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Andhra CM inaugurates, lays foundation for 50 MSME parks across state

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Kanigiri: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday inaugurated an MSME park here in Prakasam district, and virtually launched and laid the foundation for up to 50 others across the state. Along with the MSME park at Peddaerlapadu village in Kanigiri mandal, the CM virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation for 50 more such parks across the state in 17 districts.

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The inaugurations also included 25 industries with an investment of Rs 25,256 crore. Naidu also interacted with industrialists, whose facilities were opened in Srikulam, Vizianagaram, Anakapalli and other districts.



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Later, addressing a public meeting, the CM emphasised the state government's commitment to ensuring that industrialists do not face any hurdles.

"We are creating a common infrastructure in

the industrial parks to supply power and water, and lay roads. If you come with an idea you can set up an industry," said Naidu. According to the TDP supremo, the current period is an investment festival in the southern state.

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The Andhra Pradesh government immediately implements the Centre's policies. "Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan is extending complete support to the government while minister Lokesh is working in an unrelenting fashion," he said. Underlining that the future is all about technology, Naidu said quantum computing technology will begin in the greenfield capital city of Amaravati in January (2026).

Naidu said, "the southern state will emerge as a place to manufacture quantum computers and supply them to the world." Noting that a drone city is being established in Orvakal, he said the drones used in Operation Sindoor were tested here.

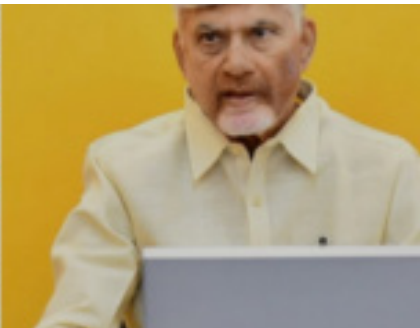
Andhra CM directs officials to send text alerts on traffic violations before issuing challans

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Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to send alerts on traffic violations to people's mobile phones before issuing challans, following the model implemented in Kerala.

"Officials should send alerts and warnings on traffic violations to the mobiles of people at first and then issue challans only after repeated violations," said Naidu in an official press release late on Monday. "It is not correct to frighten people with challans," he said.

During a review meeting on the rising road ac-



cidents and stampedes, the Chief Minister stressed the need for public awareness campaigns on traffic rules and helmet usage across the state. Naidu instructed officials to focus on crowd management to prevent stampedes, especially during large gatherings, by ensuring advance planning

and prior warnings at vulnerable locations.

He also directed urgent road repairs to maintain pothole-free roads, and proper drainage maintenance to prevent waterlogging during heavy rains. The Chief Minister also called for large-scale job fairs must be organised to boost employment opportunities for youth across districts, strengthening the state's workforce and industrial growth.

Naidu expressed concern over the functioning of registrar offices and directed officials to "eliminate corruption", setting a two-and-a-half-month deadline for performance improvement.

CID Probes Tirumala Parakamani Theft Case, Questions Key Police Officers

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Tirupati (Crime Desk) The State CID has intensified its probe into the sensational Tirumala Parakamani theft case, questioning several officials who were involved in the original investigation. Acting on High Court directions, a 20-member CID team led by DGP Ravi Shankar Ayyannar is conducting a detailed inquiry at Padmavathi Guest House in Tirupati to uncover irregularities surrounding the handling of the case.

According to reliable sources, the CID investigators raised sharp questions about why the theft of offerings made by devotees to Lord Venkateswara was treated as a simple house burglary,

rather than as criminal misappropriation of government funds. The team reportedly questioned why the case was registered under minor theft sections, and why a chargesheet filed in the case was later compromised through a Lok Adalat settlement.

Officers are probing whether the case severity was deliberately softened to facilitate the compromise. Among those questioned on Monday were then Circle Inspector Jaganmohan Reddy, Sub-Inspector Lakshmi Reddy, who registered the case, and former TTD Vigilance and Security Officer Giridhar. Each was interrogated separately by special CID units. Giridhar is said to have provided clarifications consistent with his



earlier reports regarding the incident and the settlement that followed.

