing trustee said. "We have a few thousand crores corpus, which gives interest also." "So every year, from donations, we are diligently proportioning some funds towards the corpus. So our corpus is also increasing. From 2011, after Baba left us, till now, we would have added nearly Rs 800 crore to 1,000 crores corpus, apart from what we spent — almost Rs 1,500 to 1,800 crores on regular works. So it adds," he said.

B Tech second-year student dies after jumping from third floor

TPN bureau | November 5 Chittoor: A B Tech second-year student at Sreenivasa Institute of Technology and Management Studies (SITAMS) in the Chittoor district died by suicide after jumping from the third floor of the college building, police said on Wednesday. He sustained severe

injuries and was rushed to a local hospital before being shifted to a hospital in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, where he was later pronounced dead during treatment. Following the incident, tension prevailed on the college campus as deceased's family members arrived to question the college management about the

circumstances surrounding his death. During the confrontation, Chittoor Taluk Circle Inspector Nithya Babu allegedly pushed deceased's family members away, leading to further chaos. The grieving family demanded justice for their son's death, alleging negligence and mistreatment by both the college administration

and the police. Addressing the media, Chittoor DSP Sainath said that preliminary investigation suggests victim died by suicide over a love affair. According to the DSP, the girl reportedly told victim that they should first "get settled" before thinking about a relationship, which upset him deeply and led to the tragic

act. After the incident, deceased's family members tried to protest at the college, resulting in commotion. During the scuffle, a woman from deceased's family reportedly fell, leading to allegations that the police had acted harshly toward them. Authorities have initiated further investigation into the incident.

Campaign Launched to Share Stories of Everyday Innovators

TPN BUREAU November 5: Vijayawada: Eminent lawyer and human rights activist Sri Yelamandala Srinivasa Rao said that "Global Social Innovation Day 2025" will be celebrated across the country on November 8 to recognize the efforts of innovators working for social change, justice and sustainable development around the world. On Wednesday, HELP and Catalyst Now Andhra Pradesh Chapter jointly organized a meeting on the occasion of "Global Social Innovation Day 2025" at Padmavati Function Hall, Gandhinagar, Vijayawada. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Srinivasa Rao said that this program will be celebrated across the country from today till the 9th. The main goal of this program is to promote the importance

of social innovation and recognize leaders who are making a difference in areas such as climate change, water resources, educational opportunities, and social justice, especially leaders from the community level. This year, Catalyst Now India Chapter is launching a special campaign to connect social innovators across the country. Through this program, stories of people who are making a difference in their local communities will be shared with the public through social media. These stories will be promoted online throughout the month of November. Catalyst 2030 Andhra Pradesh State Chapter Representative and HELP Organisation Secretary Ramamohan Nimmaraju said, Catalyst 2030 is a group of small business owners, inno-



vators, and community leaders around the world who are doing their part to solve local social issues and problems in their respective regions or are providing support to eradicate such social ills and evils. "Catalyst 2030 started as a movement and has now become a force in the field of social innovation," he said.

Their goal is to develop people-centered, community-based solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to achieve systemic change by working with governments, entrepreneurs, and communities. This "Global Social Innovation Day" was launched to honor a group of people in the

field of social innovation. VIMUKTHI state collective leader Smt. Lakshmi said that, through this campaign, we should respect our community. She called on people who you believe are responsible for change and the program they have undertaken for that change to be tagged and forwarded. When representa-

tives of various voluntary organizations, social workers, governments, local businessmen, all come together in this global campaign, systemic change is possible, she said. This day is a platform for the community of social innovators. Tag the achievers who have contributed or extended their helping hand to change in your

community on social media and share their stories, pictures, and videos. Government officials, leaders, village or district level community workers, teachers, family members, or youth — whoever contributes or cooperates to any social change in any way, encourage their efforts. We hope these stories will inspire individuals and groups around the world. Speaking on the occasion, renowned businessman Sri Krishna Rao said that when small businessmen, social activists and local people in the local community develop solutions, they gain a sense of ownership and empowerment. This creates responsible citizens who become leaders in solving not only the problems of their community but also other problems. This will contribute to

achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Local community entrepreneurs start small because they are solving a problem in their own community. They thoughtfully, through experimentation, develop sustainable strategies that address root causes. This leads to systemic change. As part of this day, Catalyst Now India Andhra Pradesh chapter have called up on citizens, youth, government representatives, and community leaders to share stories of social change makers in their communities on social media. Prominent local businessmen and social workers of Vijayawada, HELP Program Manager Pavan Kumar, and Project Coordinator Shri V. Bhaskara Rao participated in this program.

One Crore Lamps Illuminate Dokiparru Temple

- Devotees Celebrate Karthika Pournami with Divine Fervour

TPN BUREAU/ Nov 5 Dokiparru: The holy Koti Vattika Deepotsavam (Festival of One Crore Lamps) was celebrated in a grand and divine manner at the sacred Sri Bhoo Sametha Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, located in Dokiparru village of Gudlavalleru Mandal, Krishna District, on the auspicious occasion of Karthika Pournami.

The celebrations were held under the supervision of the temple's founders and trustees, P.V. Krishna Reddy and Sudha Reddy. The event was attended by a large number of devotees, including temple committee members Kommareddy Bapireddy, Vijaya Bhaskaramma, P. Nagireddy, Prasanna, Nagewara Reddy, Venkata Lakshmi along with their family members, friends, villagers, and devotees — especially women — who participated enthusiastically in lighting the lamps.



To facilitate devotees, the temple trustees Krishna Reddy and Sudha Reddy provided all necessary puja materials free of cost.

On the occasion of Karthika Deepotsavam, the temple witnessed a series of special rituals and ceremonies, including Abhishekam, Archana, and other sacred offerings, performed as per Vaikhanasa Bhagavata traditions by Vedic scholars.

Throughout the year, the temple conducts regular daily, fortnightly, monthly, half-yearly, and annual festivals under the guidance of the temple trustees.

During special occasions such as Karthika Pournami and Varalakshmi Vratam, devotees from across the state and country, especially from surrounding villages of Dokiparru, gather to pray for happiness, prosperity, and agricultural

abundance.

In the holy month of Karthika, devotees worship both Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu with great devotion. Every day, people light lamps in their homes as part of traditional rituals.

On Karthika Pournami, it is believed that lighting a single sacred lamp in remembrance of one's chosen deity grants the merit equivalent to lighting a thousand lamps daily. Vedic scholars

explained that such divine acts bless devotees with Ashta Aishwaryas the eight forms of wealth and prosperity.

The scholars also emphasized that Karthika Masam symbolizes the power of light — a lamp itself represents the divine form. Hence, even lighting one lamp in this month is considered equal to lighting a crore lamps. To express this belief and devotion, the Koti Vattika Deepotsavam was performed with grandeur.

As part of the celebration, the temple courtyard was adorned with thousands of lamps — each with 365 wicks, symbolizing the days of the year — illuminating the surroundings with spiritual radiance. The temple premises were beautifully decorated with electrical lights to mark the auspicious Karthika Masotsavam, creating a mesmerizing and divine atmosphere for all the devotees.

Govt Bats for BC Empowerment with Adarana 3.0

- Savitha Stresses Modern Tools for Artisans, Youth

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Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Handlooms and Textiles, S. Savitha, affirmed that the state government is committed to ensuring the economic upliftment of Backward Classes (BCs) through the Adarana 3.0 scheme by providing them with modern tools and equipment. Addressing the valedictory session of the three-day workshop on the implementation of Adarana 3.0, held at the BC Welfare Bhavan in Gollapudi, the minister interacted with BC Corporation chairpersons, community association leaders, and directors.

Savitha said the suggestions and recommendations made by various BC Corporation chairpersons and directors would be taken into consideration while implementing Adarana 3.0. The coalition government, she noted, places significant emphasis on including BCs in governance and has accordingly allotted several leadership positions to them across various corporations.



Highlighting the government's efforts, the minister said that vocational communities and traditional artisans would be encouraged with advanced equipment to ensure sustained employment opportunities. "Through Adarana 3.0, we are not just distributing tools; we are laying the foundation for economic self-reliance among BC communities," she remarked. Savitha mentioned that intensive interactions were held over three days with 17 chairpersons and directors, providing valuable insights into grassroots challenges and requirements.

She assured them that the dignity and respect

accorded to chairpersons of corporations would be safeguarded. A comprehensive report, based on field-level surveys on the types of modern equipment required by different trades, is being prepared and will be submitted to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu soon. The minister commended Chief Minister Naidu's vision for prioritizing the political, social, and economic empowerment of BCs. She recalled that former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao had initiated welfare schemes for BCs, which are now being further strengthened by the current administration.

"This government is focused on ensuring that

BC youth receive access to quality education and health security while also helping artisans modernize their trades," she said. Savitha also announced that the government is offering free coaching facilities for unemployed BC youth aspiring to succeed in various competitive examinations. She emphasized that the workshops being organized are vital for understanding real-time field requirements and implementing targeted welfare measures effectively.

Earlier in the day, Minister Savitha held a review meeting with chairpersons of 17 BC corporations to gather their opinions regarding

the implementation of Adarana 3.0. She said that apart from budgeting adequate funds for corporations, the government is committed to empowering chairpersons and directors by assigning them clear responsibilities rather than treating them as mere representatives.

"The chairpersons and directors must act as a bridge between the government and the people. They should ensure that the good work accomplished by the coalition government over the past 16 months reaches every household," she stated. The meeting concluded with a face-to-face interaction between the minister and the heads of various BC corporations. The event was attended by BC Welfare Department Secretary S. Satyanarayana, corporation chairpersons, directors, and senior officials from the BC Welfare Department. Issued by:

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Pawan Kalyan Pushes for Swift Completion of Avanigadda

Rs 109 Cr NABARD-Funded Project to Aid 20,000 Villagers



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AVANIGADDA : Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has assured that the long-pending dream of the island villagers along the Krishna River will soon be realized through the construction of the Etimog-Edurumondi high-level bridge. He said the project will be funded jointly by the state government and the SAS-CI scheme, with Rs. 109 crore already sanctioned by NABARD. Alignment changes have led to cost escalation, with an additional Rs. 60 crore expected to be required.

The Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials to complete the bridge work within a fixed timeline to ensure smooth connectivity for over 20,000 residents of the island villages. During a review meeting at the Mangalagiri camp office, Pawan Kalyan reviewed cyclone damage assessment, rehabilitation measures, and ongoing development projects in the Avanigadda constituency.

The review was attended by Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashouri, MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad, senior district officials, and engineers.

Pawan Kalyan directed the immediate restoration of outfall sluices in the Avanigadda region with central government assistance to prevent repeated flooding and saltwater intrusion into coastal farmlands. He criticized the previous government for neglecting the maintenance of seven outfall sluices connecting canals to the sea, which caused nearly 5,000 acres of farmland in Nagayalanka and Koduru mandals to submerge regularly. Due to this negligence, the government now must spend Rs. 50 crore on their restoration.

He confirmed that funds will be drawn from the National Disaster Management Fund, and if needed, he would personally visit New Delhi to seek central support. The new sluices will be designed to ensure long-term resilience and

benefit to farmers. Pawan Kalyan also emphasized quick completion of forest clearances delaying road and infrastructure works. The government has allocated .13.88 crore for the Edurumondi-Gollamanda road under the Panchayat Raj Department, with tenders already finalized.

He instructed officials to coordinate between the Forest Department and district authorities for early resolution. Referring to the recent Cyclone Montha, Pawan Kalyan highlighted extensive crop damage across coastal Andhra and stressed that tenant farmers must also receive due compensation.

In Krishna district alone, more than 60,000 tenant farmers hold CCRC cards, and he urged officials to identify all affected cultivators without delay. He also requested a review of entry fees collected by the Forest Department at the sacred Hamsaladeevi confluence, suggesting culturally sensitive alternatives for pilgrims.

Faith Shines Bright at Karthika Pournami Fest



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Narasaraopet: The festival of Karthika Pournami, revered as one of the most sacred days in Hindu tradition, was celebrated with grandeur and devotion across Narasaraopet constituency. Devotees lit lamps, performed special prayers, and participated in rituals dedicated to Lord Shiva at temples and riverbanks. The spiritual atmosphere drew hundreds of devotees who observed the festival with faith and discipline. At the historic Kotappakonda Trikoteswara Swamy temple, devotees performed pujas and offered lamps symbolizing enlightenment and purity.

The Lingamgunta Colony in Narasaraopet witnessed a spectacular sight as devotees released glowing lamps into the NSP canal, chanting hymns in praise of Lord Shiva. The event radiated a divine charm that captivated the participants and onlookers alike. MLA

Dr. Chadalavada Aravind Babu attended the celebrations as a special guest. Immersing himself among the devotees, he offered prayers and received darshan of Lord Shiva. Later, he visited the Paturi Shiva Temple where he performed Rudrabhishekam to the Shivalinga with milk, honey, tulsi, and bilva leaves, symbolizing reverence and surrender to the divine.

The MLA interacted warmly with devotees, inquiring about their well-being and local concerns, assuring them of necessary support. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Aravind Babu said, "Karthika Pournami holds great significance for Shiva devotees. This festival reminds us of unity, humility, and the power of faith. Through such celebrations, we nurture harmony and preserve the spiritual heritage of our community." He further emphasized that the government under his representation remains committed to

honoring cultural and spiritual values while ensuring societal welfare.

The program witnessed active participation from local residents, women, and youth, who expressed joy at the MLA's involvement and his approachable nature. The temple committee and local leaders played a crucial role in organizing the celebrations efficiently. Chanting of mantras, devotional songs, and the collective lighting of lamps transformed the surroundings into a divine spectacle. Residents remarked that continuous observance of rituals during this Karthika month has brought peace and prosperity into their lives.

With the dedicated presence of MLA Dr. Chadalavada Aravind Babu, the spirit of devotion and unity in Narasaraopet reached new heights, making the Karthika Pournami celebrations a memorable and spiritually enriching event for all.

New Substations to Boost Power Supply in AP: Ravi Kumar

- Govt Focuses on Quality Electricity, Renewable Push



TPN BUREAU / Nov 5 Anakapalli: Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar reaffirmed the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to providing uninterrupted and quality power supply to the people through accelerated construction of power substations. During his tour of Anakapalli district, the minister laid the foundation stone for the new Superintendent Engineer's office building at Anakapalli, being built at a cost of Rs. 5.5 crore, along with MP C.M. Ramesh and MLA Ramakrishna.

He also inaugurated two new 33/11 kV substations at Choudavada in K. Kotapadu mandal and Kinthali in Madugula mandal. Minister Ravi Kumar announced that ten new substations have been sanctioned for Anakapalli district and more than 65 substations are under construction across the 11 districts under APEPCL's jurisdiction with an investment of Rs. 250 crore.

These initiatives aim to address increasing local electricity demand, reduce power losses, and minimize low-voltage issues. Responding to local requests, one additional substation has also been approved for the Madugula constituency. Highlighting welfare efforts, the minister revealed that the government will implement the PM Surya Ghar scheme free of cost for 20,000 SC and ST beneficiaries in the district, installing solar systems on their households to promote renewable energy use.

He urged citizens to make full use of the scheme's subsidies and benefits. Referring to the previous administration, Ravi Kumar criticized the former YSRCP government for burdening people with excessive electricity charges. He stated that the current coalition government has already reduced the 40 paisa

true-up charges imposed earlier by 13 paise, directly easing the financial load on consumers. Under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, power sector reforms have restored stability and eliminated supply challenges, he added.

Despite financial hurdles, the government is prioritizing development and welfare. Minister Ravi Kumar said the state continues to deliver old-age and widow pensions promptly, benefiting 65 lakh recipients with a cumulative expenditure of Rs. 34,000 crore annually. He noted that 1.57 lakh widows, who had been waiting

for years, received new pensions immediately after the coalition assumed power.

Employment drives, including teacher recruitments under DSC and new posts in the police department, are also underway. MP C.M. Ramesh emphasized plans to develop around 2,000 acres of land for industrial use in the Madugula area. MLA Bandaru Satyanarayana requested the establishment of polytechnic and engineering institutions to enhance local education infrastructure. Senior officials from APEPCL and representatives from the coalition government participated in the event.

Women’s World Cup Triumph: India’s 1983 Moment and the Rise of Desi Dominance



Under the blazing floodlights of DY Patil Stadium, history was re-written on Sunday night. India's women's cricket team lifted the 2025 Women's World Cup, delivering a performance that has already been hailed as the sport's own "1983 moment." The echoes of that legendary triumph at Lord's rang out once again — this time led by captain Harmanpreet Kaur, whose running catch sealed a win that sent fireworks blazing across the nation.

More than a sporting milestone, this victory represents a cultural transformation. For decades, Indian women's cricket has battled neglect, patriarchal doubt, and institutional apathy. The journey from being ignored to inspiring millions has been long and often lonely. Stories abound of past struggles — from inadequate support to outright hostility. In 2011, then BCCI president N. Srinivasan reportedly remarked, "If I had my way, I wouldn't allow your women's team to play cricket." That sentiment, once emblematic of official indifference, has now been buried under the roar of 50,000 fans celebrating India's world conquest.

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur's own career mirrors that struggle. Despite global success, she once failed to secure a police job through the sports quota, a privilege easily granted to lesser-achieving male athletes. Her resilience, and that of her teammates, reflects a generational defiance — women who refused to yield despite systemic bias, poor infrastructure, and financial insecurity.

Sunday's triumph also marks the democratisation of Indian cricket. This is no longer a sport of privilege or metro elitism. The team's composition tells a story of India itself — players hailing from Moga, Kadapa, Rohru, Siliguri, Sangli, Ghuwara, Golaghat, and tribal belts. Fast bowler Kanti Goud, from a remote tribal region, stands as a symbol of a new India where talent trumps background.

