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AP Approves Investment Proposals Of Rs 1 Lakh Crore

CM directs officials to focus on grounding of industries as per schedule

TPN BUREAU | OCT 7 VIJAYAWADA:

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Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the officials to see that all the industries grounded as per schedule. He said 15 industrial zones should be formed for cluster wise industrial development. At the same time officials should focus on utilizing central government incentives to promote industries. He stressed the need for land bank to promote industries and if any one comes forward to offer their land to companies, officials should encourage them to pave way for industrialization.



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and Anakapalli. Likewise Amaravati and Tirupati also should be developed to promote tourism and IT. As some more IT companies are keen on coming to Visakhapatnam after the announcement of Google to set up AI data centre in Visakhapatnam, the city should be equipped with necessary infrastructure. He said three IAS officers will be appointed for three economic corridors in the state. The Chief Minister asked the officials to make success of the proposed CII partnership summit at Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15. He said foundations should be laid for some companies before the CII partnership summit. The officials said the CII partnership summit is likely to attract huge investments. Ministers Nara Lokesh, K Atchannaidu, TG Bharat, P Narayana, Gottipati Ravikumar, Anagani Satya Prasad, BC Janardhana Reddy, Vasamsetti Subhas, Chief Secretary K Vijayanand and other officials were present.

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AP cancels tender process for Polavaram-Banakacharla project DPR



TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Hyderabad:

Amid fierce backlash from Telangana, spearheaded by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Andhra Pradesh has abruptly cancelled the tender process for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the contentious Polavaram-Banakacharla link project (PBLP), which was aimed at diverting Godavari waters to Krishna basin and beyond. Irrigation officials confirmed on Friday that AP had withdrawn the tender notice issued on October 11 after reviewing technical and financial parameters. The tender, which invited consultancy services for preparing the DPR, was expected to pave the way for designing the Banakacharla link project aimed at transferring over 200 TMC of what was claimed as unutilised flood flows in Godavari to Krishna basin enhancing irrigation coverage in Rayalaseema. Sources indicated

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States, specifically Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Additionally, the panel advised Andhra Pradesh to first obtain a complete study on Godavari surplus waters from the CWC before reapplying. The proposed project involves a multi-stage infrastructure network spanning about 416 km, including canal upgradation to increase the capacity of the Polavaram Right Main Canal from 17,500 cusecs to 38,000 cusecs, and the Thatipudi Lift Canal from 1,400 cusecs to 10,000 cusecs besides construction of a new reservoir at Bollapalli for water storage. The project is estimated to cost Rs.81,900 crore, but has sparked a major interstate dispute, primarily with Telangana. Telangana contended that it would violate the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, and ignore the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal's allocation of 968 TMC to Telangana (out of 1,486 TMC total), potentially depleting its reservoirs and irrigation schemes.

Kurnool bus fire tragedy: Owner of private travel agency arrested

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh):

Two weeks after 19 passengers of a bus were charred to death near, the police on Friday arrested the owner of the private travel agency. Vemuri Vinod Kumar, owner of V Kaveri Travels, was arrested and produced before a court, which remanded him to judicial custody. Vinod Kumar is named as accused number two in the First Information Report (FIR). Bus driver Miriyala Lakshmaiah,



who is accused number one, is already in judicial custody. They were booked under Bharat Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Sections 125(a) and 106(1) for causing death by rash or negligent act.

The bus was operating between Telangana and Karnataka through Andhra Pradesh, but was registered in Daman and Diu in 2018 and re-registered in Odisha this year. The bus travel operator had also altered the bus meant for seating to a sleeper coach in alleged violation of rules. The bus, which was carrying 46 people, including two drivers, and was on its way to Bengaluru from Hyderabad, met with the ghastly accident near Chinnatekur village on the outskirts of Kurnool early morning of October 24. While 19 passengers, including two children, were charred to death, 27 passengers, including both drivers, escaped by breaking glass windows. Seven of the victims were from Andhra Pradesh, six from Telangana, two each from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, and one each from Odisha and Bihar. Police investigation revealed that the bus ran over a motorcycle lying on the road after the driver rammed it into the road divider. The bus dragged the bike for about 200 meters, and the friction and fuel leakage from the bike ignited the massive fire, which quickly engulfed the entire bus. Police concluded that the bike rider, B Shiva Shankar (22), died after hitting the divider, while his friend Erriswamy alias Nani, who was riding pillion and escaped with minor injuries, fled the scene in panic after watching the bus in flames. After establishing the presence of a second person and identifying him with CCTV footage recorded at a petrol pump a few minutes before the accident, the police arrested Erriswamy from his native village, Tuggali, in Kurnool district, and he revealed the cause of the accident. Shiva Shankar, who was riding the bike and was drunk, died on the spot after the two-wheeler skidded and rammed into the road divider. Erriswamy told the police that he shifted Shiva Kumar to the roadside and was about to move the bike lying in the middle of the road when the speeding bus hit the bike and dragged it some distance. As the fire engulfed the bus, he panicked and fled the scene.



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Andhra cricketer Shree Charani credits seniors, ACA support for India's world cup win

TPN BUREAU | OCT 7 Amaravati:

Indian women's cricket team member N Shree Charani on Friday said the experience and efforts of senior players played a vital role in shaping women's cricket in India, which recently lifted the 2025 ICC Women's World Cup. Addressing a press conference at the Mangalagiri stadium, she said the Andhra Cricket Association's (ACA) support and its training were crucial in her rise to the national team. "Though the hard work and experience of former players went unnoticed, we are reaping the fruits of their efforts as we are more visible today because of them," said Charani. The Andhra cricketer, who also represents Delhi Capitals in the Women's Premier League, recalled that her cricketing journey began on the streets with her uncle's guidance. "Initially, my father was hesitant, but later he supported me completely," she said. Reflecting on the World Cup campaign, she said, "We faced many challenges and consecutive defeats but bounced back to win the final. Lifting the trophy was an unforgettable moment." Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu congratulated Shree Charani, who called on him at his camp office along with former Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj. "Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced a cash prize of Rs 2.5 crore and a 1,000 sq ft residential plot in Kadapa," said an official release. Besides, he offered her a Group-I rank job in recognition of her contribution to the team. The slow left arm orthodox bowler, who also plays for Delhi Capitals Women and Andhra Women's cricket teams, shared her world cup winning experience with the CM. "The Indian women's cricket team has proven its capability by winning the cup, emerging as an inspiration for all women sports persons, the CM said in the release. The team won its first global trophy -- the 50-over World Cup -- beating South Africa by 52 runs in the final in Nav Mumbai on Sunday. Earlier, the Kadapa-born cricketer was received at the Gannavaram Airport amid pomp and fanfare by Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) president K Sivanath, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha and others.



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TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: In the run-up to the CII Partnership Summit, Lokesh highlights Andhra Pradesh's fast-track industrial facilitation as a national benchmark. In a compelling case study shared on his X handle, Andhra Pradesh Industries and IT Minister Nara Lokesh spotlighted the Premier Energies Naidupeta project as a model of speed, clarity, and execution demonstrating why Andhra Pradesh is emerging as the investment destination of choice.

The 5,942 crore fully integrated solar manufacturing complex at Naidupeta Industrial Park, Nellore, stands as one of India's largest renewable energy manufacturing hubs. Lokesh presented it as a "founder-style journey" that underscores Andhra Pradesh's decisive governance, proactive facilitation, and ports-led industrial strategy.

The journey began in October 2024, when the state initiated discussions with Premier Energies to build deep upstream solar capacity—cells, ingots, and wafers—to strengthen India's solar value chain. Treating it as "nation-building infrastructure," the government aligned clear milestones, inter-departmental coordination, and single-window facilitation around an aggressive commissioning timeline.

Speed was the differentiator, Lokesh noted. The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) fast-tracked 269 acres at Naidupeta—169.71 acres allotted and 100 acres approved in principle—supported by trunk infrastructure and immediate port connectivity. Land allotment by February 2025, just months



after talks began, reflected a no-red-tape, outcomes-first governance model that boosted investor confidence.

At the heart of the project lies integration: a 4 GW TOPCon solar cell facility co-located with a 5 GW silicon ingot and wafer plant, ensuring full backward integration and reduced cost-to-serve. This co-location strengthens process efficiency, quality control, and export competitiveness while complementing Premier Energies' existing module capacities.

The project is expected to create around 3,500 direct jobs, with significant indirect employment across ancillaries, MSMEs, logistics, and services. It also includes a scale-up roadmap to 7 GW, aligning with the surging demand for high-efficiency solar technologies. Lokesh framed this as a catalyst for green jobs and a durable clean-energy ecosystem for Andhra youth.

Explaining why Naidupeta was chosen, Lokesh cited its strategic proximity to ports, robust infrastructure, reliable utilities, and talent availability—all crucial for de-risking upstream solar manufacturing. The project exemplifies Andhra Pradesh's port-led industrialization model, designed to convert intent into assets—swiftly and sustainably.

"Andhra Pradesh will lead India's clean energy manufacturing future," Lokesh asserted. "Premier Energies' story is about speed with substance—from day one, we aligned on integration, logistics, and timelines, and executed."

Project Snapshot:
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Facilities: 4 GW TOPCon cell line + 5 GW ingot & wafer plant
Employment: ~3,500 direct jobs



APSECM Chief Directs Officials to Accelerate Energy Efficiency and Conservation Efforts Across AP

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: S Nagalakshmi, Managing Director of APGENCO and Chief Executive Officer of the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission (APSECM), has directed officials to intensify efforts for the rapid implementation of ongoing Energy Efficiency (EE) and Energy Conservation (EC) initiatives across the State.

The CEO noted that ECBC is being integrated into the building approval system and directed that the enforcement mechanism be further strengthened. Discussing industrial energy efficiency, she reviewed progress under the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) programme, which aims to enhance performance in energy-intensive industries. The CEO directed APSECM to work closely with industrial clusters to promote energy-efficient technologies and facilitate their participation in Carbon Credit Trading. She highlighted the importance of sustained engagement with industries to achieve measurable gains in energy productivity and competitiveness.

The CEO also reviewed ongoing interventions in Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), urging continued support through energy audits, pilot projects, and adoption of advanced energy-efficient technologies. She emphasized collaboration with industrial associations to improve productivity, reduce operational costs, and cut carbon emissions.

Highlighting the importance of the Standards and Labelling (S&L) programme, Nagalakshmi directed officials to expand awareness among retailers, distributors, and consumers about star-rated appliances. She called for intensified publicity campaigns to encourage citizens to adopt energy-efficient products. She also reviewed initiatives under Agriculture and Municipal Demand Side Management (AgDSM and MuDSM), noting progress in energy-efficient street lighting, water supply, and agricultural pump sets. She instructed officials to expand DSM programmes to more municipalities and rural areas and to conduct regular field-level training and awareness drives.

Commenting the APSECM team for its performance and contributions to national energy conservation efforts, Nagalakshmi reaffirmed that Andhra Pradesh will continue to lead the nation in promoting energy efficiency, low-carbon development, and sustainable growth through innovation, technology, and public participation.

byteXL and St Mary's Join Hands to Empower 4,000 Women Engineers in Guntur

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 GUNTUR: In a major step toward advancing women's participation in technology, byteXL, a leading ed-tech company specializing in AI-powered digital skilling, has signed an MoU with St. Mary's Women's College of Engineering, Guntur, to empower over 4,000 women engineers through its bCAP (Academic Integration Model) program.

The partnership will transform St. Mary's teaching and learning ecosystem across its two campuses in Guntur, covering all engineering disciplines. The initiative focuses on faculty empowerment, curriculum modernization and classroom digitization, aligning education with emerging technologies such as Generative AI, Cloud Computing and



Full Stack Development. Students will gain access to byteXL's cloud-based AI learning platform for coding practice, analytics and mentorship. The program also includes skill-based badges, hackathons, and capstone projects to ensure graduates emerge as industry-ready, globally competitive engineers. Highlighting the collaboration, Dr. Rev. KV K Rao, Chairman of St. Mary's Group of Institutions, said, "This partnership brings our vision of learning beyond textbooks to life by embedding technol-

ogy, skill development, and employability directly into classrooms." Karun Tadepalli, CEO and Co-founder of byteXL, stressed that the collaboration marks a complete college transformation model, giving students in Tier-2 cities equal access to cutting-edge, industry-relevant skills. The initiative will extend from St. Mary's Women's Colleges in Guntur to two autonomous colleges and a university in Hyderabad, reaffirming byteXL's commitment to inclusive and technology-driven engineering education.

National Watershed Conference to be Held in Guntur from November 10-11

Focus on PMKSY 2.0 Implementation and Launch of Watershed Mahotsav

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 GUNTUR: The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, will host a National Watershed Conference from November 10-11, 2025, in Guntur. The two-day event aims to review the progress of the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0 (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) across States and Union Territories. The conference will also facilitate discussions on the roadmap for a new watershed development scheme to be launched in 2026. As part of the event, the "Watershed Mahotsav" and "Mission Watershed Punarutthan" will be officially launched to enhance community participation and rejuvenate assets created under earlier watershed projects.

Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shivaraj Singh Chohan, Minister of State for Rural Development & Communications Dr. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Nodal Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan will attend the public meeting marking the launch. The Watershed Mahotsav will be celebrated nationwide to promote Jan-Bhagidari (public participation) through activities such as Shramdan drives, plantation programs, inauguration of completed projects, and foundation-laying ceremonies for new works. The Mission Watershed Punarutthan initiative will focus on the maintenance and repair of soil and water conservation structures built under WDC-PMKSY 1.0, with funding support from the MGNREGS. Policymakers, experts, scientists, and NGOs from across India will participate in the deliberations.

The Future Belongs to Tourism: Minister Kandula Durgesh. Showcases AP's Global Tourism Vision in London

Invites investors to explore AP's tourism and hospitality potential; assures full state support and confidence

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh has said that "the future belongs to tourism," emphasizing Andhra Pradesh's vision to emerge as India's top tourism-driven economy. Speaking at a high tea program hosted by the Indian High Commission in London after the conclusion of the World Travel Market (WTM) 2025, the Minister described tourism as a transformative force for the state's growth and global visibility.

Durgesh expressed satisfaction over Andhra Pradesh's participation in WTM 2025, calling it a valuable platform to showcase the state's scenic, cultural, and spiritual diversity. "This exhibition provided a global window



for Andhra Pradesh to tourism. We have been able to tell the world that AP is ready—with infrastructure, incentives, and intent—to welcome the world," he said. Inviting global delegates and investors, Durgesh urged, "Come to Andhra Pradesh... visit our beautiful destinations, and invest in our tourism and hospitality sectors. We will take full responsibility for ensuring your confidence and success."

Highlighting that the tourism sector enjoys full industrial status under the state's new tourism policy, he said Andhra Pradesh has already attracted 12,000 crore worth of tourism investments in just 15

months. "This reflects the confidence of global investors in the governance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the proactive support from Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and the Centre," Durgesh said.

The Minister noted that Andhra Pradesh offers immense opportunities in eco-tourism, adventure tourism, and beach tourism, and has vast potential for wellness and Ayurveda centers. He emphasized that Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan is giving special focus to developing eco-tourism circuits, while the state government is extending electricity subsidies, fiscal incentives, and fast-

track clearances to tourism projects.

Quoting CM Naidu, Durgesh recalled, "Tourism has a greater future than communism, socialism, and capitalism," adding that the sector is a game-changer for employment and inclusive development. He invited global investors to participate in the CII Partnership Summit to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14-15, positioning it as a key opportunity to engage with Andhra Pradesh's growth story. Concluding his remarks, Durgesh celebrated India's unity in diversity, calling it the nation's greatest strength. "India is a confluence of cultures, races, and religions—our unity is our power," he said, raising the slogan "Bharat Mata Ki Jai." With the conclusion of his three-day London tour, Minister Durgesh is returning to Andhra Pradesh to continue the state's push for a global tourism renaissance.

TTD to Reintroduce Online Angapradakshin Token System from February

EO Appeals to Devotees Not to Approach Middlemen for Darshan Tickets

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 TIRU MALA: In a significant move aimed at enhancing transparency and convenience for devotees, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will reintroduce the online quota system for issuing Angapradakshinam tokens on a first-come, first-served basis from February 2026. The decision replaces the existing lucky dip method, following overwhelming feedback from devotees through emails, WhatsApp messages, and direct interactions, said TTD Executive Officer Sri Anil Kumar Singhal.

Addressing the media after the "Dial Your EO" program held at Annamayya Bhavan on Friday, the EO said that the decision reflects TTD's commitment to making the token allocation process more transparent



and accessible to all devotees.

He also cautioned devotees not to approach middlemen for darshan tickets, citing several complaints, including a recent case involving devotees from Hyderabad who were duped by brokers. "TTD strongly advises devotees to book their darshan tickets only through official online portals," he emphasized.

On the infrastructure front, the EO announced that the TTD Trust Board has sanctioned 25 crore for constructing a permanent shelter, Q-lines, steel foot-over bridges, and toilets from Alwar T

ank Guest House to Gogarbham Dam Circle in Tirumala to ensure greater convenience for pilgrims.

As part of its devotional outreach, TTD will also construct 5,000 Bhajan Mandirs in backward areas of the state under the Srivani Trust at an estimated cost of 750 crore. Additionally, a committee has been constituted to review the procedures related to issuing SRIVANI and other darshan formats to ensure fairness and efficiency.

In another major step, development works at Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Venkatapalem, Amaravati, including

the temple precincts, Kalyanotsava Mandapam, and Rajagopuram, will commence on November 27, with an estimated cost of 35.35 crore.

The EO further stated that TTD has devised a 10-year action plan to protect biodiversity and enhance greenery in the Tirumala forest area. Steps are also being taken to expand Annaprashadam facilities in temple areas to cater to the increasing influx of devotees. Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, JE O Veerabrahmam, CVSO Muralikrishna, CE Satyanarayana, and other departmental heads were present at the meeting.

NG Ranga a True Inspiration for Farmers: CM

Government Committed to Farmers' Welfare – Immediate Payment for Paddy Procured

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 GUNTUR: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu affirmed that the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh is firmly committed to the welfare of farmers and agricultural development. Speaking at the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Acharya NG Ranga in Guntur, the Chief Minister said NG Ranga's life continues to inspire generations, particularly for his relentless struggle for farmers' rights and rural upliftment. The Chief Minister recalled that Acharya Ranga and his wife had dedicated their lives to the freedom struggle and farmers' welfare, despite having studied at Oxford University. "It is a proud moment to celebrate



Ranga's 125th birth anniversary on the same day as the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram," he said. Chandrababu Naidu shared his personal association with NG Ranga, noting that during his earlier tenure as Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, the Hyderabad Agricultural University was renamed

after Ranga, and after bifurcation, the new agricultural university in Andhra Pradesh was also named in his honor. "When I pursued my PhD on rural development, Ranga's writings deeply inspired me," he said. Highlighting the government's focus on agriculture, he said that the state achieved a 16.6% growth rate in the agri-

culture sector between 2014 and 2019, which later fell to 10% during the previous administration but has now been revived to 15.45% in 2024-25. "The previous government pushed farmers into distress by delaying payments. The NDA government cleared pending dues worth 1,674 crore and procured 55.79 lakh tonnes of paddy worth 12,857 crore this year, crediting payments to 8 lakh farmers within 24 hours," he added. Under the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme, 7,000 has been credited to each farmer's account. The Chief Minister said 95% of crop insurance dues have been cleared and compensation rates increased to 25,000 per hectare for disaster-affected farmers. The government has also allocated 240 crore for mango, 273 crore for

tobacco, 14 crore for cocoa, 130 crore for chili, 12 crore for tomato and 100 crore for onion growers. The CM stressed efficient water management, stating that reservoir levels have reached 95% capacity due to timely planning. The government is also promoting drip irrigation with 100% subsidy for SC/ST farmers and up to 90% for others. Urging farmers not to lose hope or resort to suicides, he advised a shift toward organic and sustainable farming practices. Later, the Chief Minister released a book titled Modern Constitutional Institutions as part of the event. Ministers K Atchannaaidu, MP Lavu Krishna Devarayalu, agricultural university officials and several dignitaries attended the program.

Andhra Pradesh Sets Benchmark in Education: Minister Kollu Ravindra

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra stated that Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a role model in bringing revolutionary changes to the education sector. He inaugurated the Allen Career Institute at a programme held in Vijayawada on Friday and unveiled the official poster of the institute. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said it is commendable that the prestigious Allen Institute has set up its branches in Vijaya wada and Visakhapatnam. He emphasized that Andhra Pradesh is playing a leading role in educational advancement, attracting several national and international institutions to establish their centers in the state.



DCP KGV Saritha, Allen Andhra-Telanga Coordinator See tharam Nanduri, Vice President and Zonal Head Mahesh Yadav, TN Head Santosh Singh, and Telangana Head Saurabh Tiwari were present. The Allen team stated that the institute aims to make high-quality education accessible to students who cannot attend classes in major cities. Vijayawada, they said, is emerging as one of India's top education-focused cities. "Our goal is to extend Allen's legacy of academic excellence to

dedicated students and families across Andhra Pradesh," they added. Founded in 1988, Allen Career Institute Pvt. Ltd. currently operates in 72 cities across 24 states, four union territories, and seven international locations, managing over 300 classroom campuses and 400 examination centers. In the past 16 years, 27 Allen students have secured All India Rank 1 in engineering and medical entrance exams.

Credit Chor Babu stealing YS Jagan's vision units: Kannababu

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 KAKINADA: Former minister and YSRCP regional coordinator Kurasala Kannababu slammed Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, stating that renaming village and ward secretariats as "Vision Units" is proof that even Chandrababu has now accepted YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as the true visionary. Addressing media in Kakinada, he said the village secretariat system created by YS Jagan brought Gandhiji's Gram Swaraj to life by delivering services to every doorstep through a secretariat for every 2,000 population, staffed with 10 employees and supported by volunteers for every 50 households. "You may change names, but Telugu people will never forget the leader who created the model," he said, calling the CM a credit chोर for rebranding YS Jagan's policies and claiming industries brought under Jagan's rule as his own. He condemned the "visionary" propaganda by friendly media while public services collapse, power outages even in major hospitals, shortages of medicines, stalled Aarogya-



ri, no urea for farmers, no remunerative prices, fee reimbursement delays, and failure to deliver DA, PRC, unemployment stipend or Rs. 1,500 monthly support to women. "This coalition government has vision only for publicity and privatization," he stated. Mocking the "data-driven governance" slogan, Kannababu said the government cannot show even a single transparent public data portal. He pointed out that after the Montha cyclone devastated lakhs of acres, instead of officers assessing crop loss in fields, farmers were forced to go to RBKs and warned that late applications would not be accepted and those who report losses risk losing paddy procurement. "Even farmers in distress are being blackmailed," he said,

noting that Chandrababu went to London and Nara Lokesh to Mumbai for cricket matches while people suffered. He recalled Jagan's transparent governance through volunteers, RBKs, village clinics, Nadu-Nedu, and sanctioning 17 government medical colleges, "permanent systems admired across India." He condemned the removal of YS Jagan's name from the Kharapa inauguration plaque, asking: "Can they erase the system just by breaking a plaque?" Calling Chandrababu's governance a recycled script from 1996, first Vision 2020, then 2029, now 2047, he ridiculed WhatsApp governance when 4,000 petitions still reached Lokesh's public durbar and people queue every Monday at offices.

Patthabhupuram MLA Galla Madhavi Vows Stern Action Against Corruption

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 GUNTUR: Guntur West MLA Galla Madhavi has asserted that the coalition government is firmly committed to protecting public resources and ensuring accountability in governance. Addressing the media at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Guntur West on Friday, the MLA strongly criticized the conduct of YSRCP leaders, accusing them of being involved in illegal activities linked to the ration distribution system. Madhavi alleged that a "ration mafia" operating in Guntur West had deep connections with local YSRCP leaders, who were exploiting benefits meant for the poor. She warned that such exploitation of essential commodities like ration rice, considered a basic right of the poor, would not be tolerated. "The people will not remain silent when even the rights of the poor are stolen," she cautioned. The legislator remarked that the people of Andhra Pradesh had already rejected the YSRCP's exploitative mindset during the elections, recognizing the party's alleged history of corruption and misuse of public schemes. Despite this rejection, she said, its leaders



continue to behave arrogantly and irresponsibly. Madhavi declared that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership ensured a transparent and accountable administration that would not spare anyone found guilty of wrongdoing. Reiterating the government's commitment, she said no wrongdoer would escape punishment under the alliance rule, irrespective of position or party influence. "The coalition government is here to serve, not to plunder," she said, promising strict measures against those misusing public welfare systems. Madhavi concluded by urging officials to act decisively against any irregularities in the ration distribution process and assured that the government would continue to prioritize the protection of public funds and welfare of the poorer sections.

CPI Secretary Slams Trump Over Remarks on Communists and Trade Policies

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: Communist Party of India (CPI) National Secretary K. Ramakrishna said that Russia Revolution Day is being celebrated with great enthusiasm across the world, symbolizing the enduring spirit of socialist ideology. Addressing a gathering at the CPI State Office in Vijayawada on Friday, he noted that even in the United States, where communist influence is relatively minimal, the red flag was being proudly displayed during the commemorations. Ramakrishna strongly criticized U.S. President Donald Trump for making derogatory remarks against communists at every possible forum. He ac-



cused Trump of making arbitrary and provocative statements not only about communism but also about India's trade policies, particularly in the context of tariffs and economic relations between the two nations. He expressed concern that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not responded appropriately to the repeated statements issued by Presi-

dent Trump. Ramakrishna said that such comments from foreign leaders, especially concerning India's economic sovereignty, required a strong and clear response from the Indian government. Highlighting the historical importance of the Russian Revolution, Ramakrishna announced that the CPI would organize a grand centenary rally in Khammam this December to commemorate the revolutionary movement that shaped socialist and workers' struggles globally. He called upon all progressive forces to unite and uphold the values of equality and justice that the revolution represented.