Investigators questioned CI Jaganmohan Reddy for nearly four hours and examined his role in the initial inquiry. The CID sought answers on why the local crime investigation unit, specializing in theft cases, was kept out of the probe at that time. They also in-

quired about the limited number of officers involved in inspecting the accused Ravi Kumar's assets and whether any instructions were issued to legalize stolen assets by registering them as donations to the deity.

The CID team reportedly demanded explanations regarding the 3.50-acre land transfer deed linked to the accused, as-

king who currently holds control over the remaining properties and whether procedural lapses led to asset diversion. Investigators also questioned whether the then SP had been informed before the case was compromised in the Lok Adalat, and if any probe was conducted concerning missing evidence from the Command Control Centre.

With the probe widening, the CID is examining if lapses or deliberate omissions helped shield those involved in the misappropriation of devotees' offerings. The findings are expected to play a crucial role in fixing accountability for one of the most controversial cases in Tirumala's administrative history.

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Four youths killed as overspeeding car overturns in Andhra Pradesh

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Vijayawada: Four youths were killed as a speeding car in which they were travelling overturned here early Tuesday. The accident occurred on the national highway near Gandigunta in Vuyyuru mandal, police said. The car overturned and fell on the service road. Fortunately, it did not hit any vehicle on the service road.

While three of the occupants of the car died on the spot, the fourth succumbed at a hospital. Police rushed to the spot and launched

an investigation. Preliminary investigation by the police shows that overspeeding led to the accident.

The deceased were residents of Konduru village near Vijayawada. They were identified as Konatama Chintiah (17), Chatragadda Rakesh Babu (24), Prince Babu (23) and Goriparti Bapanaiah (24). The Telugu states have seen a series of road accidents involving buses during the last three weeks.

A head-on collision between an RTC bus and a tipper truck in Telangana's Rangareddy district claimed 19 lives on November 3. The speeding truck

carrying construction material rammed into the bus, which was going to Hyderabad from Tandur. Several passengers were buried under the gravel.

Nineteen people were burnt to death when a private bus caught fire after running over a motorbike lying on the road following an accident near Kurnool town of Andhra Pradesh on October 24. The bus belonging to Vemuri Kaveri Travels was engulfed in flames after the motorbike got stuck under its belly. The spark and fuel leakage from the bike triggered the massive blaze.

Tirupati SIT Expedites Probe in Tirumala Adulterated Ghee Case



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Tirupati: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has intensified its probe into the alleged adulteration of ghee used in the preparation of sacred offerings at the Tirumala temple during the previous YSRCP government. The move comes amid mounting evidence and public concern over large-scale malpractice in the handling of temple materials. On Tuesday, former TTD Executive Officer A.V. Dharma Reddy appeared before the SIT at its Tirupati office for questioning.

He had served as the Executive Officer of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) during the YSRCP regime. According to official sources, the SIT sought detailed clarifications from him regarding procurement procedures, supply chains,

and the alleged use of substandard or adulterated ghee in the temple's kitchens and prasadam preparations.

Investigators are reportedly examining the contracts awarded to suppliers, quality-testing protocols followed at the time, and the administrative decisions taken under Dharma Reddy's tenure. The SIT is also said to be cross-verifying statements from officials and suppliers involved in the procurement network.

Sources indicated that several key documents and digital records have already been seized for forensic scrutiny. The alleged adulteration came to light following internal audits and subsequent complaints from temple staff, who claimed that ghee used for Naivedyam and laddu preparation lacked purity standards. The issue triggered widespread out-

rage among devotees, prompting the state government to order a detailed inquiry through the SIT earlier this year.