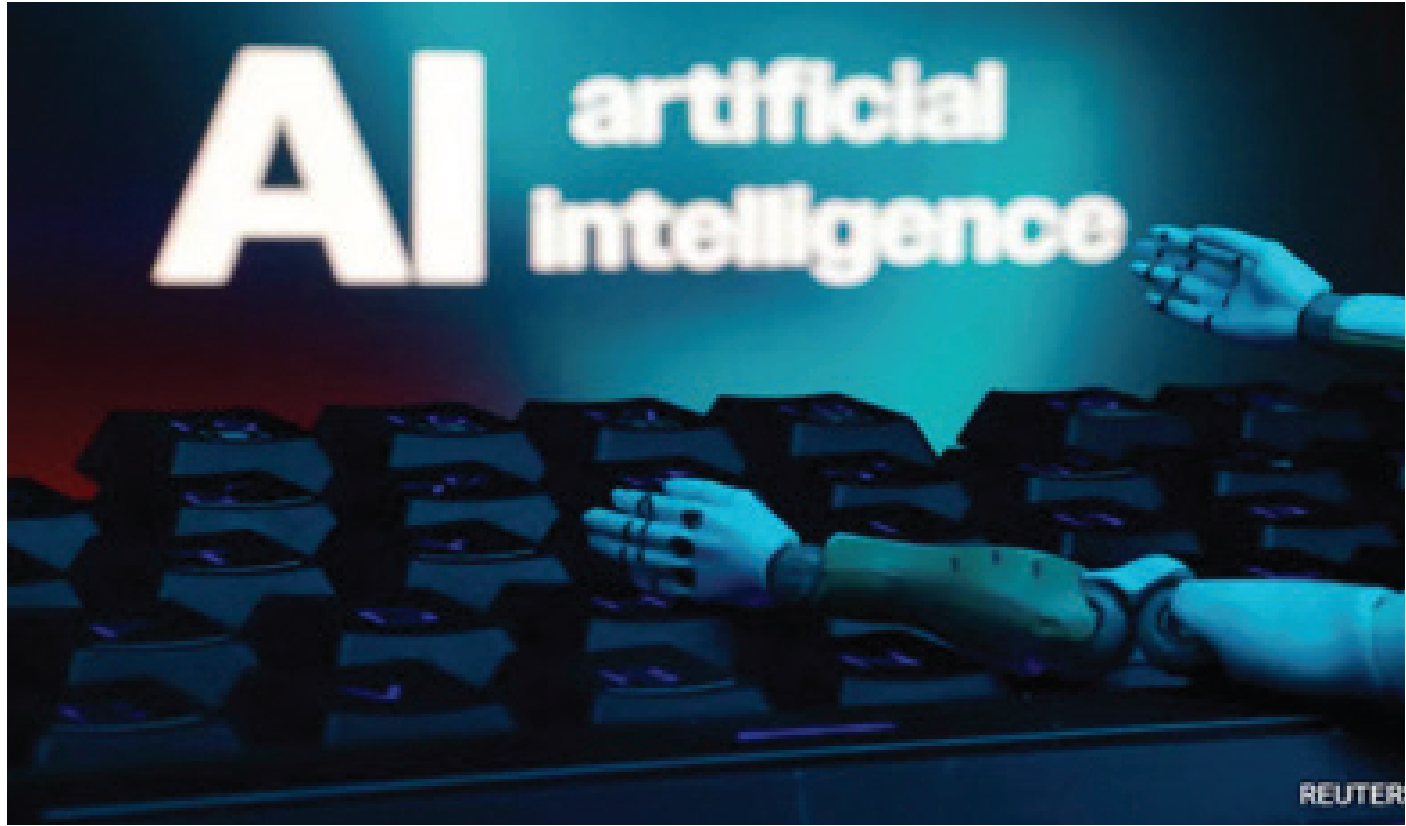
The seeds of this revolution were planted in 2017, when India reached the World Cup final in England. Though that campaign ended in heartbreak, it ignited a nationwide passion for women's cricket. It built an audience and earned respect that set the stage for the triumph of 2025.

Behind this success lies the unseen labor of families who invested everything — financially and emotionally — in their daughters' dreams, often facing ridicule and resistance. Their sacrifices, combined with the growing media coverage and the rise of the Women's Premier League (WPL), have provided the visibility, sponsorship, and legitimacy the sport desperately needed.

The presence of massive crowds and live broadcasts underscores how far the game has come. Young girls will no longer be "the only one among 500 boys," as batter Jemimah Rodrigues once described her early days. Instead, they now have role models, infrastructure, and viable professional paths across domestic and global leagues.

India's victory is not just a celebration; it's a turning point. Like the men's team in 1983, the women's triumph will redefine the country's sporting culture and economic landscape. The Women's World Cup 2025 is not an anomaly — it is the dawn of enduring Desi dominance in world cricket, and the beginning of a half-century where Indian women will lead the global game with pride, power, and purpose.

Everywhere All At Once: Why India Is Emerging as the World’s Safest AI Bet



In a world racing to secure its stake in artificial intelligence — from chipmaking giants to data center developers — India might just turn out to be the biggest, safest bet of all. Not because it will build the technology, but because it will use it at a scale no other country can match.

While high energy costs and limited land restrict India's ambitions as a semiconductor or data infrastructure hub, global AI leaders are betting on the country's greatest resource — its people. Over the past few months, OpenAI, Alphabet's Gemini, and Perplexity AI have all launched their paid AI services for free across India. OpenAI's lightweight ChatGPT Go will be free for a year, Gemini Pro will reach over 505 million Reliance Jio users for 18 months, and Perplexity's Pro version will be accessible to Bharti Airtel's 350 million subscribers.

This unprecedented rollout signals a new kind of global experiment: what happens when a billion people suddenly gain free, unlimited access to advanced AI tools? For India, it could redefine productivity, learning, and innovation. For the companies, it's an opportunity to test large-scale adoption in the most diverse and dynamic market in the world.

According to India's policy think tank NITI Aayog, widespread AI adoption could triple the productivity of informal workers—from \$5 to \$15 per hour—adding between \$500 and \$600 billion to the nation's GDP by 2035. Even if those projections are optimistic, the potential for transformation is undeniable. With most of India's workforce employed in informal or low-skilled sectors, AI could bridge the country's long-standing skill gap faster than traditional education or training programs ever managed.

The enthusiasm of India's youth further strengthens this case. Tech-savvy, multilingual, and eager to learn, young Indians already dominate global digital platforms—from YouTube explainers to coding tutorials. Their curiosity and communication-driven culture align perfectly with language models that enable users to "talk their way into competence."

AI tools could help millions of Indians overcome barriers in education, bureaucracy, and language. From navigating government forms to coding websites or managing small businesses, large language models are flattening the learning curve. As AI lowers entry barriers across professions, India's population — often viewed as an underutilized resource — could become its most valuable economic engine.

This transformation is already ready visible online, where the distinct "ChatGPT-style" syntax appears in countless Indian social media posts. It's proof that Indians are rapidly absorbing, adapting, and applying AI in creative and professional contexts.

As analyst Mihir Sharma argues, infrastructure isn't only about chips or power grids — it's about people. And in the AI age, India's billion-plus population could serve as the largest human infrastructure base in the world.

If language models truly democratize access to knowledge and capability, India's millions of informal workers may emerge as the most consequential beneficiaries — and drivers — of the global AI revolution. The government has long struggled to skill its citizens; perhaps, this time, artificial intelligence will do what policy could not — unlock the real potential of India's people.

Oh Andhra, Wake Up: A Call to Revive the Spirit of Questioning and Self-Respect

V.V.S. MADHU BABU
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh:

A powerful and emotional call has been made to the people of Andhra Pradesh to awaken from political complacency and reclaim their right to question leadership, governance, and the direction of the state. The message, deeply rooted in anguish and reflection, paints a stark picture of a society that has forgotten its legacy of courage, intellect, and collective struggle.

Once known for its vibrant movements, literary revolutions, and spirited resistance, the land of Andhra now stands silent, the statement laments. The writer accuses today's generation of Andhra people of losing their will to question corrupt politicians and bureaucrats who have exploited their silence for personal gain.

Following the separation from Telangana, the people of Andhra Pradesh were expected to rebuild their identity with dignity and determination. Instead, the message claims, they have been trapped in a cycle of political manipulation and false promises. From welfare schemes like Navaratnalu and Super Six to the endless assurances of development, citizens have been pacified rather than empowered.

The piece harshly criticizes leaders across political parties, branding them as "white-collar criminals" involved in every form of corruption — from land grabbing and liquor mafias to education and medical rackets. It questions why people, despite being aware of these realities, continue to support the same leaders without holding them accountable.

It highlights how the state's vital sectors — education and healthcare — remain under



the control of politicians and their associates, who profit from private institutions while neglecting public welfare. The message urges citizens to realize that true empowerment comes not from freebies but from access to quality education, medical care, and the courage to question authority.

The piece reflects deep disappointment that Andhra, once celebrated for its intellectual and cultural contributions, now lives "like lifeless creatures," unable to fight for its rights. It reminds the people of the sacrifices made by leaders of the past who fought for a united Telugu identity and urges the current generation to rediscover that fighting spirit.

"Why do we not have the courage to resist injustice in the land where great souls fought for a separate Telugu state?" the message asks, calling on citizens to recognize the value of their vote as a "diamond weapon" that must be used wisely.

The emotional appeal concludes with a stirring call for self-reflection: the need to question not only corrupt systems but also one's own silence. "Oh Andhra, wake up and question the future of your children," it urges. "Do you want to leave behind lives of struggle or a future of dignity? The decision is yours."

This wake-up call resonates as a reminder that the strength of democracy lies not in political promises but in the people's will to demand accountability and justice. For Andhra Pradesh, the message is clear — it's time to rise, question, and rebuild with courage and conscience.

“Army Has No Religion, Caste”: Rajnath Singh Snaps Back At Rahul Gandhi



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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh strongly criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday after Gandhi claimed that the Indian Army is “under the control of 10 per cent of the country’s population,” referring to upper-

caste dominance. Singh accused Gandhi of attempting to divide the armed forces and politicize a neutral institution. Speaking in Bihar ahead of the first phase of Assembly elections, Singh said, “The Army has no religion or caste. Our sol-

diers follow only one faith – ‘sainya dharma,’” highlighting the military code of conduct that prioritizes duty above personal or community affiliations. Singh also dismissed Gandhi’s remarks on introducing reservations in the armed forces, calling it

an attempt to “create anarchy.” He clarified that while the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supports reservations for the poor and marginalized in civil institutions, the Army is not a place for caste-based quotas. “This is an institution

that upholds discipline, patriotism, and integrity. It should not be dragged into politics,” Singh added, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the Army’s neutrality. Gandhi’s statement has sparked a political row, with critics accusing him of trying to polarize the armed forces along caste lines, while supporters argue it raises questions about representation in India’s military leadership. The Defence Minister’s firm response comes amid a politically charged environment in Bihar, where the BJP is campaigning for the Assembly elections, and caste and community issues remain sensitive topics. Observers say the exchange highlights the ongoing tension between political narratives and the institutional integrity of India’s armed forces. Singh concluded by reaffirming that the Army’s primary loyalty is to the nation, not to any community, religion, or political ideology, underlining the government’s stance against introducing caste-based considerations into military appointments.