JAGAN MISLED PUBLIC ON UNFINISHED PROJECT: NIMMALA

Minister Accuses Jagan of Misleading People on Unfinished Veligonda Project

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 PRAKASAM DISTRICT: Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu sharply criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for claiming to have completed the long-pending Veligonda project, calling it a blatant attempt to deceive the people of Prakasam district. Speaking after reviewing the storm-affected areas of the project site, the minister said that the project remains far from completion and that several crucial works are still pending. Accompanied by irrigation experts, Ramanaidu inspected the feeder canal that was recently damaged by the Montha cyclone. He instructed officials to expedite the dewatering operations in the twin tunnels and emphasized the need to enhance the canal's structural resilience. "Considering the possibility of future floods, the Center for Irrigation Design must ap-



prove new CC wall lining plans for the feeder canal," he said. The minister also convened a review meeting with department officials and agency representatives to assess the progress of the pending works. He revealed that the rehabilitation of displaced families under the project remained incomplete, with compensation payments of over Rs. 900 crore yet to be disbursed. "Jagan's statement that he completed Veligonda is nothing short of the eighth wonder of the world," he remarked sarcastically. Ramanaidu asserted that the revival of the halted works began only after the coalition government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu assumed office. He detailed the re-

maining tasks, including 4.2 kilometers of tunnel lining in Tunnel-2, benching work, and the removal of the Tunnel Boring Machine. To address this, a committee of technical experts has been formed to study and implement the removal process efficiently. He further informed that tenders worth Rs. 456 crore had been issued recently for the construction of the feeder canal lining and a 3-kilometer-long retaining wall. "We plan to begin feeder canal work within this month," Ramanaidu stated. Under the directives of Chief Minister Naidu, the government aims to fully complete the Veligonda project by 2026, ensuring irrigation water supply to farmers across the command area.

Pawan Kalyan Unveils Plan for 'Geo Rural Road Management System' to Ensure Transparency in Village Infrastructure

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 AMARAVATHI: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan announced that the Andhra Pradesh government will soon launch an innovative platform, the 'Geo Rural Road Management System,' enabling citizens to access complete information on rural roads. The initiative aims to bring transparency, accountability, and participation to infrastructure management across the state's villages. Reviewing the progress of key rural development programs at his camp office in Mangalagiri, Pawan Kalyan emphasized that his primary goal is to ensure clean drinking water and pothole-free roads for every village. "Every step we take will move toward quality and accountability," he affirmed. The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Rural Water Supply, and Engineering departments. The Deputy Chief Minister ex-

plained that the new technology-driven platform will allow citizens to easily check details such as road location, status, and condition. "The people should know where roads exist, what their state is, and how new works are progressing. Our mission is to make this information available to everyone using cutting-edge technology," he said. He directed officials to prepare an action plan within 48 hours to integrate all village roads into the new geo-tagged management system, starting with the 'Adivi Thalli Baata' tribal connectivity project as a pilot. Expressing dissatisfaction with the slow execution of key programs despite fund availability, Pawan instructed departments to accelerate work on the Jal Jeevan Mission, Swamitva property rights scheme, and the Adavi Thalli Baata initiative. He said the government's aim was not only to expedite projects but also to maintain



complete transparency and public accountability. Collectors from Aluri Sitarama Raju and Manyam districts were asked to closely monitor progress on tribal road works and address any delays immediately. Highlighting financial provisions, he revealed that Rs. 1,158 crore had been allocated for connecting 761 tribal villages through 662 roads under the combined funding of the PM Janman Yojana, MGNREGS, and state resources. He stressed the need for coordinated action between the Panchayat Raj, Survey, and Forest departments to overcome implementation hurdles. Pawan

Kalyan also announced preparations for rolling out the 'Palle Panduga 2.0' initiative using Rs. 2,123 crore from SASCI funds for constructing 4,007 kilometers of rural roads, cattle shelters, and drainage systems. He urged officials to coordinate with the Finance Department to ensure timely release of funds. Turning attention to drinking water supply, Pawan reiterated commitment to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision under the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tap water to every household. He directed officials to enforce rigorous quality standards and personally promised to

review the progress and water quality through field visits starting in the third week of November. Discussing the Swamitva scheme, intended to provide legal ownership rights for rural residents, he informed that by March next year, one crore citizens are expected to receive property cards. Already, surveys have been completed in 613 villages for the first phase, benefiting 5.18 lakh people, while a second phase covering 5,847 villages aims to finalize ownership records for another 45.66 lakh beneficiaries by the end of this month. A third phase will follow in December to complete the remaining regions. He reassured citizens that the coalition government's survey process would be fair, transparent, and free from past errors, adding that each property card issued will carry the state's royal insignia and enable landholders to use their property for sales and economic activities.

Hands Off the Clues, Until the Blues Arrive

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Amaravathi: Public Urged Not to Disturb Crime Scenes After Home Burglaries. Incidents of house burglaries often cause panic and anxiety among victims, leading them to search frantically through cupboards, lockers, and furniture to check what has been stolen. However, police caution that such actions can destroy vital evidence and make it difficult to identify the actual culprits.

According to officials, whether a theft occurs at a residence, bank, or business establishment, the crime scene must remain untouched until the police complete their inspection. The first responding officers and forensic teams use fingerprint scanners and other scientific tools to collect clues. These fingerprints are cross-verified with existing criminal databases to detect if known offenders are involved. If family members or residents move around the premises before evidence is gathered, their own fingerprints or footprints may replace those of the thieves, delaying the investigation process.



Police also advise citizens to preserve purchase bills and photographs of gold ornaments and valuable items. Details such as hallmark certification, weight, carat, and serial numbers should be kept safely. These records play a crucial role in recovery operations. Often, stolen jewelry is sold or pledged in shops. Hence, business owners are urged to

remain alert and verify the authenticity of sellers. Details of stolen items should be circulated through bullion merchants' WhatsApp groups and trade associations so that merchants can quickly report any suspicious transactions to the police. In addition, homeowners are encouraged to check CCTV footage from their homes

and surrounding areas immediately after a burglary and hand it over to the investigators. Insurance claims should be filed promptly if theft protection policies are in place. Installing motion-detection security cameras can also be an effective preventive step. Such systems, priced between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000, can alert homeowners by sending an

instant message with the intruder's photo to their mobile phones, helping authorities respond faster. Conventional CCTV cameras, in contrast, cannot provide real-time alerts. Police stress that maintaining the integrity of the crime scene and adopting preventive technologies are essential for speedy detection and recovery in theft cases.

Mayor Lays Foundation for Development Works Worth ₹90.1 Lakh in 36th Ward



"CONTINUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WARDS IN THE CITY": VISAKHAPATNAM MAYOR PEELA SRINIVASA RAO

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VISAKHAPATNAM: Visakhapatnam Mayor Peela Srinivas Rao stated that continuous efforts are being made for the development of all wards in Visakhapatnam city. On Friday, he, along with South Constituency MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas Yadav, laid the foundation stone for various development programs worth 90.1 Lakh in the 36th Ward, under Zone 4 limits. Speaking on the occasion, the Visakhapa-

tnam Mayor said that the Coalition Government, under the leadership of State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, is continuously striving for the development of Visakhapatnam city. He mentioned that they laid the foundation stone, along with the local MLA, for the construction of CC roads, drains, and MS steps in areas including Rangireju Veedhi, Mantha Vari Veedhi, Bapuji Konda, and Godari Gotulu, at an estimated cost of about 90.1 Lakh using GVMC funds. The Mayor further stated that plans have been prepared to develop every ward in the GVMC. Subsequently, the South Constituency MLA addressed the gathering, stating that

after the formation of the Coalition Government in the state, a special action plan was undertaken for the development of Visakhapatnam city. He assured that continuous efforts are being made to develop every ward in the South Constituency as a model. He also mentioned that he laid the foundation stone for several development programs worth approximately 90 lakh, utilizing GVMC funds, along with the City Mayor. Those who participated in the program include Zonal Commissioner M. Mallayya Naidu, GVMC Executive Engineer, Deputy Executive Engineer, Secretaries, and 36th Ward In-charge Leader Raju, among others.

Grand Launch of Jesus Christ Jubilee Celebrations 2025 in Vijayawada

Archbishop and Six Bishops to Attend the Inaugural Event at Andhra Loyola College

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: The Jesus Christ Jubilee Celebrations 2025 are set to begin on a grand note in Vijayawada on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Father Devayya Auditorium of Andhra Loyola College, as part of the worldwide observance of the Jubilee Year declared by the late Pope Francis.

Announcing the details at a press conference held at the Bishop's House near St Paul's Cathedral, Vijayawada Catholic Diocese Bishop Telagathoti Joseph Rajarao said that Visakhapatnam Arch-



bishop Udimula Bala, along with six bishops representing various dioceses across six districts, will inaugurate the celebrations.

He explained that, as per the directives of Pope Leo XIV, the six Catholic

dioceses of Andhra Pradesh have come together to host the Jubilee celebrations in Vijayawada with great fervor and unity. Nellore Diocese Bishop MD Prakasam stated that around 1,600 repre-

sentatives from the six dioceses stretching from Srikakulam to Nellore will participate in the celebrations. He said that the birth of Jesus Christ 2,025 years ago brought light to the world, and that Christ continues to

stand as a symbol of salvation for all humanity. "These Jubilee celebrations are being held to express our gratitude to God," he added. Guntur Diocese Bishop Chinna-bathini Bhagyaiah remarked that the celebrations, themed as a 'Pilgrimage of Hope,' are being organized to thank God for His continued protection and blessings upon humanity. He recalled that similar Jubilee celebrations were earlier held in accordance with Vatican directives in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2015. As part of the event, the official poster for the Jesus Christ Jubilee Celebrations 2025 was unveiled by Bishop Joseph Rajarao, Bishop Bhagyaiah, Bishop Prakasam, Monsignor Father Muvvala Prasad, Vicar General Father M Gabriel and Social Service Centre Director Father Thota Sunil Raju among others.

Fatal Road Accident Near Chinna Aitamvalasa: Woman Killed, Husband Injured

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 VIJAYAWADA: A tragic road accident occurred near Chinna Aitamvalasa village under Gadabalasa panchayat in Garividi mandal on Friday evening, resulting in the death of a woman and serious injuries to her husband. The incident took place when an RTC bus collided with a motorcycle on which the couple was traveling.

According to police reports, the deceased has been identified as Srilatha, a resident of Perumali village in Therlam mandal, Vizianagaram district. She was traveling with her husband, Koraganji Sangam Naidu, on a two-wheeler towards Cheepurupalli. While they were passing near Chinna Aitamvalasa village, an RTC bus heading from Bondapalli towards Merakamudidam allegedly hit their motorcycle. The sudden collision



threw both of them onto the road. Srilatha reportedly died on the spot due to severe injuries, while her husband sustained multiple fractures and serious wounds. On receiving information, Garividi Sub-Inspector Lokeshwar Rao and his team rushed to the spot. Police carried out a preliminary investigation and shifted the injured man to a nearby hospital for treatment. The body of Srilatha was later sent for post-mortem examination. Traffic on the route was briefly disrupted following the accident, as locals gathered in large numbers expressing shock over the tragic incident. The damaged motorcycle and bus were removed to clear the road. The Garividi police have registered a case and initiated an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the accident.

Investigators are examining whether the cause was overspeeding or negligence on the part of the bus driver. Authorities urged motorists to exercise caution, especially on rural roads prone to such collisions.

From Passion to Precision: Telugu Archer Yuktha Sri Aims for Olympic Glory

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Vijayawada: Learning archery as a fun summer hobby turned into a life-changing journey for young Telugu archer Yuktha Sri from Krishna district. What began as a casual interest soon evolved into a determined pursuit of excellence, leading her to qualify for the upcoming Asia Cup and setting her sights firmly on the Olympics. Born in Madicherla village, Bapulapadu mandal, Yuktha was inclined toward sports from an early age. In 2018, during her summer vacation, she decided to learn archery out of curiosity. Her parents, Jhansi Lak-

shmi and Sai Venkatagiri, recognized her enthusiasm and admitted her to the Olga Archery Academy in Vijayawada.

What started as a pastime soon became her passion. With her parents' constant support, they eventually relocated to Vijayawada to facilitate her training and education. Balancing academics and sports, Yuktha dedicated herself to mastering the bow. Her dedication bore fruit when, at just 14 years of age, she emerged as the national sub-junior archery champion—a distinction no Telugu girl had achieved for nearly



two decades. This remarkable feat brought her into the national spotlight and earned her

an invitation from the prestigious Tata Archery Academy in Jamshedpur for advanced training. Under professional guidance, Yuktha refined her technique and began securing victories in various national tournaments. Her consistent performance has now earned her a place in the Indian team for the Asia Cup (Stage-3) scheduled to be held next month in Saudi Arabia. She qualified after securing first place in the selection trials held in Sonapat, Haryana, from November 3 to 6. This marks her debut on the international stage, making her one of the few Indian women to

represent the country in the recurve category in the past decade. Yuktha's journey stands as a story of perseverance, discipline, and unwavering support from her family. Her parents have expressed immense pride in her achievements and are hopeful about her Olympic dream. For Yuktha, each arrow shot is a step closer to her ultimate goal—winning a medal for India at the Olympics. Her rise from a small village to representing the nation reflects a blend of talent, hard work, and family encouragement that continues to inspire aspiring athletes across Andhra Pradesh.

Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrated On A Grand Note

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 KAVALI, NELLORE: A vibrant celebration marking the 150th birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was held at the RDO office premises in Kavali town, Nellore district, on Friday under the aegis of the Nehru Yuva Kendra. The program featured impressive cultural performances, including captivating dance presentations by students of Samyukta Nritya Kala Nilayam, led by dance instructor Gangapatnam Likhitha from Christiantpet, Kavali.

The half-hour performance by a group of 30 children left the audience spellbound. Speaking at the event, MPDO Sridevi lauded the young artistes for their coordination, expressions, and dedication. She praised dance teacher Gangapatnam Likhitha for her efforts in training the children to perform two beautifully choreographed pieces that reflected both discipline and creativity.



Sridevi encouraged the young dancers to continue showcasing their talent in upcoming events and to bring more laurels to the region through their art. Certificates and mementoes were presented to the participants as a token of appreciation. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Nellore District Nehru Yuva Kendra Youth Coordinator Akula Mahendra Reddy, Municipal Manager Pavan Kumar, G.O. NGO Priyadarshini Mahila Mandal representative Khadar Bee, Rahim Charitha Trust's Md. Abdul Aleem, The Poor People Voluntary Organization's Chevuru Chinna, Parivarthana Seva Samstha's Md. Fazul Rehman, and Mee Kosam Seva Samstha's Rayapati Dilip. All the guests jointly congratulated the children and commended Samyukta Nritya Kala Nilayam for promoting cultural and artistic excellence among the town's youngsters.



Youths Hold Rally For Patel Jayanti In Kavali

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Kavali: A large number of youth from Kavali took part in a unity rally organized under the leadership of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Nellore, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Friday. The event was marked by patriotic fervor and active participation from district officials, public representatives, and various voluntary organizations.

The celebrations began with a Unity Walk from the RDO office to Bridge Center in Kavali town, symbolizing the message of national integration and collective responsibility that Sardar Patel stood for. The rally drew enthusiastic participation from hundreds of youth, students, and social workers, turning the streets of Kavali into a vibrant display of national pride.

District Youth Officer Akula Mahendra Reddy, Nellore District Sentinel CEO A. Nag-eswara Rao, Kavali RDO Vamsi Krishna, MPDO Ch. Sridevi, Kavali Municipal Manager Pavan Kumar, and BJP State Leaders Kandukururi Satyanarayana and C.V. Satyam attended the event as chief guests.

They commended the spirit of unity and applauded the efforts of the young participants for carrying forward the vision of the Iron Man of India. Adding strength to the event were representatives from numerous

voluntary groups who played a vital role in organizing the rally. Among them were Sheik Khader Bee, President of Priyadarshini Mahila Mandal; Abdul Haleem, Founder of Rahim Charitable Trust; Dr. Chevoorur Chinna, President of The Poor People's Voluntary Organization; Rehman, President of Parivarthana Voluntary Organization; and Dileep Kumar Rayapati, President of Meekosam Seva Samstha. After the rally, certificates were presented to participants and winners of the cultural competitions held as part of the celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Youth Officer Akula Mahendra Reddy emphasized

that the youth are the driving force of national progress. He urged them to imbibe the values of unity and integrity demonstrated by Sardar Patel and contribute actively to nation-building through community service. Kavali RDO Vamsi Krishna, in his remarks, highlighted Sardar Patel's historic role in unifying India and encouraged young people to pursue discipline and dedication in all spheres of life. The unity rally concluded on a high note with all participants singing "Vande Mataram," echoing the spirit of patriotism and communal harmony across Kavali town.

Minor Girl Delivers Baby at Kadapa Hostel; Officials Under Scrutiny

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 KADAPA: A shocking incident has come to light in Kadapa city, where a 17-year-old girl staying at a Tribal Welfare Girls' Hostel gave birth to a baby girl. The authorities allegedly failed to notice her pregnancy even though she had been living in the hostel throughout the nine months. The girl, a student of a nearby vocational junior college, had reportedly stopped attending classes regularly in recent months.

On Wednesday night, she experienced labor pains and went alone to RIMS Hospital, where doctors conducted a normal delivery. Tribal Welfare Department officials reached the hospital after learning of the incident, and her parents arrived later that night. Preliminary information suggests that the girl was in close contact with a senior student from her college, who is suspected to be responsible for the pregnancy. Department officials, including ST Corporation in-charge ED and Social Welfare DD Saraswathi, have stated that the matter has been reported to the District Collector. An inquiry is underway to determine whether hostel staff attempted to suppress information



about the girl's condition. RIMS outpost police have also registered a case. In a separate but related incident in Tirupati, a hostel watchman, K. Harigopal, was arrested for showing obscene videos to children and engaging in inappropriate behavior at a Social Welfare Integrated Hostel in Chennareddy Colony. Police registered cases under the POCSO and SC/ST Atrocities Acts and remanded him to custody. District Collector Venkateshwar expressed anger over the misconduct, ordering Harigopal's dismissal and suspending Welfare Officer Munishankar. An explanation notice was also issued to Assistant Welfare Officer Shyamsundar Rao. These back-to-back incidents have raised serious questions about surveillance, safety, and accountability in government welfare hostels across Andhra Pradesh.

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National Cancer Awareness Day Rally Held in Narasaraopet

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Narasaraopet: A massive rally was organized in Narasaraopet, Palnadu district, on the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day under the supervision of the District Medical and Health Office (DMHO). The event aimed to spread awareness about early cancer detection and the importance of preventive health screenings. The rally was flagged off by Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Chadalavada Aravind Babu, who emphasized the crucial role of timely diagnosis in saving lives. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Aravind Babu said that cancer can be completely cured if identified in its early stages.

He explained that various cancer screening tests are now widely available through gov-



ernment and private healthcare services. He urged people of all age groups, particularly those above 50, to undergo regular health screenings to detect cancers such as oral, breast, and cervical cancer at an early stage. The MLA also pointed out that changing food habits and the growing consumption of fast food and junk food are causing a rise in lifestyle-related diseases, which in turn increase cancer risk. He urged everyone to maintain healthy dietary habits and get regular medical checkups. "People should not ignore routine tests for blood pressure and diabetes, as these conditions often complicate overall health if left unchecked," he said. He further highlighted that several advanced treatment options like surgical therapy, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy are available in modern hospitals today, giving patients a real chance at full recovery. However, he reminded the public that timely medical consultation and awareness are the most important tools in fighting the disease effectively.

The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from medical officers, health workers, and students carrying placards promoting cancer awareness. The participants marched through major streets of the town, raising slogans about preventive care and the benefits of cancer screening. DMHO in-charge Dr. Padmavathi, FDP Nodal Officer Dr. Hanuma Kumar, District Immunization Officer Dr. Rambabu, NCD Program Officer, and several health department staff actively took part in the event. They collectively emphasized the government's efforts to expand cancer screening services at community and primary health centers. With strong community participation and messages of prevention, the rally succeeded in reinforcing the importance of awareness and early detection as the first line of defense against cancer.

MLA Holds Prajavedika In Narsaraopet

Aravind Babu Addresses Public Grievances Directly

TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Narasaraopet, Palnadu District - The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Narasaraopet turned into a hub of public interaction on Friday as local MLA Dr. Chadalavada Aravind Babu organized a "Prajavedika" (public grievance platform) to address the issues of people from across the constituency. Hundreds of citizens from rural and urban areas gathered at the TDP office to personally present petitions on a variety of issues, ranging from land ownership disputes to civic problems. Throughout the session, MLA Aravind Babu attentively heard each petition and assured the attendees that their concerns would be resolved promptly. The grievances represented a wide spectrum of public needs, including pension de-



lays, faulty road infrastructure, drinking water supply issues, electricity interruptions, inadequate medical facilities, and problems faced by farmers in accessing support schemes and irrigation. Demonstrating a proactive approach, the MLA contacted departmental officials in real time during the meeting. He made

phone calls to concerned officers and instructed them to initiate immediate action wherever possible. He emphasized that the purpose of Prajavedika was not just to collect petitions, but to ensure swift responses from the administration to the pressing issues of common citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Aravind

Babu said that the concerns of the people were his own and that he would work relentlessly to address them without any delay. He affirmed that public service remained his top priority and that every application submitted would be followed up until it reached a meaningful conclusion. Several local leaders, TDP activists,

and representatives from village committees were also present at the program. They facilitated the collection and categorization of applications to streamline communication with government departments. The event reflected a rejuvenated effort by the TDP's constituency leadership to engage directly with the people and strengthen its grassroots connection in the Palnadu region. Citizens who participated in the program expressed satisfaction at being able to interact directly with their legislator. Many praised MLA Aravind Babu's initiative and immediate responses, viewing the Prajavedika as a platform that bridges the gap between the public and administrative machinery. The event concluded with renewed promises of transparency, accessibility, and swift redressal of public grievances in the Narasaraopet constituency.

150 Years of Vande Mataram Celebrated in Palnadu District



TPN BUREAU | NOV 7 Narasaraopet: In a grand celebration marking 150 years since the composition of the iconic national song Vande Mataram, Palnadu district came alive with patriotic fervor. District Collector Kritika Shukla said that Vande Mataram symbolizes the spirit of unity among Indians and continues to inspire every citizen to fulfill their duties toward the nation. Speaking at the event organized at Sri Subbaraya and Narayana College in Narasaraopet, Collector Shukla recalled how the song, written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, embodies the idea of national pride and responsi-

bility. She highlighted that Vande Mataram evokes the same emotional unity seen when fans collectively sing it during international sporting events like the World Cup, expressing support for Indian players. The celebrations featured the collective singing of the full Vande Mataram composition, a marathon carrying the national flag, and several cultural programs promoting patriotic values. Collector Kritika Shukla and Narasaraopet MLA Chadalavada Aravind Babu took part in the events and encouraged citizens to participate in the nationwide celebrations marking

this occasion. Collector Shukla added that the district administration has planned collective Vande Mataram singing programs across Palnadu to celebrate the 150-year milestone. MLA Aravind Babu remarked that while Jana Gana Mana is India's national anthem, Vande Mataram remains the nation's spiritual and devotional song, symbolizing the deep reverence Indians hold for their motherland. District Revenue Officer Murali, RDO Madhulata, and several local officials and students also participated, making the event a memorable expression of patriotism and unity across the region.

Supreme Court AGR Order Raises Telecom Policy Questions

The Supreme Court's recent order allowing the Union government to re-examine Vodafone Idea's (Vi) adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues up to FY 2016-17 has triggered fresh debates over the future of India's telecom sector. The November 3 ruling broadened the scope of relief from an earlier October 27 order, which focused only on an additional demand of Rs 9,450 crore, potentially impacting Vi's total AGR liability of Rs 83,400 crore.

The government, which holds a 49% stake in Vi, now faces critical questions. Will it waive part of Vi's AGR dues in public interest to stabilize the struggling telco? Could it take on additional equity, effectively becoming the majority owner in the joint venture between the Aditya Birla Group and UK-based Vodafone? The ruling also raises questions about handling Bharti Airtel's AGR dues of around Rs 38,604 crore, while Reliance Jio, which began operations in Sep-



ity in areas like satellite broadband, where spectrum allocation is still under discussion. Legacy telecom operators, having invested heavily in 3G, 4G, and 5G, could contest competition from newcomers like Starlink and Project Kuiper, raising broader regulatory questions.

The telecom scenario mirrors challenges in e-commerce, where Indian companies can run inventory-led models, but foreign players are limited to marketplace formats—a distinction under review in trade discussions with the United States.

Experts suggest a uniform regulatory framework across sectors is essential to avoid disputes over fairness. The Supreme Court's ruling should be seen as enabling the government to rationalize taxes and duties, rather than mandating a write-off, and could serve as an opportunity to strengthen the telecom sector's financial and operational health in the long term.

tember 2016, has no pending dues.

Any government intervention to relieve Vi could spark concerns over market competitiveness. Private players currently dominate over 92% of the telecom market, with public sector telcos Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) holding just 8%. Some experts argue that state-run telcos could provide sufficient bandwidth to prevent a duopoly, similar to other consumer sectors like aviation, which already show near-duopoly conditions.

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Zohran Mamdani's Victory Sparks Debate Among Indians



Zohran Mamdani's landslide win in New York City has not only marked a milestone for Indian-origin politicians abroad but also triggered intense debate among Indians over his political stance and identity. While Indian-origin successes are often embraced enthusiastically, Mamdani's politics and outspoken criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have made reactions more complex.

A coalition of Indian-American and Hindu diaspora groups openly criticized Mam-

dani in an October 10 letter, accusing him of promoting "bigotry and bias" against Hindus. They described his remarks as "divisive, discriminatory and unbecoming of a leader seeking to lead such a diverse city." His statements about Modi's alleged involvement in the Gujarat riots, including claims about the Muslim population in the state, were widely circulated and condemned in Indian circles. Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi tweeted that Mamdani's remarks were

damaging to India's image, suggesting that Pakistan benefited from his rhetoric.

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Rekha Sharma even supported former US President Donald Trump's cautionary stance on Mamdani, emphasizing that Indian origin alone does not guarantee alignment with India's interests. Such reactions reflect a hesitant embrace of Mamdani, contrasting with typical Indian pride in diaspora achievements.