In what appears to be a widening scope of the investigation, SIT officials have also issued notices to former TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy, summoning him for questioning in the coming days. The team aims to determine whether procedural lapses or deliberate irregularities occurred at higher administrative levels. Officials stated that the SIT is working to complete its investigation expeditiously, with priority given to identifying responsible officials and suppliers. The outcome of this probe is expected to have far-reaching implications for TTD's procurement processes and accountability standards.







# Telangana, AP CMs recall Maulana Azad’s contributions to education sector

TPN Bureau | Nov 11  
Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday paid tributes to eminent freedom fighter and India’s first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, on his birth anniversary. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extolled Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for laying a strong foundation for the country’s education sector as the first education minister.

On the occasion of Abul Kalam Azad’s birth anniversary which is being celebrated as National Education Day and also Minority Welfare Day, the Chief Minister remembered the leader’s contribution to the development of the education sector by introducing various policies like adult literacy, universal primary education, compulsory free education for all children under 14 years, vocational training, establishment of the University Grants Commission and also as the Chairman of the Central Advisory Board of Education.

CM Revanth Reddy said that the state government took inspiration from India’s first education minister and introduced revolutionary changes in the education sector. Young India Integrated Residential Schools are being built in every constituency to provide free quality education to the poor at an

international level, according to the Chief Minister.

He also mentioned that Industrial Training Institutes (ITIS) have also been upgraded to Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) with state-of-the-art technology. The government established Young India Skill University and appointed teachers and lecturers. The CM also commended Maulana Azad’s invaluable services as the president of the All India Congress Committee during the freedom struggle.

Recalling Maulana Azad’s active participation in the Khilafat Movement and fighting against British imperialism,

the CM said that the freedom fighter opposed the partition of the country and stressed Hindu-Muslim unity in the national movement. After India attained freedom, Azad was the voice of minorities, and, hence, his birth anniversary is being celebrated as Minority Welfare Day.

Stating that the minorities’ welfare has been given a top priority in the people’s government, the CM said that the government launched new schemes - Indiramma Minority Mahila Yojana and Revanthanna Ka Sahara by allocating adequate funds.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid rich tributes to Maulana Azad.

He stated that Maulana Azad laid the foundation for the country’s education system with reforms and served as India’s first education minister.

CM Naidu recalled Maulana Azad’s contributions to the development of education, science, and technology sectors. He conveyed National Education Day and Minority Welfare Day greetings to people.

Human Resources Development and Information Technology Minister Nara Lokesh said in his message that Maulana Azad made special efforts for the development of education in the country through innovative reforms. The services rendered by him to the field of education are invaluable, he said.



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dreams of medical aspirants, Chandrababu Naidu has crushed them,” he stated.

He criticized the Naidu government for trying to hand over public medical colleges to private hands, while even Telangana, without complete infrastructure, secured medical college permissions and ran them successfully. “If Telangana can prioritize public medical education, why is Chandrababu destroying it in Andhra Pradesh?” he questioned.

He urged party leaders, parents, students, doctors, civil society, intellectuals, and social activists to join tomorrow’s rallies and “make the government step back from this anti-people policy.” He

stressed that these protests must become a national talking point to protect the healthcare rights of the poor.

Sajjala also directed party cadres to stay battle-ready for the upcoming local body elections, prepare organizational committees, appoint booth-level agents, strengthen digital systems, and aggressively communicate both YS Jagan’s welfare governance and the current government’s failures and corruption to the public.

“Let us amplify people’s voices through ground activism and social media. This is a public movement to save medical education and healthcare in Andhra Pradesh,” Sajjala affirmed.

## CM to participate in 3 lakh massive house warming ceremony

TPN Bureau | Nov 11, AMARAVATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will launch a massive house warming ceremony through out the state from Devagudipalle village of Rayachoti manal in Annamiah district tomorrow. As part of it the Chief Minister will launch the house warming ceremony virtually throughout the state.

The NDA government as part of election manifesto promise completed three lakh houses in 17 months and now handing over the keys to three lakh beneficiaries.