‘You’re Not Sikh’: 14 Indian Hindus Denied Entry By Pak On Guru Nanak Jayanti

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Fourteen Indian pilgrims were denied entry into Pakistan during visits to mark the 556th birth anniversary of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak, after officials reportedly rejected them for being Hindus. The pilgrims, part of a larger group of about 2,100 people cleared by India’s Home Ministry to visit Pakistan, were initially allowed to cross but were turned back because they were not registered as Sikhs in official records. The 14 included individuals from Delhi and Lucknow, many of whom were Pakistani-born Sindhis with Indian citizenship, traveling to meet relatives. Sources told NDTV they were told, “You are Hindu... you can’t go with Sikh devotees,” forcing them to return humiliated. Apart from this, 300 people applying independently for visas were also barred at the Indian side



of the border due to lacking the necessary Home Ministry approvals. On Tuesday, around 1,900 Sikh pilgrims crossed the Wagah border into Pakistan, marking the first people-to-people movement since Operation Sindoor, a four-day military conflict in May. Leading delegations included Akal Takht leader

Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, the Shrimoni Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, and the Delhi Gurdwara Management Committee. The pilgrims will visit major Sikh shrines during their 10-day stay, including Gurdwara Janamasthan near Lahore, Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Hasan Abdal, Gurdwara Sacha Sau-

da in Farooqabad, and Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur. Tensions remain high between Delhi and Islamabad following Operation Sindoor, India’s military response to the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, in which 26 civilians were killed by The Resistance Front, an offshoot of

the Pakistan-backed Lashkar-e-Taiba. The incident has sparked concerns over religious discrimination at the border, as Hindu pilgrims seeking family visits were denied despite proper documentation, highlighting the sensitive context of India-Pakistan relations during cross-border religious exchanges.

Rahul Gandhi's vote manipulation claim in Haryana unfounded: EC source



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The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s allegations of voter manipulation in Haryana, calling them “unfounded” and raising questions about their credibility. Gandhi had recently

claimed that irregularities in the electoral rolls allowed for vote manipulation, suggesting multiple voting incidents. However, ECI officials clarified that no appeals were filed challenging the electoral rolls in Haryana, and no instances of multiple voting were detected during the elections.

“The allegations have no basis. The electoral process was conducted in full compliance with the law, and there is no evidence to support claims of voter fraud,” an ECI spokesperson said, emphasizing the integrity of the state’s voter registration and polling process. Rahul Gandhi addressed

the media at the Congress headquarters in New Delhi, reiterating his concerns about electoral transparency. He argued that certain discrepancies in voter data could indicate systemic issues. However, the lack of formal complaints or flagged incidents has cast doubt on the validity of his

statements. Observers note that while Gandhi’s comments have drawn political attention, the ECI’s statement reinforces the robustness of India’s electoral system, which includes stringent checks to prevent irregularities. Experts also point out that raising such allegations without documented evidence could lead to unnecessary public confusion during an election period. The Haryana elections are now moving forward without any formal investigation into the alleged irregularities. The ECI reiterated that all electoral processes, including the preparation of rolls and polling, adhere to strict legal and procedural standards, and any credible concern must follow proper channels for verification. This development marks a clear rebuttal from the ECI to one of the more high-profile allegations made by a national political leader in recent months.

NDA government in Bihar neglected women’s safety, health: Congress



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The Congress on Tuesday accused the BJP-JD(U) government in Bihar of neglecting women’s safety, health, and dignity over the past two decades. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge targeted both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, questioning their track record on women’s security. Kharge highlighted statements by Modi acknowledging that in Bihar, “daughters-in-law and daughters are not safe,” calling it a self-admission of failure after 20 years of governance. The Congress leader stressed that the NDA government had consistently ignored key issues affecting women, ranging from personal safety to access to

healthcare and basic rights. Speaking at a press briefing, Kharge said, “The BJP-JD(U) government has systematically neglected women’s welfare, leaving them vulnerable to crime and poor health infrastructure. The citizens of Bihar have waited too long for safety and dignity.” Kharge also underlined the Congress-led Mahagatbandhan’s commitment to empowering women, promising focused initiatives aimed at improving safety, healthcare, education, and economic participation for women across the state. “Our alliance is fully committed to uplifting women in Bihar and addressing their long-standing grievances,” he added. The Congress has raised questions over

the state government’s response to rising crimes against women, lack of effective law enforcement, and inadequate health services, arguing that Bihar lags behind other states in women-centric development indicators. With Bihar heading to assembly polls, the issue of women’s safety is expected to become a key point of debate, with Kharge and the Mahagatbandhan positioning themselves as champions of women’s rights, in contrast to what they describe as the NDA’s decades-long inaction. The party’s criticism comes amid growing public concern over women’s safety and access to essential services, making it a central theme in the upcoming electoral battle in Bihar.

Vijay TVK Names Actor as CM Candidate, Alliance Authority



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Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) on Wednesday officially announced actor Vijay as its Chief Ministerial candidate for the 2026 Assembly elections and empowered him to decide on the party’s electoral alliances. The decision came during a special general council meeting of the party held at a private hotel in Mahabali-puram, chaired by Vijay himself, who appeared in his signature white shirt and stubbled look. Party members unanimously adopted a resolution stating, “Vijay is the CM candidate loved by all sections of people. Under his leadership, the party will face the 2026 polls, and he is authorised to take all deci-

sions regarding electoral alliances.” The meeting, held over a month after the September 27 Karur rally stampede that killed 41 people, also observed a two-minute silence to honour the victims. During the session, TVK adopted 12 resolutions covering a range of state issues. Key highlights included concerns over the recurring arrests of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan navy, women’s safety—with particular reference to a recent sexual assault case in Coimbatore—and the adoption of the Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The party’s move signals Vijay’s growing political influence in Tamil Nadu, transitioning from a popular film star

to a fully empowered political leader within his party. Analysts say granting him sole authority on electoral alliances reflects TVK’s strategy to present a unified leadership image ahead of the high-stakes 2026 Assembly polls. This development also indicates the party’s intent to consolidate voter support across diverse social groups by leveraging Vijay’s widespread popularity and the activist measures proposed in the resolutions. With the announcement, TVK has set the stage for a potentially high-profile electoral campaign, where the actor-turned-politician will lead strategy, alliances, and policy priorities for the coming elections.

Israel Returns 15 Palestinian Bodies to Gaza



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Hospital officials in Gaza have received the bodies of 15 Palestinians returned by Israel, raising the total number of Palestinian remains returned since the ceasefire to 285, officials at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis confirmed.

The transfer comes amid the fragile Israel-Hamas ceasefire, which began on October 10, 2025, following the deadliest conflict between the two sides. The ceasefire has included a reciprocal exchange of remains: Hamas has returned 21 Israeli hostages, while Israel has released the bodies of 15 Palestinians for each hostage returned.

Militants in Gaza have been handing over one to three bodies every few days, though Israel has urged faster returns in some cases. Hamas has cited the widespread devastation in Gaza as complicating efforts. Identification of the remains remains difficult due to a shortage of DNA testing kits, with the Health Ministry posting photographs online to help families recognize the deceased.

The current exchanges follow the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on southern Israel, which killed approximately 1,200 people and saw 251 taken hostage. Israel responded with a large-scale military offensive, which according to Gaza's Health Ministry has killed over 68,800 Palestinians, including civilians and combatants. Israel disputes these figures but has not provided an alternate toll.

Forensic work and identification remain ongoing, with fewer than half of the returned Palestinian bodies confirmed. The process reflects the broader challenges of post-conflict reconciliation and humanitarian management in Gaza, where resources remain strained and infrastructure heavily damaged.

The return of bodies, while small in number, marks a continuing step in the ceasefire process and highlights the delicate and ongoing negotiation between Israel and Hamas, even as tensions and humanitarian crises persist across the region.

Aftab Pureval Wins Second Term as Cincinnati Mayor



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Indian-origin Mayor Aftab Pureval has won a second term as Cincinnati's mayor, defeating Republican challenger Cory Bowman, the half-brother of Vice President J.D. Vance, local media reported.

Pureval's victory on Tuesday cements Democratic control of Cincinnati's local government and further raises his profile in Ohio politics, according to Fox News. The 43-year-old former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney first won the mayor's office in 2021, securing nearly 66% of the vote, and has since been recognized for his focus on urban development, public safety, and community engagement.

Pureval's personal story resonates with many voters. His mother, Tibetan by origin, fled Chinese occupation and grew up in a Southern Indian refugee camp, while his father is of Punjabi heritage. This diverse background has shaped his commitment to inclusive governance and immigrant communities in Cincinnati.

During his first term, Pureval emphasized

economic revitalization, affordable housing, and improved city services, initiatives that helped him maintain strong voter support. Analysts say his re-election signals continued urban Democratic strength in a state that has seen increasing political polarization.

His win also underscores a growing wave of Indian-American political leadership in U.S. local and state offices, alongside figures such as Virginia Lieutenant Governor Ghazala Hashmi and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, reflecting the community's expanding influence in American politics.

Pureval now begins his second term tasked with continuing Cincinnati's progress on infrastructure, public safety, and economic opportunities while navigating state and national political dynamics. Observers note that his leadership style, which emphasizes collaboration and pragmatic problem-solving, could serve as a model for other urban centers in Ohio and across the country.

'Turn the volume up': Mamdani's first shot at Trump after New York win

TPN Bureau | Washington

Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani wasted no time confronting President Donald Trump following his historic election as New York City's first Indian-American Muslim mayor. Speaking to a jubilant crowd, Mamdani declared, "Donald Trump, since I know you're watching, I have four words for you: turn the volume up!", signaling the start of what is expected to be a contentious relationship.