Yet, other observers and public figures have praised

Mamdani's politics. Human rights activist Harsh Mander noted that the Indian National Congress could learn from his inclusive political vision. Chennai-born consultant Ramya highlighted Mamdani's connection to the Indian Ocean world, rooted in multiculturalism, global yet familiar, and far from conventional diaspora success narratives. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor also congratulated Mamdani and his mother, filmmaker Mira Nair, calling the victory "wonderfully apt," echoing Mamdani's speech quoting Nehru on stepping from the old to the new.

Mamdani represents a political vocabulary India has largely lost: cooperative economics, secular belonging, pride in diversity, working-class dignity, and cultural confidence without chauvinism. His unapologetic foregrounding of Muslim identity and critique of big capital contrasts sharply with India's current political climate, where space for dissent and inclusive politics is shrinking.

For many Indians, Mamdani is not merely a symbol of diaspora pride but a mirror of India's suppressed political imagination, reminding them of values and debates that India once nurtured but has grown weary of. His victory, therefore, is a story of diaspora politics intertwined with India's evolving political consciousness.

India's Services Exports Set to Cross \$400 Billion



India's services exports are on track to surpass the \$400-billion mark for the first time ever, a milestone that signals the growing significance of the sector in the country's economic landscape. On a Trailing Twelve Months (TTM) basis, which measures exports over the past 12 months, India had already crossed this threshold by August 2025.

While merchandise exports like smartphones and pharmaceuticals often dominate headlines, services exports have quietly become a major driver of India's economic progress. In the financial year 2024-25, India exported services worth \$387.54 billion, against imports of \$198.14 billion, generating a services trade surplus of \$189.40 billion, an all-time high. This surplus offset nearly two-thirds of India's merchandise trade deficit, which stood at \$283.81 billion, bringing the overall trade deficit down to \$94.41 billion.

The growth in services exports is not a one-year phenomenon. Over the past decade, India's services surplus has risen steadily—from around \$51 billion in 2011-12 to nearly \$190 billion now. The evolution reflects a shift from traditional IT and IT-enabled services to high-value offerings, including R&D, analytics, cybersecurity, design, and professional services such as consulting, legal support, and accounting.

Global Capability Centres (GCCs) of multinational corporations have been pivotal in this transformation, moving India's exports up the value chain from labor-intensive services to expertise-driven solutions.

The persistent goods trade deficit, by contrast, remains structural, driven by heavy imports of crude oil, LNG, coal, gold, and capital goods. While government initiatives like production-linked incentives (PLI) aim to boost domestic manufacturing, any reduction in import dependence is expected to be gradual. Without the services surplus, India's trade deficit would hover around \$280-300 billion, straining the current account and putting pressure on the rupee. The services sector thus acts as a macro-

stabiliser, cushioning the economy from external shocks.

Looking ahead, India's services exports face potential challenges from international policy shifts. The proposed U.S. HIRE Act, which imposes a 25% tax on overseas service delivery, could alter outsourcing economics and affect Indian IT and GCC operations. Indian firms may need to reassess their global strategies depending on the final legislation.

Overall, India's services exports highlight the country's transition toward high-value knowledge work, reinforcing macroeconomic stability and gradually reshaping the trade landscape, even as merchandise imports continue to reflect structural dependencies.

Bangladesh Banking Crisis Deepens Amid Rising Bad Loans

Bangladesh, once celebrated as one of Asia's fastest-growing economies, is now grappling with a deepening banking crisis. Persistent inflation, tight liquidity, weak governance, and escalating non-performing loans (NPLs) are weighing heavily on the nation's economy, analysts say. Experts attribute the financial strain to mismanaged loans during Sheikh Hasina's tenure and poor oversight under economist Mohammad Yunus's earlier rule.

According to the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) 2025 report on Non-performing Loans in Asia, by December 2024, Bangladesh had the region's weakest banking system, with 20.2 percent



of total loans—Tk 3,45,765 crore—classified as non-performing. By June 2025, the NPL ratio surged to 27.09 percent (Tk 5,30,428 crore), marking a 28 percent year-on-year increase in distressed assets, valued at \$20.27 billion. In comparison, India's NPL ratio stood at 2.5 percent, Pakistan at 6.3 percent, and Sri Lanka recorded a decline, highlighting Bangladesh's uniquely fragile position.

The crisis stems from a spiraling growth of bad loans, which rose from Tk 22,481 crore in 2009 to Tk 2,11,000 crore by June 2024, just before the July uprising that toppled the Hasina government. Economists point to widespread misuse of the banking system, with politicians and business elites treating banks as "personal wallets." Unscrupulous borrowers allegedly overstated collateral values—sometimes inflating Tk 10 crore properties to Tk 500 crore—to secure massive loans, much of which was siphoned abroad.

"Now, when the central bank tries to recover these loans, they find the assets are worthless. The money has left the country, making recovery extremely difficult," said Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). Despite the severity of the crisis, Rahman stressed that the financial system remains "in bad shape, but not collapsed."

Bangladesh's economic growth has also slowed, with real GDP growth estimated at 4 percent in FY25, down from 4.2 percent in FY24. High inflation, heightened vulnerabilities in the banking sector, and slowed investment growth underscore the challenges the country faces in sustaining its economic momentum.

While the nation's rise from a "basket case" to a regional growth story over the past decade is undeniable, the fragility of its banking system now threatens to undermine these gains, with experts calling for urgent reforms, stronger governance, and tighter oversight to restore stability and investor confidence.

People Of Bihar Going To Bless BJP-Led NDA: PM Modi On 64.66% Voter Turnout



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the people of Bihar for their record voter turnout in the first phase of polling on November 6, calling it a reflection of growing confidence in the NDA govern-

ment at both the Centre and the state.

Addressing a large gathering in Aurangabad, PM Modi said nearly 65 per cent of voters participated in the first phase, marking the highest polling percentage in Bihar since In-

dependence. He highlighted the enthusiasm of youth, farmers, and women, describing it as a blessing for the BJP-led NDA.

Recalling the region's past struggles with Naxal violence, Modi said Aurangabad had long been a

victim of Red terror during previous RJD-Congress rule. He credited Nitish Kumar's government and subsequent BJP-led central initiatives for restoring safety and security, stating, "After the BJP government came to pow-

er at the Centre, a major crackdown on Red terror was launched, restoring normalcy in people's lives."

The Prime Minister also underscored NDA's track record of fulfilling poll promises, citing landmark achievements such as the construction of the Ram Mandir; abrogation of Article 370, and implementation of One Rank, One Pension for armed forces. He evoked nationalistic sentiments by recalling Bihar as the place where he pledged action against the Pahalgam terror attack perpetrators, emphasizing that the armed forces had delivered justice.

Cautioning voters against the 'fake' promises of the Mahagathbandhan, Modi warned that a return of the opposition alliance could mean a revival of ineffective governance, which he termed 'katta sarkar'.

Through his speech, the Prime Minister reinforced the NDA's development agenda, focus on law and order, and commitment to national security, framing the Bihar elections as a choice between effective governance and the return of political instability.

Rahul Gandhi renews vote theft charge, attacks PM Modi



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday renewed his charge that the BJP is involved in large-scale electoral manipulation, claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi rose to power through "stolen" elections.

Addressing reporters in New Delhi, Gandhi alleged that the BJP has engaged in "wholesale theft" of votes across multiple states, including Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. He said the Congress would provide clear evidence to the youth and Gen Z voters of how the BJP allegedly manipulated election outcomes.

"You should note that all the allegations put forth by me—fake votes, fake photographs, and

no response to them—have come from the Election Commission (EC), and the BJP is defending the EC. But they are not negating what I have said," Gandhi stated, emphasizing that his accusations remain unchallenged substantively.

The Congress leader criticized the EC for not responding adequately to the complaints and evidence submitted by his party regarding alleged irregularities. He accused the BJP of creating a systematic pattern of election rigging that undermines democracy.

Gandhi's remarks come ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, where the Congress is attempting to mobilize youth support amid allegations of governance and electoral malprac-

tices by the ruling BJP. He stressed that the upcoming campaign would focus on exposing these alleged irregularities and empowering the younger generation to demand fair electoral practices.

While the BJP and the EC have not directly responded to Gandhi's renewed allegations, his statements are likely to intensify political debates ahead of the state polls, adding heightened scrutiny on election integrity and the role of institutions in maintaining transparent electoral processes.

This marks a significant escalation in Congress's campaign rhetoric, positioning the party as the defender of democratic fairness and directly challenging the ruling party's legitimacy.

Delhi Assembly Panel Summons Kejriwal, Sisodia Over 'Phansi Ghar'

TPN Correspondent | Bihar

The controversy over Delhi Assembly's so-called 'Phansi Ghar' has escalated, with the Committee of Privileges summoning former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, former Speaker Ram Niwas Goel, and former Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla for questioning. The committee, led by BJP MLA Pradyumn Singh Rajput, will meet on November 13 to examine the authenticity of the structure inaugurated by the AAP government in 2022.

The BJP has labelled the chamber a "fabricated site", accusing the previous regime of distorting history and misusing public funds. During a September Assembly session, Speaker Vijender Gupta claimed the AAP spent ₹1 crore renovating the site to resemble a gallows, installing murals of freedom fighters, iron bars, and nooses. Chief Minister Re-



kha Gupta called it a "gross distortion of history" and directed officials to file an FIR over the alleged misuse of funds.

The AAP, however, accused the BJP of politicising the issue, calling the panel summons legally unsustainable. "Elections are long over; it's time for governance, not politics," the party stated. AAP leaders

also cited Supreme Court rulings limiting successor assemblies from acting on previous term matters.

The controversy stems from a tunnel discovered beneath the Assembly building in 2016, a British-era structure from 1912. The AAP later renovated it as a 'Phansi Ghar', showcasing British-era shackles, a purported noose, and

artefacts linked to freedom fighters. The inauguration, led by Kejriwal, was held alongside a Covid warriors memorial.

AAP MLA Sanjeev Jha defended the project, asserting the site's historical significance and calling for Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) verification, while warning against attempts to "whitewash Brit-

ish tyranny." Historians remain divided on the chamber's original purpose, with some maps indicating a double-storey structure consistent with a hanging chamber.

The upcoming Assembly panel meeting is expected to deepen the political debate over history, heritage, and governance in Delhi.

ED Arrests Third Person in Reliance Power Fake Bank Guarantee Case



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has made its third arrest in the ongoing money-laundering investigation linked to fake bank guarantees (BGs) submitted by a Reliance Power Ltd subsidiary to the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI).

Amar Nath Dutta, a Kolkata-based consultant in trade financing, was taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Dutta is accused of playing an active role alongside Ashok Kumar Pal, the former CFO of Reliance Power, and Partha

Sarthi Biswal, managing director of a shell company, in providing forged BGs worth over Rs 68 crore, fake endorsements, and SFMS confirmations to SECI.

Dutta was produced before an additional sessions judge at Patiala House Courts on November 6 and

sent to four days' ED custody until November 10.

The ED initiated its probe based on three FIRs, including one filed by SECI with the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police. Investigators found that SECI suffered losses exceeding Rs 100 crore due to the fraudu-

lent submissions. The forged BGs included spoofed SBI email endorsements and manipulated domains of other major banks, such as Indiabank.in, Indusindbank.in, and pnbIndia.in, designed to mislead SECI into accepting the fake guarantees.

The ongoing investigation is examining the end-use of funds, tracing assets acquired from the proceeds of crime, and uncovering the wider conspiracy and roles of additional individuals and entities involved.

This case follows the earlier arrests of Ashok Kumar Pal on October 11 and Partha Sarthi Biswal, signaling the ED's focus on dismantling complex financial frauds involving major corporate entities. Reliance Power, part of Anil Ambani's group, is at the center of this high-profile investigation, which highlights the continued scrutiny of corporate financial malpractice in India.

Indian Envoy, U.S. Diplomat Discuss Bilateral Ties



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India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, met senior U.S. diplomat Paul Kapur on Thursday to discuss "common interests" and ways to strengthen bilateral relations. This marked their second meeting in a week, reflecting growing engagement between the two countries.

The discussions took place at the U.S. State Department and focused on advancing cooperation across multiple areas, including trade, security, and strategic partnerships. Officials described the interaction as constructive, emphasizing shared priorities and mutual benefits for India and the United States.

The meeting coincided with remarks by former U.S. President Donald Trump, who indicated that he could visit India next year. He also commented that talks with New Delhi were "going good," signaling continued interest in deepening bilateral ties.

Ambassador Kwatra has been actively engaging with U.S. officials to enhance collaboration on issues ranging from regional security to technology and energy. His recent meetings with senior diplomats highlight India's efforts to maintain robust communication channels with key U.S. stakeholders.

Paul Kapur, a senior diplomat known for his expertise in South Asian

affairs, welcomed the discussions and emphasized the importance of sustained dialogue in addressing global challenges.

Observers note that frequent high-level exchanges between Indian and U.S. officials underline the strategic importance of the partnership, particularly amid evolving geopolitical and economic dynamics. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to work together on shared priorities and explore new avenues for cooperation.

The meeting is expected to pave the way for further engagements, including ministerial-level talks and potential visits, strengthening the longstanding India-U.S. relationship..

PoK Erupts as Gen Z Protests Education Policies



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Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) has erupted in unrest as Gen Z students take to the streets to protest the Shehbaz Sharif-led government's education policies. The protests, initially peaceful, were sparked by rising university fees and inconsistencies in exam results following the introduction of a new digital assessment system at the matriculation and intermediate levels.