Under PM Awas Yojana 2,28,034 houses, PMAY Grameen 65,292 houses, PMAY Janman scheme 6866 houses totaling 3,00,192 houses were completed. The free sand policy of NDA government also helped for speedy construction of houses.

The NDA government committed to

provide houses to poor and as part of it constructed three lakh houses in 17 months time. It may be noted that during previous TDP regime 8 lakh houses were constructed. While the previous government cancelled 4.73 lakh houses and failed to release funds to 2.73 lakh beneficiaries, the NDA government cleared the dues and completed the construction of houses.

Ministers and MLAs will participate in the massive house warming ceremony in their respective constituencies throughout the state tomorrow.



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PUTTAPARTHI: A team of ministers and senior officials visited Puttaparthi to review the ongoing arrangements for the grand centenary celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The ministerial team included Anagani Satya Prasad, Payyavula Keshav, Anam Ramanarayana Reddy and Satyakumar Yadav. Accompanying them were senior bureaucrats — Transport and R&B Special Chief Secretary Krishna Babu and Tourism & Youth Affairs Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain.

The ministers and officials visited the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba at Sai Kulwant Hall and later inspected various works being undertaken

in connection with the upcoming centenary festivities. A review meeting was held with district and local officials at the Sai Ashram to assess preparedness and coordination among departments.

District in-charge minister Anagani Satya Prasad said that the State Government has decided to celebrate the centenary of Sri Bhagawan Sathya Sai Baba in a grand and dignified manner. He reminded that the coalition government has declared the centenary celebrations as a State Festival.

The festivities will be held for ten days, from November 13 to 23, with the government extending full support for their successful conduct. It is estimated that over ten lakh devotees are expected to visit Puttaparthi during this period.

He also revealed that Prime Minister Naren-



dra Modi will visit Puttaparthi on November 19, arriving at 9:00 a.m. and staying till 11:35 a.m. Comprehensive arrangements are being made to ensure the grand success of the Prime Minister’s programs.

“The government will allocate and spend all necessary funds for the celebrations. Efforts are

also underway to promote Puttaparthi as a leading spiritual and tourism destination,” Satya Prasad added.

Condemning certain political comments on the celebrations, the minister remarked that “it is shameful that some people are trying to politicize even such a sacred occasion.”

## Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurates revived waterbody in AP

TPN Bureau | Nov 11  
Amaravati: Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, inaugurated a revived water tank in Andhra Pradesh’s Guntur district as part of ‘Watershed Mahotsav’ on Tuesday.

He, along with Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani and district incharge minister Kandula Durgesh, inaugurated the 21-acre tank, which has been revived at a cost of Rs 1.20 crore in Vengalayapalem in Guntur Rural Mandal. Speaking to media persons, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the 150-year-old waterbody, which was lying unused, has been revived.

He congratulated the local administration for developing a plantation on a five-acre area with 250 coconut trees to use the income for maintenance of the waterbody. He called this an ideal sustainable model. He also noted that a walking track, an open-air theatre and an open gym have also been developed, which will help undertake cultural activities. “This shows how a waterbody can be used for multipurpose activities,” he said.

“Water is life. There is no life without water, and there is no agriculture without soil. Conservation of both water and soil is essential,” he said and termed the watershed mission and ‘Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana’ a boon for water and soil conservation. Shivraj Singh Chouhan noted that under the watershed mission, several waterbodies were built, which helped recharge underground water and benefited farmers.

“Under the Watershed Mission, while the construction of new water sources is essential, we must not forget that our old water structures are our invaluable heritage. Adopting this model across the country, we will restore all such old water sources and make them usable again so that we can save water and ensure water security for future generations,” he said.

A programme was also planned as part of the National Watershed Conference organised by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development, in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

## Maharashtra Water Resources Officials Study Polavaram Engineering Works

TPN Bureau | Nov 11  
POLAVARAM: A high-level delegation from the Maharashtra Water Resources Department visited the Polavaram Project on Tuesday to study its large-scale engineering components and innovative construction technologies. The ten-member team inspected major structures, including the spillway, diaphragm wall, coffer dams, and hydroelectric power components.