Mamdani, 34, made countering Trump's policies on immigration and federal interference a key campaign theme. The president had threatened to withhold billions in federal funding from New York if Mamdani won, echoing previous moves targeting Democratic leaders from the city. Trump also dismissed Mamdani's platform as socialist, telling CBS' 60 Minutes, "If you have a communist running New York, all you're doing is wasting the money



you're sending there." Addressing his supporters, Mamdani framed his victory as a challenge to

Trump's political style and influence, saying, "If there is any way to terrify a despot, it is by dismantling

the very conditions that allowed him to accumulate power: This is not only how we stop Trump, it's how we

stop the next one." Mamdani's ambitious agenda aims to tackle New York's cost-of-living crisis,



with proposals including a rental freeze, universal childcare, and government-led interventions in the private sector. While these policies have drawn criticism from Republicans and skepticism from some Democrats, Mamdani emphasized unity and resilience, adding, "To get to any of us, you will have to go through all of us."

The showdown between the newly elected mayor and the former president underscores the growing generational and ideological divide in U.S. politics, with Mamdani's victory representing a triumph for the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. As he prepares to take office on January 1, 2026, the coming years will test his ability to balance an ambitious local agenda with confrontations at the national level. Mamdani's first moves signal that he intends to fight vigorously for his city while challenging the influence of Trump in the political arena.

Zohran Mamdani wins New York poll, becomes 1st Indian-American Muslim mayor

TPN Correspondent | Florida

In a historic victory, Zohran Mamdani, a 34-year-old Democratic state lawmaker, has been elected as the first Indian-American Muslim mayor of New York City, defeating former Governor Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa. Mamdani will also become the city's youngest mayor in more than a century when he takes office on January 1, 2026.

Mamdani's win marks a triumph for the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. His grassroots campaign, focused on affordability, free child care, city-run grocery stores, and free bus services, resonated deeply with working-class voters in one of the world's most expensive cities. The race saw record voter participation, with over 2 million ballots cast, the highest turnout for a New York mayoral election in five decades.

The son of Ugandan-



born parents of Indian descent, Mamdani grew up

in New York City and became a U.S. citizen in 2018.

His rise from a local state legislator to the city's top

office has been hailed as a symbol of New York's di-

versity and the growing influence of younger, more progressive voices in U.S. politics.

Throughout the campaign, Mamdani faced intense scrutiny from national Republicans and sharp attacks from Cuomo, who attempted a political comeback after resigning in 2021 amid harassment allegations. Despite criticism over his lack of executive experience and past remarks about policing, Mamdani's optimism and outreach to younger voters propelled him to victory.

As he prepares to assume office, Mamdani faces major challenges — from funding his ambitious welfare agenda to managing relations with state leaders and the NYPD. But for now, his win stands as a watershed moment in New York's political history, redefining what leadership in America's largest city can look like.

Indian-origin Ghazala Hashmi wins Virginia Lieutenant Governor election

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India-origin Ghazala Hashmi has been elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, making history as the first Muslim and first South Asian American to hold the post.

The 61-year-old Democrat secured 1,465,634 votes (54.2%), defeating her Republican rival John Reid, who received 1,232,242 votes, according to election officials, with 79% of votes counted. Hashmi's victory marks a significant milestone in Virginia politics and reflects the growing diversity of the state's electorate.

Hashmi, born in India, has been a trailblazer in Virginia's political landscape. She was previously the first Muslim and South Asian American to serve in the Virginia Senate, and her election to the lieutenant governor post further cements her role as a prominent figure in state politics. Her career has focused on education, healthcare, and social justice, resonating with a broad coalition of voters across urban and suburban areas.



Democrats hailed her win as a reflection of the party's appeal to minority communities, women, and progressive voters, while Republicans will likely assess the results to refine their strategy for upcoming state and national

elections. Hashmi's campaign emphasized inclusive governance, equitable policies, and expanding opportunities for underrepresented communities.

Hashmi's historic win is also seen as a symbolic

moment for South Asian Americans and Muslim Americans, highlighting their growing political influence in the United States. Her election comes amid a wave of diverse candidates winning key offices across the country,

signaling changing demographics and priorities among voters.

With Hashmi taking office, Virginia will see a leadership team more representative of the state's multicultural population, potentially influencing

policies on education, public health, and community engagement. Observers note that her tenure could inspire more women and minority candidates to pursue high-level political roles in Virginia and beyond.

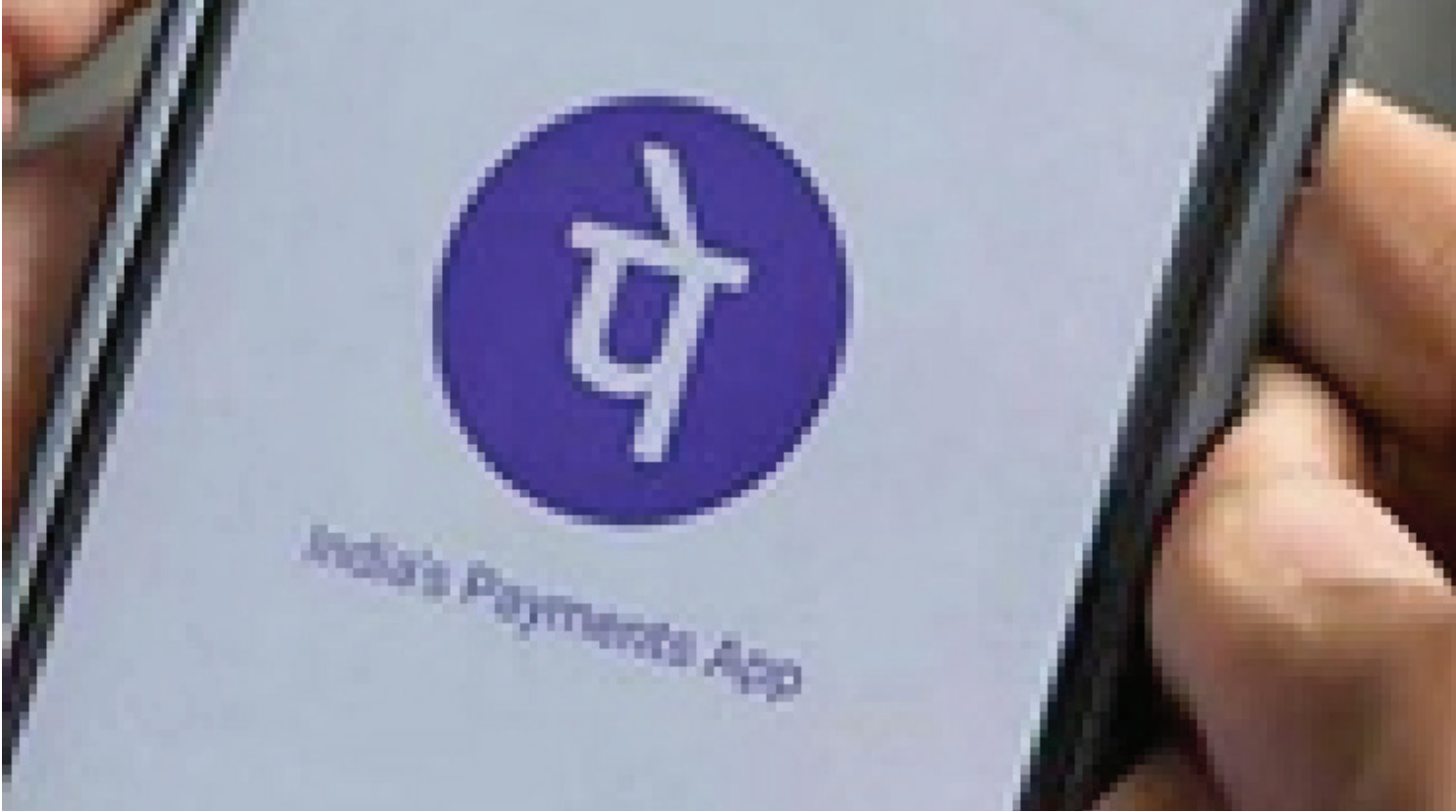
PhonePe Narrows Losses, Reports ₹7,115 Crore Revenue in FY25

Fintech giant PhonePe has showcased a strong financial turnaround in FY25, significantly narrowing its consolidated losses to ₹1,727.4 crore, compared to ₹1,996.1 crore in FY24. The results highlight the company's improving fundamentals as it prepares to file its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) later this year, marking its next big step toward a public listing.

According to data sourced from Tofler, PhonePe's revenue from operations jumped 40.5%, rising from ₹5,064 crore in FY24 to ₹7,115 crore in FY25. This robust growth underlines the company's dominant position in India's digital payments and fintech ecosystem, which continues to expand at a rapid pace.

A key highlight of the fiscal was the threefold surge in adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT), which stood at ₹630 crore in FY25, compared to ₹197 crore in the previous year. This growth reflects improved operational efficiency, higher adoption of value-added services, and better cost management across verticals.

Notably, PhonePe also achieved a major milestone by turning free cash flow positive for the first time. The company reported net cash flow from op-



erations at ₹1,202 crore for the year ending March 31, 2025. This achievement is expected to enhance investor confidence as it signals sustainable financial health.

While overall expenses rose 21% year-on-year to ₹9,394 crore, the proportion of revenue growth outpaced expenditure, contributing to healthier margins.

Backed by U.S. retail giant Walmart, PhonePe has been aggressively diversifying into insurance, wealth management, and lending segments, further strengthening its fintech foot-

print. With IPO plans on the horizon, FY25's performance puts the company in a strong position to attract investors looking to ride India's booming digital economy.

S&P Maintains India's GDP Growth at 6.5%, Expects RBI Rate Cut



Global rating agency S&P has retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for the current fiscal year, citing robust domestic demand supported by a largely benign monsoon. The agency noted that India's economy grew

at 7.8% in the April-June quarter, highlighting resilience amid global uncertainties.