The movement began earlier this month at Muzaffarabad's University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), where students voiced concerns over unfair grading, delayed results, and the financial burden of steep fee hikes. Demonstrators demanded reforms in the exam process and greater transparency in the education system.

Tensions escalated when a man reportedly opened fire on the students, injuring at least one protester. This incident pushed the demonstrations into a more volatile phase, with security forces deployed to contain the crowds. Eyewitnesses report clashes between students and police in several areas of Muzaffar-

abad, with tear gas and baton charges used to disperse protesters.

This unrest is the second major wave in PoK in recent months, following earlier demonstrations over economic grievances, including calls for tax relief, cheaper electricity, and accelerated completion of stalled development projects. Analysts note that the current protests bear similarities to youth-led movements in Nepal, where students rallied against corruption and lack of opportunities after government-imposed social media restrictions.

Student leaders have called for a dialogue with the government to address their concerns, warning that continued neglect could worsen unrest. Parents and civil society groups have expressed support for the students, urging authorities to implement reforms while ensuring public safety.

As PoK grapples with this surge of Gen Z activism, the protests underscore growing discontent among young citizens over education, economic issues, and governance, signaling a potential shift in how the region's youth engage with political and social issues.

Sheikh Hasina Admits Security Mistakes During Uprising

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Fifteen months after fleeing Dhaka amid widespread unrest, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has acknowledged that "mistakes were certainly made" by security forces during last year's student-led uprising. In an exclusive written interview with The Hindu, Hasina reflected on the chaotic events of August 2024, when violent protests forced her to leave the country.



protests and criticized the way the situation escalated despite government efforts to maintain order. She emphasized the need for political dialogue and reforms to restore stability and public trust in the country's institutions.

Observers say Hasina's statements mark a rare admission of operational shortcomings by the former leadership, while maintaining that the overall government response was proportionate. Analysts suggest her comments could influence the political discourse ahead of Bangladesh's February elections, as the nation remains deeply divided over governance and democratic legitimacy.

As the country approaches the 2026 polls, questions about election credibility, public safety, and political reconciliation remain central to Bangladesh's fragile political landscape. As the situation unfolds, the international community will be closely watching Moscow's response to U.S. policy signals. Putin's order for contingency planning signals that Russia intends to remain strategically vigilant while leaving the door open for future actions depending on U.S. decisions.

Reflecting on her tenure, Hasina highlighted the challenges of managing nationwide

‘PM Modi a great man’: Trump says he ‘could’ visit India next year

TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump has indicated that he could visit India next year, praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great man" and noting that talks and trade discussions between the two countries are "going good." Speaking at the White House, Trump highlighted Modi's recent decision to reduce oil imports from Russia as a positive step in bilateral cooperation.

Trump recalled his previous visit to India, describing it as "a great trip" and emphasizing his personal rapport with Modi. "He's a friend of mine, and we speak... He wants me to go there. We'll figure that out. I'll go," Trump said when asked about a potential trip in 2026.

The announcement comes ahead of the Quad summit in New Delhi, where India will host leaders from Australia, Japan, and the United States.



While the exact dates for the summit are yet to be announced, Trump's comments signal ongoing en-

gagement between Washington and New Delhi on strategic and trade issues.

In his remarks, Trump also revisited his previous claims about mediating conflicts, including a sup-

posed India-Pakistan confrontation in May, which he said he resolved using trade tariffs. "If you take a

look at India and Pakistan... they were shooting each other. I said, 'Listen, if you guys are going to fight, I'm gonna put tariffs on you.' Within 24 hours, I settled the war," he claimed, emphasizing tariffs as a form of "national defense."

Trump's comments underscore his continued focus on trade-driven diplomacy and the importance he places on personal relationships with global leaders. Analysts note that a potential visit to India would reinforce the strategic partnership between the two countries while highlighting ongoing discussions on trade, energy, and regional security.

With US-India relations increasingly centered on economic cooperation and Indo-Pacific security, a Trump visit in 2026 could be a significant event ahead of the next Quad summit and in the context of global geopolitical developments.

Tesla Shareholders Approve Elon Musk's \$1 Trillion Pay Package

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Tesla shareholders have approved a historic stock-based compensation plan for CEO Elon Musk, which could make him the world's first trillionaire if the electric vehicle giant meets ambitious growth targets. The approval came at Tesla's annual shareholder meeting on Thursday, with over 75% of shareholders voting in favour, excluding Musk's existing 15% stake.

"I super appreciate it," Musk told shareholders, expressing gratitude to the board and investors as the results were announced to cheers and chants. Unlike most CEOs, Musk does not take a salary; his earnings come entirely through stock options. Under the new plan, he could receive up to 423.7 million Tesla shares over the next decade, with a potential value of around \$1 trillion if Tesla's market capitalization reaches \$8.5 trillion. Achieving this



milestone would require Tesla's stock price to surge 466% from its current level, making the

company more valuable than Nvidia, currently the world's largest firm at \$5 trillion.

The compensation structure is divided into 12 tranches, and if Musk secures all of them, he

could earn an unprecedented \$275 million per day, marking the largest executive pay package in

history.

Tesla's board had cautioned that rejecting the plan might risk Musk stepping down as CEO. Regulatory filings revealed Musk's concerns about maintaining control over the company without such assurances, making the approval crucial for both parties.

Despite this landmark compensation, Tesla faces a challenging 2025. Sales and profits have declined amid slower electric vehicle demand and reduced U.S. government incentives. Analysts suggest that while Musk's pay package sets a record, Tesla's growth targets remain highly ambitious, and achieving them will require a significant rebound in the company's performance and stock value.

This approval cements Musk's position at the helm while setting a new benchmark for executive compensation in corporate history.

Japan Resumes Seafood Exports to China After Two-Year Ban

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Japan has resumed seafood exports to China for the first time in over two years following a ban imposed by Beijing over concerns about treated radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The move comes as diplomatic and trade relations between the two countries show signs of gradual recovery.

On November 5, 2025, six metric tonnes of scallops harvested in Hokkaido were shipped to China, marking the first official shipment since Beijing's ban in August 2023. The ban was initially imposed after China expressed safety concerns over Japan's discharge of treated radioactive wastewater into the ocean, a step that followed the 2011 tsunami-induced Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara confirmed the shipment on Friday, highlighting it as a significant step in restoring Japan's seafood trade with one of its largest markets. The scallops are expected to undergo strict testing



and certification to ensure they meet China's food safety standards.

Japan's seafood industry, particularly Hokkaido's fisheries, faced substantial losses during the two-year suspension, as China has traditionally

been a major importer of high-quality Japanese seafood. The resumption of exports is expected to provide a boost to local fisheries and rebuild confidence in Japanese seafood products internationally.

Experts note that this development could also signal improving bilateral trade relations between Japan and China, as both countries seek to stabilize economic ties amid regional and global uncertainties. The Japa-

nese government has emphasized that future shipments will continue to follow rigorous safety protocols to maintain both consumer confidence and regulatory compliance.

This first shipment

since the 2023 ban marks a notable milestone in Japan-China trade, offering hope for the recovery of Japanese seafood exports while addressing lingering public concerns over food safety in the wake of the Fukushima incident.

Major Carmakers Slash Prices Ahead of Navaratri, GST Cut Benefits Customers

Buyers are in for a bonanza as leading automakers Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Hyundai Motor India, and luxury carmakers like Mercedes-Benz and BMW announce significant price cuts effective from September 22, coinciding with the start of the auspicious Navaratri period. Two-wheeler makers are also joining the trend, passing on GST benefits to customers.

Maruti Suzuki India, the country's largest carmaker, has reduced vehicle prices by up to ₹1.29 lakh. The company aims to attract two-wheeler users to four-wheelers by offering additional discounts on small cars beyond the GST cut of 8.5%. Popular models such as S-Presso, Alto K10, Celerio, Wagon-R, and Ignis have seen price reductions ranging from ₹71,300 to ₹1,29,600. Premium models including Swift, Baleno, Dzire, Fronx, Brezza, Grand Vitara, Jimny, Ertiga, and XL6 also received substantial cuts, with savings of up to ₹1.12 lakh.

Tata Motors has cut



prices across its passenger vehicles by ₹75,000 to ₹1.45 lakh, including Rs 85,000 off the compact SUV Punch and Rs 1.55 lakh on Nexon. Premium SUVs Harrier and Safari now cost ₹1.4 lakh and ₹1.45 lakh less, respectively. Mahindra & Mahindra has already reduced

prices by up to ₹1.56 lakh on models like Bolero, XUV300, Thar, and Scorpio Classic. Hyundai, Honda, Kia, and Toyota are also implementing reductions, with Hyundai Tucson seeing the highest cut of ₹2.4 lakh.

Luxury automakers have followed suit. Mer-

cedes-Benz announced reductions ranging from ₹2 lakh (A-Class) to ₹10 lakh (S-Class), while BMW Motor India is cutting prices by up to ₹13.6 lakh across its portfolio. Audi and Jaguar Land Rover have also reduced prices, with cuts ranging from ₹2.6 lakh to ₹30.4 lakh.

In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp and Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India are lowering prices by up to ₹15,743 and ₹18,800, respectively.

According to Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer Partho Banerjee, "With car penetration in India at just

34 per 1,000 people, there is no better time to put India on wheels." Consumers are expected to benefit significantly from these combined GST-related and additional price cuts, making the festive season an ideal time for vehicle purchases.

SBI and Bharti Airtel Lead Top Firms' Market Valuation Gains



The combined market valuation of seven of India's top-10 most valued companies soared by ₹1,18,328.29 crore last week, reflecting renewed investor optimism in equities. State Bank of India (SBI) and Bharti Air-

tel emerged as the biggest gainers during this period, as the BSE benchmark surged 721.53 points, or 0.88 per cent.

SBI's market capitalisation jumped ₹35,953.25 crore, taking its valuation to ₹7,95,910 crore,

while Bharti Airtel added ₹33,214.77 crore, reaching ₹11,18,952.64 crore. Reliance Industries, continuing its dominance, saw its market cap rise ₹17,389.23 crore to ₹19,04,898.51 crore. Tata Consultancy Ser-

vices (TCS) also posted gains, climbing ₹12,952.75 crore to ₹11,46,879.47 crore.

Other winners included Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), whose valuation edged higher by ₹12,460.25

crore to ₹5,65,612.92 crore, and Infosys, which rose ₹6,127.73 crore to ₹6,39,901.03 crore. HDFC Bank's market cap inched up by ₹230.31 crore, taking it to ₹14,84,816.26 crore.

On the flip side, some major companies saw declines. ICICI Bank's valuation fell ₹10,707.87 crore to ₹10,01,654.46 crore, Bajaj Finance dipped ₹6,346.93 crore to ₹6,17,892.72 crore, and Hindustan Unilever lost ₹5,039.87 crore, standing at ₹6,01,225.16 crore.

Overall, the week highlighted strong performance by state-owned and tech-centric firms, signaling sustained investor confidence amid positive market sentiment. Reliance Industries retained its position as the most valued company in India, followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, SBI, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, and Hindustan Unilever.

As equities continue to show momentum, investors are closely watching the performance of these blue-chip companies, whose market movements often influence broader market trends and investor strategies.

India's Forex Reserves Cross USD 700 Billion, Third Weekly Rise in a Row

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 4.698 billion in the week ending September 12, reaching USD 702.966 billion, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest 'Weekly Statistical Supplement.' This marks the third consecutive week of gains and sees the much-anticipated USD 700 billion milestone crossed.

The largest component of the reserves, India's foreign currency assets (FCA), increased by USD 2.537 billion to USD 587.014 billion. Gold reserves also contributed to the rise, climbing USD 2.12 billion to reach USD 92.419 billion.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, following the latest monetary policy review, emphasized that India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to cover approximately 11 months of the country's imports. This provides a strong buffer to manage external shocks and sup-



port the stability of the Indian rupee.

Historical trends show India steadily building its

forex reserves over recent years. In 2023, the country

added roughly USD 58 bil-

lion to the kitty, reversing a cumulative decline of USD 71 billion in 2022. In 2024, reserves rose by over USD 20 billion, while 2025 has already seen a cumulative increase of about USD 53 billion so far.

Foreign exchange reserves, or FX reserves, are assets held by a country's central bank, primarily in major reserve currencies such as the US Dollar, with smaller portions in the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. The RBI actively manages these reserves to stabilize the rupee, buying dollars when the rupee strengthens and selling them when it weakens.

With the forex kitty crossing the USD 700 billion mark, India's external stability outlook remains strong, giving policymakers greater flexibility to respond to global volatility and reinforcing confidence in the country's economic resilience amid global uncertainties.

India Emerges as Leading Flexible Office Market Globally



Driven by strong global demand, India has become one of the world's most mature flexible office ecosystems, with international firms accounting for 72 per cent of flex space absorption in 2024, according to Cushman & Wakefield's Global Trends in Flexible Office 2025 report. The remaining 28 per cent of demand came from startups, leveraging flexible offices to manage costs, attract talent, and scale efficiently in a competitive landscape.