The visiting officials were received and briefed by Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Department engineers and representatives from Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), the project’s main contractor. Project DE Balakrishna, MEIL General Manager A Gangadhar, and Deputy General Manager Murali Pammi explained the project’s progress, technical challenges, and the use of advanced machinery in execution.

The visit began with an overview session, followed by a detailed field inspection of the spillway—the world’s



largest in terms of discharge capacity. The Maharashtra team showed keen interest in the massive radial gates, hydraulic cylinders, and structural design that enable the Polavaram spillway to handle exceptionally high flood volumes. They recorded visuals and notes for reference, appreciating the scale and precision of the engineering involved.

The officials also examined the diaphragm wall, upper and lower coffer dams, and the fish ladder structure, which were highlighted as examples of modern civil engineering and environmental integration. During interactions with AP officials, the team sought detailed information on manpower deployment, including the number of technical experts, engineers, and skilled laborers, as well as the advanced construction equipment used at the site.

The delegation later

visited the Polavaram Hydro Power Plant area to understand the integration of the power component with the main project. They reviewed the progress of ongoing works and the synchronization of irrigation and power generation functions under the multipurpose scheme.

The visiting delegation included Superintending Engineers Shriram Hajare and Ravindra Wankhade; Executive Engineers Paranjit Singh Juneja, Tushar Metkar, and Ganesh Bhagat; and Deputy Engineers Umesh Pachapoor, Dhananjay Shinde, Anil Rathod, Ravindra Vishwakarma and Ganesh Ingle.

Officials from both states described the visit as a valuable knowledge-sharing initiative that fosters interstate collaboration in large-scale water resource management and infrastructure development.



# Speaker Ayanna Patrudu Rules Out Opposition Status for YSRCP



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Anaparthi (East Godavari): Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker G. Ayanna Patrudu has categorically stated that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) cannot be accorded the status of the main opposition in the Assembly, as it lacks the required number of legislators.

Speaking at a public event in Anaparthi mandal on Monday, the Speaker said he had consulted legislative experts and Speakers from other states on the issue. According to them, constitutional norms do not permit granting opposition status to a party that does not meet the

minimum seat requirement, he said. The Speaker made these remarks after inaugurating a paddy procurement centre at Kutukuluru village and a BT road in Anaparthi along with local MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy. Addressing the gathering, he commented that

YSRCP chief Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy should speak inside the Assembly instead of addressing people from outside. "We will give him adequate time to present his views in the House," Ayanna Patrudu noted. Recalling his own arrest during the YSRCP

regime, he said Jagan might be hesitant to address him as 'Speaker' in the Assembly. "The Assembly is like a temple, and I am only its priest," he remarked. He also announced that due to age considerations, he would be retiring from active politics and not contesting in the next elections.



## Strengthen Telugu Desam at the grassroots level: Buddha Venkanna

TPN Bureau | Nov 11, VIJAYAWADA: Former MLC and Telugu Desam State General Secretary Buddha Venkanna reiterated that the strength of the TDP lies in its dedicated cadre. The oath-taking ceremony for booth conveners, cluster, and unit in-charges in the West Constituency was held on Tuesday at Nagarala Kalyana Mandapam in Chittinagar in Vijayawada with a grand turnout. Dudekula Welfare

Corporation Chairman K Nagul Meera was the chief guest. The newly appointed leaders took their oaths to strengthen the party at the grassroots level in the West Constituency. Venkanna said that before appointing leaders, the opinions of party workers were sought to ensure discipline and dedication. He congratulated the oath-takers, thanking them for their hard work, and emphasized that the party is em-

powered by its activists who drive its progress. He called for unity and to work under Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath's leadership. Nagul Meera praised the cadre's dedication in the constituency, whether TD was in power or not, likening them to soldiers. The event was attended by senior party leaders, constituency observers, and numerous activists, highlighting strong participation from across the party.