In its statement, S&P said, "We forecast India's GDP growth to hold steady at 6.5% this fiscal year, ending March 31, 2026. Do-

mestic demand is expected to remain strong, driven by favorable monsoon conditions, income and GST cuts, and accelerating government investment." The agency emphasized that these factors will continue to under-

pin economic expansion despite external challenges.

S&P also revised India's inflation forecast down to 3.2% for the fiscal year, noting that a sharper-than-expected decline in food inflation will help keep

overall price pressures low. This moderation in inflation provides the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room to ease monetary policy, and S&P anticipates a 25 basis points rate cut during the fiscal year.

In its Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific Q4 2025 report, S&P highlighted that resilient domestic demand across the region may cushion economies from the impact of stronger external headwinds, including US import tariffs and slower global growth. The agency noted that while China has fared relatively better under these conditions, Southeast Asian emerging markets and India have faced more significant challenges than initially expected.

S&P's assessment underscores India's capacity to maintain steady growth through domestic consumption, policy support, and infrastructure spending, even as global trade tensions and external economic pressures persist. Analysts view the RBI's anticipated rate cut as a measure to sustain credit growth and bolster investment in the coming months.

Coca-Cola bottler SLMG beverages targets Rs 9,000 cr revenue

SLMG Beverages, India's largest Coca-Cola bottler, expects high single-digit sales growth in FY26 despite facing headwinds in the June quarter due to unseasonal rains and geopolitical concerns, said Joint Managing Director Paritosh Ladhani on Monday. The company anticipates its gross revenue to cross Rs 9,000 crore, aided by festivals and GST concessions on its non-aerated drinks portfolio, which contributes around 30% of total sales.

"The June quarter was below expectations, with 35-40% higher rainfall affecting sales. However, we anticipate strong growth in the December quarter and may even achieve double-digit growth," Ladhani told PTL. He added that fizz-based drinks will also see a rise as consumers have discretionary spending power.

SLMG Beverages plans to invest around Rs 8,000 crore over the next six years for expansion, funded through internal accruals and debt, including green-field plants in Buxer, Bihar and Gorakhpur, UP. The company's current bottling capacity of 22,000 BPM is expected to in-



crease to 27,000 BPM by year-end. Ladhani highlighted that 65-70% of the investment will go into plant capacity, while the remainder will support market development, warehousing, fleet, and new product launches.

On a mid-term outlook, Ladhani stated the company aims to cross Rs 20,000 crore in gross turnover over the next five to six years. Regarding an IPO, he emphasized the focus will remain on strengthening operations be-

fore considering public listing.

SLMG Beverages is part of the Rs 10,000-crore Ladhani Group, which has interests in hospitality, real estate, and energy, with 70% of its revenue coming from the bottling busi-

ness. In hospitality, the group plans to invest around Rs 3,000 crore, expanding from 550 to 700 keys with the upcoming Taj Gateway project, aiming for 1,500 rooms in the next five to six years.

Tock Markets Slip for Third Consecutive Day Amid FII Outflows and H-1B Concerns



Indian equity markets closed lower for the third straight session on Tuesday, dragged by foreign fund outflows and concerns over a steep hike in U.S. H-1B visa fees. The benchmark BSE Sensex settled at 82,102.10, down 57.87 points or 0.07%, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped 32.85 points or 0.13% to 25,169.50.

During the session, Sensex oscillated between a high of 82,370.38 and a low of 81,776.53, reflecting volatile trading. Analysts attributed the decline to selling pressure in IT stocks and blue-chip private banking shares, while buying in auto stocks and select public sector banks cushioned losses.

Among Sensex constituents, Trent, Tech Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, UltraTech Cement, Asian Paints, Eternal, and ITC were the major laggards. HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank also dragged the indices lower. On the upside, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, and State Bank of India were key gainers.

"The domestic equity market traded range-bound and ended flat, indicating ongoing consolidation. Broader sentiment remained cautious, with small- and mid-cap stocks lagging benchmarks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd. Sector-wise, autos, metals, and financials gained on robust festive demand post-GST cuts, while FMCG and realty faced pressure from profit booking.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹2,910.09 crore on Monday, reflecting sustained selling pressure. In global markets, Shanghai and Hong Kong closed lower, while South Korea's KOSPI ended in positive territory. Japanese markets were closed for a holiday. European markets traded higher, and U.S. indices gained on Monday.

Meanwhile, the rupee fell 52 paise to an all-time low of 88.82 against the U.S. dollar, and Brent crude rose 0.45% to \$66.87 a barrel, adding to market caution.

Crude Oil Futures Slip on Weak Spot Market Demand



Crude oil futures on the Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) declined on Tuesday, as traders trimmed positions amid weak demand in the spot market. October delivery crude fell Rs 16 or 0.29%, settling at Rs 5,506 per barrel across 12,933 lots.

Analysts noted that the drop in futures prices reflected profit-taking and cautious trading, as market participants responded to soft spot market activity. Weak physical demand for crude prompted sellers to offload their holdings, weighing on prices during the session.

On the global front, oil benchmarks also witnessed mild declines. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude traded 0.33% lower at USD 61.95 per barrel, while Brent crude slipped 0.56% to USD 66.20 per barrel in New York, reflecting a broader cautious sentiment in the energy markets.

Analysts said that despite global concerns

over supply disruptions in some regions, the current demand-supply dynamics remain subdued, limiting significant upside in crude prices. Traders are closely watching inventory data, geopolitical developments, and OPEC signals for indications of any supply tightening that could support price recovery.

Market observers highlighted that the MCX crude futures trend mirrors global patterns, as both domestic and international markets face tepid demand and mixed trading signals. Investors are expected to monitor upcoming economic data releases and fuel consumption trends to gauge future price direction.

Overall, the oil futures market remains under pressure, reflecting weak spot demand and cautious investor sentiment. Market participants continue to adopt a wait-and-watch approach, balancing domestic demand trends with global price movements.

Mountaineer Wakes Up to Snow Blizzard, Video Goes Viral



A thrilling video of mountaineer Magdalena Madej waking up to a snow blizzard on a high-altitude expedition has gone viral on social media. Magdalena, an experienced climber and Mount Everest summiteer, shared the clip on Instagram, capturing the raw intensity and danger of mountaineering. The video was filmed during an expedition to Mount Manaslu in Nepal, the world's eighth-highest peak at 8,163 meters. The team had set up camp at 6,600 meters to rest after a challenging climb. Early in the morning, Magdalena pulled back the tent curtains to reveal a terrifying scene: a raging snowstorm, with white-capped peaks stretching into the horizon and snow swirling violently around their tents. The harsh conditions posed a serious avalanche risk, making the moment both awe-inspiring and terrifying. Magdalena shared the story behind the clip in her caption, noting the dangers and unpredictability climbers face at such altitudes. Mountaineering often tests limits through extreme weather, fatigue,

and challenging terrain, but it also offers breathtaking vistas and moments of triumph. Social media users responded enthusiastically to the video, praising Magdalena's courage and composure in the face of extreme conditions. Comments highlighted admiration for her adventurous spirit and the beauty of high-altitude landscapes. One user wrote, "Vice nice video, Strong," while another added, "I always wanted this kind of life." The viral clip underscores both the thrill and risks of mountaineering. It also resonates with viewers who dream of exploring the world's highest peaks, showing the blend of danger, discipline, and natural beauty that defines extreme climbing. Magdalena's video not only showcases her personal bravery but also serves as a reminder of the extraordinary challenges mountaineers endure to experience the world from the roof of the planet. It captures a moment where fear, beauty, and human resilience intersect, leaving viewers both awestruck and inspired.

YouTube Adds Daily Timer to 'Shorts' to Combat Doomscrolling



YouTube has introduced a new daily timer feature for its popular 'Shorts' video format, aiming to help users manage and reduce excessive screen time. The feature is designed to address the growing concern of doomscrolling—endless, often compulsive consumption of short-form videos—which can negatively impact mental health and productivity. With this new update, users will be able to set a daily time limit for watching Shorts. Once the allotted time is reached, a reminder will appear on the screen, encouraging users to take a break and pause their viewing session. However, users retain the option to dismiss the reminder and continue watching if they choose. This feature is part of YouTube's broader commitment to promoting digital wellbeing and responsible usage of its platform. Short-form video content has exploded in popularity, with millions of users worldwide spending significant time scrolling

through Shorts, which can sometimes lead to unintentional binge-watching and time loss. By introducing the timer, YouTube hopes to encourage more mindful viewing habits, helping users stay in control of their time and reduce the chances of falling into endless content loops. The reminder acts as a gentle nudge rather than a strict lockout, giving users the autonomy to decide how they engage with the platform. The move aligns with similar steps taken by other social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok, which have implemented tools to track and limit usage, reflecting a growing industry focus on combating digital fatigue and encouraging healthier online behavior. YouTube's daily timer for Shorts is currently rolling out and will be available to users globally in the coming weeks. The feature is expected to be welcomed by those looking to balance entertainment with productivity and mental wellness.

Apple to Launch iPhone 20 and iPhone 18e in Early 2027 for 20th Anniversary

Apple is gearing up to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the iPhone with the launch of two new models in the first half of 2027: the iPhone 20 and the iPhone 18e. This move marks a significant shift in Apple's naming strategy, skipping the iPhone 19 to honor two decades since the original iPhone's debut in January 2007. According to industry analyst Heo Moo-yeol, Apple will release the iPhone 20 alongside the iPhone 18e, a model expected to be separate from the flagship lineup. This early 2027 launch will break from the company's traditional September release schedule, which it has followed since the iPhone 5 in 2012. The rest of the iPhone 20 series—including the Air, Pro, and Pro Max versions—are anticipated to arrive in the second half of 2027. Additionally, Apple plans to introduce the second-generation iPhone Fold, following the expect-



ed debut of its first foldable iPhone in 2026. Interestingly, Apple may discontinue the standard iPhone 18 model next year, focusing instead on the iPhone 18 Pro, Pro Max, and a new iPhone Air successor, alongside the foldable iPhone. This shift could reduce panel demand by about 20 million units compared to previous years. The iPhone Fold is projected to see strong sales, with Apple aiming to ship over 8 million units in its first year. Overall, Apple's 2027 lineup promises innovation and commemorates a milestone for one of the world's most influential tech products.