India scored a perfect 100 on Cushman & Wakefield's maturity index, surpassing global peers including the UK at 98, France at 97, the US at 81, and Japan and Singapore at 77. The score reflects multiple metrics, including flexible inventory as a share of total office space, number of operators, leasing activity, emerging agreement structures, and overall market depth.

Ramita Arora, Managing Director Bengaluru & Head - Flex, India, Cushman & Wakefield, highlighted India's market maturity, diversity of operators, and ability to pivot with demand, noting that many Western markets are still evolving.

Flexible office demand in India has risen nearly sixfold since 2020, with 2024 alone seeing flex space account for 15 per cent of new office leasing. Operator expansion has surged, with 33.5 million square feet leased between 2022 and 2024—equivalent to over 500,000 seats. Annual take-up has tripled over five years, confirming flexible workspace as a mainstream solution rather than an alternate option.

India is now the largest flexible office market in APAC, with 79.7 million square feet of stock across the top eight cities, expected to reach 85 million square feet by year-end and surpass 100 million by 2026. Managed office and enterprise models now dominate, accounting for 70-80 per cent of demand. Bengaluru leads with 30 per cent of national flex inventory, followed by Delhi NCR, Pune, and Hyderabad.

Institutional interest is growing, with four operators already public and more IPOs anticipated. The next 3-5 years are expected to see consolidation, with leading players strengthening market share while niche operators continue to meet specialised needs.

Wholesale Price Inflation at Two-Year Low, Core Inflation Rises



India's factory gate inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), stood at a two-year low of -0.58% in July, continuing the deflationary trend observed in June. Analysts attribute the recent change in the wholesale price trajectory to an upswing in food prices after months of decline.

Paras Jasrai, Associate Director at India Ratings and Research, noted that food prices played a significant role in reversing the deflationary trend. In August 2025, food prices rose 0.2% compared with the same month last year, while the decline in vegetable prices slowed to 14.2% year-on-year—the slowest pace in six months. Edible oils recorded a sharp increase of 22.9% in August, marking the highest surge in three months.

Jewellery prices also climbed significantly, rising 32.6% year-on-year in August, contributing to a rise in core inflation, which reached a five-month high of 1.6%. Experts

expect core inflation to remain around 1.8% through the end of 2025 due to a low base effect, keeping overall price pressures in check.

Food items accounted for 73 basis points of the 110 basis points uptick in the headline WPI between July and August, highlighting the dominant role of essential commodities in inflation trends. Non-food manufactured items, which make up the core WPI, added 27 basis points to the headline print, according to Rahul Agrawal, Senior Economist at ICRA.

While deflationary pressures have eased, the rise in essential commodity prices indicates that inflation dynamics remain sensitive to changes in food and commodity markets. Policymakers and analysts will continue to monitor WPI and core inflation trends closely as India navigates supply-side pressures and prepares for the upcoming festive season, where consumer demand is expected to rise.

Woman Asked to Leave Nykaa Store in Faridabad



Faridabad, November 7 – A woman visiting a Nykaa store in Sector 15 had a distressing experience while shopping for her sister’s wedding. She claimed that she and her friend were asked to leave the store in a humiliating manner, drawing attention from other customers. The woman shared her ordeal on Reddit under the title, “Asked to leave Nykaa and told to never return!” According to her, the incident occurred on November 6 in the presence of the store manager, who reportedly did not intervene. She recounted that the confrontation began when she was checking colour correctors. A saleswoman allegedly told her she could not use the product directly and that she should ask for assistance if she wanted anything. The woman said she complied, noting the staff’s “commanding tone.” Later, while browsing skincare products, the saleswoman reportedly told them that the store was closing, even though it was only 7 PM and other

customers were still shopping. When questioned, the staff member allegedly said, “Tum jaisi ladkiyo ko mai ache se janti hun, kuch kharidana nahi hai bas ghumne aajati ho” (“I know girls like you very well, you don’t come to buy anything, just to roam around”). The situation escalated when the saleswoman shouted, “Kaam karti hun mai yahan. Naukar hun tumhari?” (“I work here. Am I your servant?”), and allegedly continued insulting the women with phrases like “batameez ladkiya” (“ill-mannered girls”) and “maa baap ne kuch sikhaya nhi” (“your parents haven’t taught you anything”). The confrontation reportedly ended with the staff telling the women, “Bahar niklo yahan se kabhi aa mat jana yahan” (“Get out and never come back here”), and continued outside the store in full view of the market. Nykaa has not yet issued an official statement regarding the incident.

World’s Largest Spider Web Found in Romanian Cave



Scientists have discovered what may be the world’s largest spider web in a sulfur-rich cave near the Greece-Albania border, a find that has both amazed and unnerved arachnophobes worldwide. The discovery, documented in the journal *Subterranean Biology*, features a colossal web housing approximately 111,000 spiders from two rival species coexisting peacefully. According to researchers, the web stretches along the walls of a narrow, low-roofed tunnel deep inside the cave, in a permanently dark zone near the cavern’s mouth. The spiders have built thousands of interconnected funnel webs, forming a sprawling colony that scientists describe as a “silky tent city.” A video accompanying the study shows a researcher gently touching the web, revealing its dense structure as the strands ripple under the glow of his headlamp. The sheer scale of the web, combined with the high number of arachnids living in close proximity, has drawn widespread attention

online. Experts note that the coexistence of the two rival species is particularly unusual, as such species typically compete aggressively for territory. The stable environment of the cave, with its constant temperature, high humidity, and rich sulfur content, appears to support this rare phenomenon. “This web is extraordinary not just in size, but in the harmony displayed by the spiders,” said one researcher. “It gives us new insights into arachnid behavior and the ways ecosystems can support unexpected biodiversity.” The Romanian cave web adds to growing evidence that subterranean environments can host complex and previously undocumented communities. Scientists hope further study will shed light on how these spiders cooperate and maintain such an enormous structure without significant conflict. The discovery has quickly gone viral, with videos of the web sparking fascination and horror in equal measure among social media users.

Chinese Tech Firm Gifts Gold Keycaps to Employees

In a glittering celebration of hard work, Chinese tech company Insta360 has continued its unique tradition of rewarding employees with solid gold keycaps. The Shenzhen-based firm, known for its 360-degree cameras, marked Programmer’s Day by handing out 21 gold keycaps to top-performing staff this year. The most valuable piece, a spacebar weighing 35.02 grams, is worth approximately 320,000 yuan (around Rs 39 lakh). Since starting this initiative four years ago, Insta360 has given out a total of 55 gold keycaps, with their value doubling due to rising gold prices. Employees described the gold gifts as both practical and symbolic. “There are things that cannot be measured by money,” one staff member said, while another shared that they keep



gold from every special occasion instead of selling it. Some employees even aim to collect enough keycaps to “fill the whole keyboard.” The tradition extends beyond keycaps. Staff who recently got married or had a baby receive a one-gram gold coin, and the year-end

party often features a grand prize of a 50-gram gold bar. Earlier this year, for the company’s 10th anniversary, every employee and intern received a “gold blind box” containing a small gold sticker with the message: “All that glitters is not only gold, but also you.” Insta360 founder Liu Jingkan explained that the gold rewards are not given for their monetary value but for what they represent: stability, recognition, and appreciation of employees’ efforts. “Each keystroke turns stone into gold,” he said, emphasizing that the company’s success is built on its team’s dedication. The company’s innovative reward system has earned it the nickname “gold factory” in China’s tech scene, blending employee motivation with a literal touch of luxury.

Sleeping Capsules at Kunming Airport Offer Rest for Travelers

Travelers at China’s Kunming Airport can now enjoy a unique way to rest and recharge during layovers or early flights: sleeping capsules. These compact private pods are designed to provide comfort, privacy, and convenience in the busy airport environment. A video that recently went viral on Reddit shows a traveler unlocking one of the capsules using a remote. Inside, the pod reveals a cozy space with a soft bed, dimmable lighting, ventilation controls, and even water bottles, making it a self-contained area for rest. The capsules are ideal for solo travelers or passengers waiting for connecting flights. Located on the 4th floor of the departure hall, the capsules are equipped with a small fan and a control panel to adjust lighting and airflow. The design prioritizes comfort while maximizing space efficiency, allowing passengers to relax without the disturbance



of crowded lounges or uncomfortable seating. The introduction of sleeping capsules is part of a growing trend in airports worldwide to offer innovative

amenities that cater to travelers’ needs. Unlike traditional lounges, these pods provide a private and quiet environment, enabling passengers to nap, work, or simply unwind in peace. Travelers have praised the capsules for their practicality and comfort, noting that they provide a much-needed break during long layovers or after overnight flights. With airport travel often involving fatigue and stress, such innovations are proving popular for improving the overall passenger experience. The Kunming Airport sleeping capsules highlight a shift toward more personalized travel amenities, blending modern technology with convenience. As airports compete to offer better services, these compact pods may soon become a standard feature in major international terminals, offering weary travelers a safe and comfortable haven amid the bustle of travel.

Nagpur’s Diamond Crossing: India’s Unique Railway Marvel

Nagpur Railway Station in Maharashtra is home to India’s only Diamond Crossing, a rare railway junction where trains from four different directions intersect safely and seamlessly. This engineering marvel highlights the precision and efficiency of Indian Railways, ensuring smooth operations at one of the country’s busiest rail hubs. The crossing earns its name from the diamond shape formed by intersecting tracks when viewed from above. Despite handling heavy daily rail traffic, the meticulous management by signal operators and railway staff ensures there are no accidents, showcasing the high level of coordination involved in managing train movements at this complex junction. The Diamond Crossing connects four major rail routes, allowing trains to travel from all sides without disruption. Its strategic location at Nagpur, a key city in central India, makes it crucial for passenger and freight movement across the country. This junction not only enhances operational efficiency but also demonstrates the engineering prowess and traffic management skills of Indian Railways. Safety at the crossing is maintained through continuous monitoring of train movements, with signal operators coordinating each train’s entry



and exit. This system minimizes delays and eliminates potential collisions, making it a model of railway precision and control. For visitors and train enthusiasts, the Diamond Crossing is more than just a functional railway point—it is a spectacle of engineering brilliance. From the air, the intersecting tracks resemble a perfect diamond, reflecting the careful planning and foresight that went into its design. Nagpur’s Diamond Crossing stands as a symbol of India’s railway heritage and operational excellence, illustrating how innovation and meticulous management can handle complex traffic with remarkable efficiency. It continues to impress both travelers and professionals, offering a glimpse into the intricate workings of one of the world’s largest rail networks.

Alcaraz Drawn with Djokovic, Sinner with Zverev in ATP Finals 2025 Groups

The draw for the 2025 ATP Finals has set the stage for a thrilling show-down in Turin, with world number one Carlos Alcaraz finding himself in the same group as tennis legend Novak Djokovic. The year-ending championship, featuring the top eight male players, promises high-voltage encounters as the world's best battle for the prestigious season finale title.

The Jimmy Connors Group will see Alcaraz, Djokovic, Taylor Fritz, and Alex de Minaur go head-to-head. This grouping immediately caught fans' attention, with Alcaraz and Djokovic renewing their rivalry in what could be a preview of the knockout rounds. The young Spaniard has faced mixed results against the Serbian veteran, and their latest clash is among the most anticipated matches of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Bjorn Borg Group features defending champion Jannik Sinner, Alexander Zverev, Ben Shelton, and either Felix Auger-Aliassime or Lorenzo Musetti, who are bat-



tlings for the final qualifying spot. Sinner, buoyed by his spectacular form this season, will look to defend his title on home soil, with the Italian crowd expected to rally behind him.

The ATP Finals, scheduled from November 10 to 17, will once again take place at Turin's Pala Alpitour Arena. The tournament adopts a round-robin format, with the top two players from each group advancing to the semifinals.

Djokovic, a record seven-time champion, will aim to extend his dominance, while Alcaraz, Sinner, and Zverev seek to challenge his supremacy. With such balanced groups and intense rivalries, the 2025 ATP Finals are shaping up to deliver a fitting climax to the tennis season — a mix of experience, youth, and championship hunger all under one roof.

Aryna Sabalenka Defeats Coco Gauff to Reach WTA Finals Semifinals



World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka advanced to the semifinals of the WTA Finals 2025 after defeating defending champion Coco Gauff 7-6(5), 6-2 in a commanding performance on Thursday. The victory marked Sabalenka's third consecutive group-stage win, eliminating Gauff from the tournament and confirming Jessica Pegula as the second qualifier from the group.

Sabalenka will now face Amanda Anisimova in the semifinals on Friday — a much-anticipated rematch of this year's U.S. Open final, which Sabalenka won. Meanwhile, Pegula will take on Elena Rybakina in the other semifinal clash.

The first set between Sabalenka and Gauff was tightly contested. Gauff twice went up a break and even served for the set at 5-4, but Sabalenka fought back with a blistering forehand winner to level the match. In the tiebreaker, Gauff led 4-2 but faltered with a backhand error and a double fault, allowing Sabalenka to take control. The Belarusian closed the set with another forehand winner, showcasing her trademark aggression.

"I was already preparing for the second set, to be honest," Sabalenka admitted. "Then something clicked, and I was able to break. That game gave me a lot of confidence."