CRPF Jawan Brings Joy to Tribal Kids in Chhattisgarh Jungle

A heartwarming video from the dense jungles of Chhattisgarh has gone viral, showing a CRPF Cobra jawan bringing smiles to tribal children by showing them cartoons on his phone. The clip, shared on social media by user KiloMike2, highlights a rare moment of joy for children who have grown up in remote areas affected by Naxal activity. In the video, the soldier can be seen patiently gathering the children around and letting them watch cartoons for the first time, creating an atmosphere of happiness and wonder. Social media users have praised the simple yet touching act, noting the importance of bringing education, innocence, and play into the lives of children living in difficult circumstances. The post quickly drew attention, with users expressing mixed emotions. One wrote, "Made me sad how these kids have missed the very essence of childhood and education



due to Naxals, hope we can do everything for them now." Another highlighted the contrast between modern and natural childhood experiences, commenting, "Watching cartoons is not the essence of childhood. These children must be

enjoying their childhood in the natural environment, away from gadgets." Many viewers applauded the soldier's effort as an act of compassion, reflecting hope for a brighter future for the tribal community. Some noted that even small gestures like these can leave a lasting impact on children growing up in areas with limited access to education and recreational resources. The video has resonated widely, reminding people of the importance of nurturing curiosity, education, and joy for all children, regardless of their environment. In a region often marked by conflict, this simple act of showing cartoons becomes a symbol of humanity and care, sparking conversations about the role of soldiers not just in security but also in uplifting local communities. The viral clip stands as a touching reminder that even small, thoughtful actions can make a big difference in the lives of children living in remote and challenging conditions.

China Unveils 'Ghost Jellyfish' Drone for Underwater Missions

Chinese scientists have developed an innovative jellyfish-like robot, dubbed the "underwater phantom," designed for covert underwater operations. Created by Tao Kai from Northwestern Polytechnical University, the compact robot closely mimics a real jellyfish, allowing it to monitor aquatic environments without disturbing marine life, according to the South China Morning Post. The robot measures 120mm in diameter and weighs just 56 grams. Its transparent body and hydrogel-based tentacles replicate natural jellyfish movements, making it almost indistinguishable from its living counterpart underwater. An electrostatic hydraulic actuator mimics jellyfish neural signals, enabling smooth motion while operating at only 28.5 milliwatts, ensuring minimal disruption to its surroundings. Equipped with a camera and AI chip, the robot can autonomously identify underwater targets using machine learning, making it ideal for long-term surveillance, deep-sea monitoring, and precise inspections of fragile ecosystems or submerged structures. Tao highlighted the robot's low power consumption, near-silent operation, and lifelike design, emphasizing its suitability for



sensitive environments. The bionic jellyfish was showcased in August on CCTV, alongside other bio-inspired robots, including a robotic bird, mechanical locust, gecko robot, and robotic fish. During demonstrations, the robot hovered steadily in varying water conditions and accurately identified objects such as the school emblem and clownfish. The presentation underscored the potential of nature-inspired robotics to sense and respond to complex environments independently. Northwestern Polytechnical University is globally recognized for pioneering research in robotics and aerospace, especially in developing hybrid systems capable of navigating both air and water. Tao's lab, part of the Ministry of Education's Key Laboratory of Micro and Nano Systems for Aerospace, continues to push boundaries in micro-electromechanical systems and autonomous bio-inspired machines. The "ghost jellyfish" represents a breakthrough in deep-sea exploration technology, combining stealth, energy efficiency, and adaptability, offering new possibilities for environmental monitoring, underwater research, and covert operations.

Cristiano Ronaldo Hints at Emotional Retirement Soon

Football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has revealed that his retirement from professional football is approaching, and he expects it to be an emotional farewell. The Portugal and Al-Nassr forward opened up about his plans in an interview with Piers Morgan Uncensored, hinting at a deeply personal end to his storied career.

“It will be tough, of course. It will be difficult? Yes. Probably will cry, yes. I’m an open person,” Ronaldo told Morgan, giving fans a glimpse into the emotional side of stepping away from the sport that has defined his life. Known for his incredible fitness, dedication, and record-breaking achievements, Ronaldo admitted that leaving the game will not be easy, even after decades at the top level.

The 40-year-old forward, who has scored over 850 goals in his club and international career, reflected on the highs and lows of football, expressing gratitude for the support of fans, teammates, and family.



“Football has given me everything, and leaving it will be bittersweet. But I know the time is coming,” he said. Ronaldo’s career has spanned multiple top European leagues, including Premier League, La Liga, and Serie A, and he has won

numerous titles, including five Ballon d’Or awards. His move to Saudi Arabia’s Al-Nassr marked the latest chapter of a career that has seen him evolve from a young, ambitious talent at Sporting Lisbon to one of the greatest players of all

time. While Ronaldo has not announced a specific retirement date, his comments indicate that fans may soon witness a heartfelt farewell tour, filled with celebrations of his unparalleled contribution to football. Analysts predict that the emotional goodbye could coincide with the conclusion of his current contract or the end of the next season, allowing supporters around the world to honor one of football’s most iconic figures.

Wolvaardt Tops ICC Women’s ODI Rankings, Mandhana Drops; Jemimah Enters Top-10



South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has claimed the No.1 spot in the latest ICC Women’s ODI rankings, overtaking India’s Smriti Mandhana who held the top position throughout the recently concluded Women’s World Cup. The update

comes following standout performances in the tournament, where Wolvaardt scored centuries in both the semifinal and final, cementing her status as one of the world’s premier batters. Mandhana, despite India’s title-winning cam-

paign, slipped to second place in the rankings. She was, however, named in the ICC Women’s World Cup Team of the Tournament alongside Wolvaardt, recognizing her consistent contributions throughout the competition. Mandhana’s

elegant stroke play and key innings played a vital role in India’s victorious run, even if it wasn’t enough to retain her top ranking. Meanwhile, Jemimah Rodrigues surged nine positions to break into the top 10, now sitting at 10th in the

ODI rankings. The young Indian batter impressed throughout the tournament with crucial knocks in high-pressure matches, showcasing her growing maturity and ability to perform on the world stage. The ICC rankings, which take into account performances over multiple matches and tournaments, reflect not only individual brilliance but also the impact players have had in pivotal games. Wolvaardt’s rise to the top is a testament to her exceptional consistency and match-winning ability in the final stages of the World Cup. With the ICC Women’s ODI rankings now featuring three Indians in the top 10, including Mandhana and Rodrigues, India’s strength in women’s cricket is evident. Analysts predict that both Mandhana and Rodrigues will continue to challenge for the top spots in upcoming series, keeping the competition fierce among the world’s elite women cricketers.

Pakistan Women’s Coach Muhammad Wasim Sacked After World Cup Debacle

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has sacked Muhammad Wasim, head coach of the national women’s cricket team, following the team’s disastrous performance in the recently concluded ICC Women’s ODI World Cup. The decision comes after Pakistan finished last in the eight-team tournament, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. Pakistan, led by Fatima Sana, endured a forgettable campaign — losing four matches, while three others were washed out due to rain. Despite having topped the qualifying rounds in Lahore earlier this year to secure their World Cup berth, the team failed to register a single win in the main event, playing all their matches in Colombo.

In a statement, the PCB confirmed that Wasim’s contract expired at the end of the tournament and would not be renewed. The board is now on the lookout for a new head coach, with sources indicating that a foreign candidate is being considered. If no suitable option is found, former Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof could be appointed to



the role. Wasim, a former Test cricketer and ex-chief selector of Pakistan’s men’s team, had taken over the women’s side last year. His tenure saw a string of un-

derwhelming results, including Pakistan’s Asia Cup semifinal exit and an early league-stage elimination in the T20 World Cup earlier this year. A PCB insider revealed

that the entire support staff would also be replaced soon as part of a broader overhaul aimed at rebuilding the women’s setup. The changes come amid

India’s triumphant Women’s World Cup victory, which has further highlighted the contrasting fortunes of the two neighboring cricketing nations on the global stage.

Virat Kohli Turns 37: A Career of Records and Glory



India’s batting maestro, Virat Kohli, celebrated his 37th birthday on Wednesday, marking a glittering career that has left an indelible mark on world cricket. Since his debut in 2008, Kohli has been a force across formats, blending consistency, aggression, and leadership to redefine modern Indian cricket.

Kohli made his mark early, captaining India to the U19 World Cup in 2008, and later evolving into a world-class batter reminiscent of legends like Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly. In Test cricket, he scored 9,230 runs in 123 matches at an average of 46.85, including 30 centuries. As captain, he led India to 40 wins in 68 Tests, including historic series victories in Australia and dominance in SENA nations, while promoting fitness and nurturing fast-bowling talent.

Known as the ultimate ‘Chase-master,’ he averages 89.29 in successful run-chases. He boasts ICC World Cup and Champions Trophy titles, along with the record for most runs in ICC knockout matches. In T20Is, he amassed 4,188 runs at 48.69 with a strike rate of 137+, including a T20 World Cup victory in 2024 and multiple Player of the Tournament awards. His unmatched consistency in ICC events cements his reputation as a clutch performer. Kohli’s IPL journey with Royal Challengers Bengaluru spans 18 years, where he became the tournament’s highest run-scorer (8,661) and century-maker (8). His record-breaking campaigns in 2016 and 2024 highlight his ability to dominate in franchise cricket. From international cricket to the IPL, Kohli’s career is a testament to talent, discipline, and passion. At 37, the “King of Chases” leaves behind a legacy few can rival, inspiring generations to come.

Djokovic Makes Winning Return in Athens



Novak Djokovic returned to competitive action after a three-week break, cruising past Alejandro Tabilo in straight sets at the Athens ATP tournament on Tuesday. The top seed, who received a first-round bye, defeated the Chilean 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 in the round of 16. Djokovic, 38, had previously lost both encounters against Tabilo — on clay in Rome last year and Monte Carlo earlier this season. “Playing against Tabilo, who I had never won against, I was more under tension before the match than some other matches and I really tried to draw the energy from the crowd,” Djokovic said after the win. The 24-time Grand Slam champion, who recently relocated to Athens, described playing in the Greek capital as a special experience. “It feels really at home, playing in Athens,” he said. “A few months ago, when I came here with my family, I was very excited because I have al-

ways loved Greece. Serbians love Greece, for sure. Historically, culturally, and religiously, we have a lot of things connecting us. Athens is in my heart, no question about it.” Djokovic dominated the opening set in a tiebreak and secured two breaks in the second to reach his 225th tour-level quarter-final. He will face Portuguese sixth seed Nuno Borges next, who defeated American qualifier Eliot Spizzirri 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. The world number five had opted out of the Paris Masters after his semi-final defeat at the Shanghai Masters 1000 to Valentin Vacherot on October 11. His participation at the upcoming season-ending WTA Finals in Turin was confirmed on Monday. Djokovic’s smooth return in Athens signals his intent to end the season on a strong note, and fans in Greece are clearly excited to have the tennis icon competing on their home turf.

Shiva 4K Trailer: Tollywood’s Iconic Gamechanger Returns in Remastered Glory



Ram Gopal Varma's cult classic Shiva, which redefined Telugu cinema in 1989, is making a grand return to theatres in a completely remastered 4K Dolby Atmos format. The re-release, scheduled for November 14, 2025, coincides with the 50-year celebrations of Annapurna Studios, the banner that produced this milestone film.

Starring King Nagarjuna and Amala, Shiva marked a turning point in Tollywood with its realistic portrayal of college politics, gripping narrative, and revolutionary technical craft. The film's background score and visual style set new standards, inspiring generations of filmmakers and audiences alike.

To mark the re-release, a special 4K trailer was unveiled on November 4. The trailer features heartfelt tributes from industry stalwarts including Megastar Chiranjeevi, SS Rajamouli, Prabhas, Mahesh Babu, Allu Arjun, Jr. NTR, Mani Ratnam, Nag Ashwin, and Sekhar Kammula, all

acknowledging the film's immense influence on their creative journeys.

The restored trailer revisits the film's powerful moments — from Nagarjuna's intense screen presence to Ilaiyaraaja's unforgettable music — now elevated with advanced sound design and visual clarity. The movie's audio has been meticulously upgraded from its original mono mix to Dolby Atmos, utilizing cutting-edge AI technology to recreate the soundscape for modern theatres.

With this re-release, a new generation of movie lovers will get to witness the raw energy and cinematic brilliance that made Shiva a cultural phenomenon. Ram Gopal Varma's debut directorial venture not only launched Nagarjuna as a youth icon but also heralded a new era in Telugu filmmaking.

Shiva 4K is set to hit theatres on November 14, promising an immersive experience that bridges Tollywood's glorious past with its dynamic present.

Brendan Fraser May Return for The Mummy 4



For many who grew up in the late '90s, The Mummy (1999) remains a cherished classic — a perfect mix of adventure, humor, and nostalgia. Starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, the film became a cult favorite, watched repeatedly in theatres and later on television. Now, over two decades later, whispers from Hollywood suggest that the beloved franchise might rise from the sands once again.

According to recent reports, Universal Pictures is considering reviving the original Mummy series, with Brendan Fraser possibly returning as the iconic explorer Rick O'Connell. The directing duo Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett, known collectively as Radio Silence and celebrated for their work on Scream and Ready or Not, are reportedly in talks to helm the project. Adding to the excitement, there are even rumors that Rachel Weisz could reprise her role as Evelyn Carnahan, Rick's

equally adventurous partner.

Though no official confirmation or announcement has been made, the very idea of Fraser returning has sent waves of excitement across social media. Fans who grew up on the 1999 film and its sequels have flooded timelines with nostalgic tributes and hopeful messages, eager for the return of the fun, old-school adventure style that defined the series.

Brendan Fraser's career resurgence following his Oscar-winning performance in The Whale has only intensified the buzz. His comeback has rekindled interest in the kind of heartfelt, action-driven roles that made him a household name in the late '90s and early 2000s.

For now, The Mummy 4 remains a hopeful rumor — no confirmed cast, script, or release timeline. But with renewed fan enthusiasm and Fraser's revived popularity, Universal may just be tempted to awaken this legendary franchise once more.

Ram Charan’s Beedi Step from Chikiri Song Sets the Internet Ablaze

The anticipation around Dulquer Salmaan's much-awaited period drama Kaantha is reaching new heights. Following the successful release of the energetic Rage of Kaantha track, the makers have now unveiled a new poster teasing that the "first spark" will be revealed at 4 PM today.

Directed by Selvamani Selvaraj, Kaantha is a grand pan-India project set against the backdrop of the 1960s, promising to transport audiences to a bygone era of Indian cinema. The latest poster, featuring Dulquer Salmaan, Bhagyashree Borse, and Samuthirakani, has gone viral across social media platforms, leaving fans speculating about what the "first spark" might signify—whether it's a teaser, a scene reveal, or a musical surprise.

The film has already generated massive buzz with its promotional content. The recently released song "Ammadivee", a soulful melody featuring



Dulquer and Bhagyashree, has struck a chord with music lovers. Meanwhile, Rage of Kaantha set the tone for the movie's intense and dramatic theme, amplifying ex-

citement for what's to come.

Adding to the film's star power, Rana Daggubati is co-producing Kaantha alongside Dulquer Salmaan, marking a unique col-

laboration between Malayalam and Telugu cinema industries. The movie aims to blend historical storytelling with grand visuals, celebrating the charm and spirit of

the golden era of Indian film culture.

With its release set for November 14, Kaantha is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about releases of the year. Fans are

now eagerly waiting to see what the much-teased "first spark" will ignite at 4 PM — a glimpse that could set the stage for yet another Dulquer Salmaan blockbuster.

Purushaha Promises a Fun-Filled Family Ride



Promotions have become an integral part of filmmaking, and the team behind Purushaha seems to be making all the right moves. Presented by Battula Saraswathi and produced by Kalyan Productions, this upcoming family entertainer marks the debut of Pavan Kalyan, son of producer Battula Koteswara Rao, in the lead role. The film also features popular comedians Sathagiri and Kasireddy Rajkumar in pivotal roles, under the direction of Veeru Vulavala.

The first look of Purushaha was recently unveiled by acclaimed director Srikanth Odehla, instantly grabbing the audience's attention. The vibrant

poster showcases Pavan Kalyan, Sathagiri, and Kasireddy Rajkumar dressed as eccentric superheroes, each representing a humorous take on the trials of married life. Set against a dramatic stormy backdrop filled with lightning, the design cleverly symbolizes the chaos and comedy that follow a man's transition from bachelorhood to husbandhood.

The tagline, "After deciding to become a husband from a bachelor, life turns into a battlefield," perfectly sums up the film's central theme—a light-hearted yet relatable exploration of marital life.

The supporting cast adds further strength, with sea-

soned actors like Vennela Kishore, VTV Ganesh, Rajeev Kanakala, and Pammi Sai promising plenty of laughter and emotional depth. Vaishnavi Kokkura, Vishika, and Hasini Sudheer play the female leads.

With cinematography by Satish Muthyala and music composed by Shravan Bharadwaj, Purushaha aims to deliver a wholesome cinematic experience. Blending humor, emotion, and family values, the film is set to offer audiences a complete entertainer. The team is gearing up for its release soon, and expectations are already running high for this fun-filled family ride.



Mithra Mandali to Stream on Amazon Prime Video from November 6

After its Diwali theatrical run, the Telugu comedy-drama Mithra Mandali is all set to make its digital debut. Amazon Prime Video has officially announced that the film will begin streaming on November 6, 2025, exclusively in Telugu.

Directed by Vijayender S., Mithra Mandali features Priyadarshi, Rag Mayur, Prasad Behara, and Vishnu Oi in key roles. The movie also marks the Tollywood debut of popular influencer Niharika NM, who plays the female lead. Produced by Kalyan Manthina, Bhanu Pratapa, and Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala, the film is presented by Bunny Vas under the BV Works banner. Music for the film is composed by RR Dhruvan.

Upon its theatrical release during the Diwali season, Mithra Mandali received mixed to negative reviews and struggled to perform at the box office. Critics noted that while the film had moments

of humor and camaraderie, its pacing and uneven storytelling failed to leave a lasting impression. Despite its underwhelming performance in cinemas, the film has generated curiosity about how it will fare on streaming platforms, where comedies often find a more receptive audience.

The OTT release gives Mithra Mandali a second chance to connect with viewers who may have missed it on the big screen. With its ensemble cast and light-hearted take on friendship and everyday struggles, the film could appeal to audiences looking for a relaxed watch during the festive season.

As Mithra Mandali arrives on Amazon Prime Video, fans of Priyadarshi and Telugu comedy films will be keen to see whether it earns a better reception online than it did in theatres. The streaming debut will determine if this Diwali release finds new life in the digital space.