With the momentum on her side, Sabalenka broke Gauff early in the second set and never looked back, sealing the match in straight sets. Gauff later acknowledged her missed chances, saying, "I had a lot of opportunities in the first set. It was disappointing not to take them. She raised her level, and I couldn't match it."

Sabalenka's form and confidence make her a clear favorite heading into the semifinals as she continues her

India's Gaganjeet Bhullar Inside Top 10 On Opening Day Of Moutai Singapore Open



India's Gaganjeet Bhullar made a solid start at the Moutai Singapore Open, finishing the opening round inside the top 10 at the Singapore Island Country Club. The seasoned Indian golfer carded a five-under 67, thanks to a strong back-nine surge that featured four birdies in five holes between the 13th and 17th.

Bhullar's round began steadily, with three birdies and two bogeys over his first 12 holes. However, his aggressive approach on the closing stretch turned the momentum in his favor, propelling him to T10 on the leaderboard. He sits three shots behind leader Jeunghun Wang of South Korea, who fired an impressive eight-under 64 in the US\$2 million Asian Tour event.

Among other Indian contenders, Ajeetesh Sandhu and SSP Chawrasia are placed three strokes behind

Bhullar after posting two-under 70s.

The opening day marked the Singapore Open's return after a two-year hiatus, and the first time it's being held at the Singapore Island Country Club's New Course in 25 years. Wang celebrated the occasion in style with nine birdies and a single bogey, holding a one-shot lead over Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Gunn Charoenkul, and Kieran Vincent, who all shot 65s.

Germany's Dominic Foos, Americans Micah Shin, Ollie Schniederjans, and Caleb Surratt, along with Thailand's Nitithorn Thippong, are tied a further stroke behind at 66.

Bhullar, an eight-time Asian Tour winner, will look to build on his promising start as he chases his first win of the season. With tight margins and a competitive field, the upcoming rounds at the Moutai Singapore Open promise thrilling golf action and a potential leaderboard shake-up.

Mumbai City Edge Kerala Blasters to Clinch Final Semi-Final Spot



Mumbai City FC booked the final semi-final berth in the AIF Super Cup 2025-26 after a dramatic 1-0 win over Kerala Blasters FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fartoda on Thursday. A late 88th-minute own goal by Freddy Lallawmawma sealed Kerala's fate, ending their campaign in heartbreak.

The result saw Mumbai City and Kerala Blasters both finish Group D with six points each, but the Islanders advanced on head-to-head record. The match was intense from the start, with Kerala needing only a draw to progress while Mumbai required a win to survive.

Kerala created the early chances, with Adrian Luna setting up Tiago Alves, whose curling shot missed the target by inches. Minutes later, Koldo Obieta forced Mumbai goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa into a fine save. Mumbai nearly took the lead in the 24th minute when Alberto Noguera Ortiz unleashed a powerful strike that Nora Fernandes tipped onto the crossbar.

The turning point came just before halftime as Sandeep Singh, already on a yellow card, fouled Vikram Partap Singh, earning a second booking and leaving the Blasters with 10 men. Despite Kerala's valiant defensive effort, Petr Kratky's side kept pushing, and their persistence finally paid off late in the game.

A routine cross from Pereyra Diaz caused confusion in the Kerala defense, leading to a deflection off Lallawmawma that rolled past Fernandes for the decisive goal. Mumbai held firm in the final minutes to confirm their semifinal spot.

In the day's earlier fixture, Sporting Club Delhi secured their first-ever Super Cup point after a 2-2 draw with Rajasthan United FC in Bambolim. Delhi's late equalizer from Alan Saji (90+4') ended Rajasthan's semifinal hopes, leaving them third in the group with four points.

India Beat Pakistan by 2 Runs (DLS) in Rain-Hit Hong Kong Sixes Thriller

In a tense and rain-affected encounter, India edged past Pakistan by two runs via the DLS method in their Pool C clash at the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2025 on Friday. The thrilling win marked India's first victory of the tournament, while handing Pakistan their maiden defeat.

Batting first after losing the toss, India posted a competitive 86/4 in their allotted six overs. Veteran opener Robin Uthappa set the tone with a quickfire 28 off just 11 balls, striking cleanly from the outset. Skipper Dinesh Karthik and all-rounder Stuart Binny added crucial late runs, pushing India past the 80-run mark despite disciplined bowling from Abbas Afridi's side.

In response, Pakistan started strongly and were well placed at 41/1 after three overs when rain interrupted play. Their chase had been anchored by Fakhar Zaman, who played some aggressive strokes before Binny produced a decisive over — conceding only seven runs while taking a key wicket.

With the rain intensifying and play unable to re-



sume, the DLS method came into effect. India's total proved just beyond Pakistan's par score at that stage, giving the Men in Blue a narrow two-run victory.

Stuart Binny was the standout performer with both bat and ball, while Uthappa's brisk knock provided the perfect start. For Pakistan, Afridi's sharp bowling and Fakhar's intent stood out despite the unfortunate finish.

The win gives Dinesh Karthik's India crucial momentum in Pool C, boosting their chances of advancing to the knockout stages. The Hong Kong Cricket Sixes, known for its high-octane six-over format, once again delivered a gripping India-Pakistan contest — short, intense, and decided by the finest.

Sudheer Babu’s Jatadhara Fails to Impress as a Supernatural Thriller



Actor Sudheer Babu returns with Jatadhara, a supernatural mystery thriller directed by Venkat Kalyan and Abhishek Jaiswal. The film, shot simultaneously in Telugu and Hindi, also marks Sonakshi Sinha’s Telugu debut. Despite an intriguing premise rooted in Indian folklore, the execution leaves much to be desired.

The story follows Shiva (Sudheer Babu), a corporate employee who moonlights as a ghost hunter. Haunted by recurring dreams of a child in danger, Shiva believes that fear within humans, not evil spirits, causes true harm. His life takes a strange turn when he discovers a connection with Dhana Pisaachini, a demoness played by Sonakshi Sinha, leading him to uncover shocking truths about his origins.

Sudheer Babu delivers a committed performance, showcasing both physical intensity and emotional conviction. His effort to explore new genres is evident, especially in the climactic dance sequence. Sonakshi Sinha, appearing mainly in the second

half, impresses with her powerful screen presence and fitting portrayal of a mythic being.

However, Jatadhara’s downfall lies in its weak screenplay and inconsistent direction. The first half meanders without focus, filled with unnecessary subplots and poor editing. The second half initially raises expectations through a flashback sequence but soon loses steam as the narrative remains shallow and predictable. The climax and visual effects are underwhelming, further weakening the film’s impact.

Technically, the film fares poorly — the visuals, CGI, and music lack polish, and the production values appear subpar for a film of this scale.

In the end, Jatadhara is a missed opportunity. While Sudheer Babu and Sonakshi Sinha give sincere performances, the film’s lackluster writing, dull pacing, and unimpressive visuals make it a disappointing supernatural thriller.

Rating: 2.25/5

Ram Charan’s ‘Peddi’ Kicks Off Musical Journey with First Single ‘Chikiri Chikiri’



Tollywood superstar Ram Charan’s much-awaited film Peddi has officially begun its musical promotions with the release of its first single, “Chikiri Chikiri.” The energetic track, composed by the legendary A.R. Rahman, is already making waves across music platforms, delighting fans with its catchy rhythm and vibrant composition.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, known for his emotionally rooted storytelling in Uppena, Peddi marks a significant collaboration between Rahman and Ram Charan — a combination that has raised sky-high expectations. The film is produced by Vriddhi Cinemas and is set for a grand theatrical release on March 27, 2026.

The first single, Chikiri Chikiri, is a lively number that captures the raw energy of rural life while reflecting the film’s rustic yet celebratory tone. Rahman’s fusion of folk beats with his signature modern sound

adds a refreshing twist, while the visuals tease glimpses of Ram Charan in a rugged, earthy avatar. The actor’s dynamic presence and effortless dance moves have once again won over fans.

Peddi features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, marking her second collaboration with Ram Charan after their much-talked-about ad shoot. The film also stars Kannada superstar Shivraj Kumar in a pivotal role, adding further depth to the cast.

With Buchi Babu Sana’s unique storytelling, Rahman’s powerful soundtrack, and Ram Charan’s commanding screen presence, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films of 2026. The release of Chikiri Chikiri has successfully set the tone for what promises to be a musically rich and emotionally intense cinematic experience.

Fans are now eagerly waiting for the next track and more glimpses from this grand production.

Rashmika Mandanna Shines in an Uneven Romantic Drama – The Girlfriend

Rashmika Mandanna’s latest Telugu outing, The Girlfriend, directed by Rahul Ravindran, hit theatres today. Co-starring Deekshith Shetty, the film explores love, obsession, and emotional turmoil, presenting a story that’s as intimate as it is unsettling.

The film follows Bhooma Devi (Rashmika Mandanna), a gentle and innocent young woman who moves to Hyderabad to pursue her MA in English. She meets Vikram (Deekshith Shetty), and their romance soon turns toxic as his possessive behavior begins to suffocate her. What starts as love quickly spirals into psychological tension, forcing Bhooma to confront hard choices that define the film’s emotional arc.

Rashmika delivers one of her most mature performances yet, embodying Bhooma’s vulnerability with striking realism. Her expressive acting and strong command of emotional nuance carry the film. Deekshith Shetty impresses in a darker role, portraying a controlling partner with disturbing conviction. Brief ap-



pearances by Rao Ramesh and Rohini Molleti lend emotional depth, especially in a poignant, wordless scene between the two women.

Visually, the film uses clever metaphors — like a cramped bathroom sym-

bolizing Bhooma’s suffocation — that showcase Rahul Ravindran’s artistic intent. However, the uneven pacing and predictable second half weigh the narrative down. The exaggerated contrast between the

leads feels stylized, and the story at times drifts from reality into melodrama.

Hesham Abdul Wahab’s music is soothing but lacks emotional heft, while Prashanth R Vihari’s background score

provides stronger impact. Technically, the film is neat but could benefit from tighter editing.

Overall, The Girlfriend stands out for Rashmika Mandanna’s powerful performance but falters in execution. It’s a film

that works in moments rather than as a whole — appealing mainly to those who appreciate emotional, metaphor-driven storytelling.

Rating: 2.75/5

GlobeTrotter: Prithviraj’s First Look As Mighty KUMBHA From SSMB Uneviled



The makers of Globetrotter have unveiled the first look of Prithviraj Sukumaran as Kumbha, and it’s already creating a storm among fans. The poster presents Prithviraj in a strikingly futuristic avatar — seated in a high-tech, wheelchair-like contraption equipped with mechanical arms extending from behind. The design instantly establishes him as a powerful and dominant presence in what appears to be a science-fiction action epic.

With an upright posture, squared shoulders, and hands resting firmly on the armrests, Kumbha exudes control, precision, and authority. His pierc-

ing gaze and calm intensity suggest a ruthless strategist, the kind of antagonist who commands fear without raising his voice. The backdrop — a chaotic battlefield with soldiers in motion — contrasts sharply with Kumbha’s stillness, amplifying his sense of menace. It’s a portrait of a man who rules through intellect and intimidation rather than brute force.

Director SS Rajamouli, known for crafting unforgettable cinematic villains, couldn’t hold back his admiration for Prithviraj’s performance. Sharing his experience, he said, “After canning the first shot with Prithvi, I told him

he’s one of the finest actors I’ve ever known. Bringing life to this ruthless and powerful antagonist Kumbha was creatively very satisfying. Thank you, Prithvi, for slipping into his chair... literally.”

With Rajamouli’s vision and Prithviraj’s commanding screen presence, Globetrotter is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated cinematic spectacles. The first look has already sparked discussions online, with fans praising the actor’s transformation and the film’s bold, futuristic tone. If this poster is any indication, Kumbha might just become one of Indian cinema’s most memorable villains.



Anushka Shetty’s Graceful First Look from Kathanar Unveiled

The makers of Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer have revealed the first look of Anushka Shetty, and it’s already making waves across social media. The actress, known for her regal screen presence, appears in a breathtakingly elegant avatar that perfectly complements the film’s mystical tone. Fans have been quick to shower praise, calling her look both majestic and timeless.

Directed by Rojin Thomas and written by R. Ramanand, the film marks Anushka Shetty’s Malayalam debut, adding another milestone to her illustrious career. The fantasy period drama is inspired by the legend of Kadamattathu Kathanar, a 9th-century Christian priest believed to possess supernatural powers. Malayalam star Jayasurya takes on the titular role, while Prabhu Deva appears in a significant supporting part.

In her unveiled look, Anushka radiates an ethereal charm — dressed in traditional attire with intricate jewelry, exuding both power and serenity. The backdrop of misty forests

and ancient architecture enhances the mystical appeal, hinting at the film’s grand world-building and visual sophistication.

Produced on a large scale with cutting-edge technology, Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer promises to be a visual extravaganza blending folklore, faith, and fantasy. The film reportedly employs advanced virtual production techniques, similar to international epics, ensuring a cinematic experience unlike any other in Malayalam cinema.

Fans and industry peers have expressed excitement over Anushka’s inclusion in this ambitious project, with many lauding her return to mythic storytelling after Baahubali. With its stellar cast, gripping premise, and breathtaking visuals, Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated South Indian releases.

Anushka’s enchanting look has undoubtedly set the perfect tone for what promises to be an extraordinary cinematic journey.