## Home Minister Reviews Security Arrangements for Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 NAKKAPALLI: In view of the upcoming Partnership Summit scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15, Home Minister Vangalapu Anitha conducted a video conference with senior police officials to review the security arrangements. The minister directed officials to implement foolproof security measures, noting that the event will be attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhan

khar, Governor Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, several Union and State Ministers, and numerous national and international delegates. She emphasized that the entire city of Visakhapatnam should remain under continuous surveillance through drones and CCTV cameras, and instructed authorities to keep fire safety and SDRF teams on standby. Anitha also stressed the need for vigilance against misinforma-

tion on social media and called for strong coordination among all departments involved in the summit's arrangements. Highlighting the importance of public convenience, the Home Minister instructed officials to inform citizens in advance about traffic regulations and diversions during the summit. She urged all officers to remain alert and proactive to ensure the event is conducted smoothly and securely.

## Jagan Withdraws Petition Seeking Exemption from Personal Court Appearance

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Thadepalle: In a key development in the CBI cases pending against him, YSR Congress Party president and former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has withdrawn his petition seeking exemption from personal appearance in the CBI court. The move came after the CBI opposed his plea and insisted that he must attend the proceedings in person. Jagan had earlier approached the CBI court in Hyderabad requesting permission to be represented by his counsel or to attend the hearing through video conferencing. However, the CBI filed a counter stating that there were no valid grounds for exemption and that his personal presence was mandatory. Following the CBI's objection, Jagan decided to drop his request and informed the court that he would personally appear. Jagan, who had travelled to

Europe between October 11 and 19 after securing court permission for his trip, was directed to submit a memo detailing his travel dates and to appear before the CBI court by November 14. The court had earlier allowed him to travel abroad between October 1 and 30 for a 15-day visit, subject to these conditions. After returning to India, Jagan sought additional relief citing his busy schedule, but the CBI firmly opposed the plea. Following discussions in court, Jagan's counsel requested additional time to ensure his client's physical presence. Considering the request, the CBI court granted him time until November 21 to appear. With this, Jagan is now expected to personally attend the CBI court later this month as part of the ongoing hearings related to the alleged quid pro quo investments and other pending charges against him.

## 3.9 Million People Screened for Cancer in Andhra Pradesh

Plan to Complete Remaining Tests in Six Months

TPN Bureau | Nov 11, VIJAYAWADA: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has so far conducted cancer screening tests for 3.9 million people under the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Control and Prevention Programme 4.0, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav announced on Tuesday. He said the remaining eligible population will be covered within the next six months. The screenings, aimed at detecting cancer in its early stages, include oral, cervical, and breast cancer tests for women, and oral cancer tests for men. Among those screened, 9,963 women showed symptoms of breast cancer, 22,861 women showed possible cervical cancer indicators, and 26,639 individuals were identified with suspected oral cancer symptoms.



Suspected cases are being re-evaluated by Primary Health Centre (PHC) doctors and referred to district teaching hospitals, where oncologists conduct further examinations before confirming diagnosis and beginning treatment. "Special OP rooms with the code number '222' have been designated in teaching hospitals for cancer treatment," the Minister said. Compared to the previous NCD 3.0 phase, the Minister noted that NCD 4.0, launched on September 17, has shown a marked improvement in screening effectiveness. Andhra Pradesh has a total of 4.18 crore

people above 18 years, out of which 2.92 crore were screened during the NCD 3.0 phase. To enhance efficiency, the number of diagnostic questions has been reduced from 210 to 28, and Community Health Officers (CHOs) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) received specialized training from oncologists. MEPMA resource persons and village organization assistants (VOAs) are also being engaged to raise awareness. Highlighting the low turnout for cervical cancer screening, the Health Department has launched a campaign urging women to step forward: "Take a small step for your family — visit your health centre. Early detection saves lives." Minister Satya Kumar added that the protocols for cancer screening were finalized with expert guidance from renowned oncologist Dr Nori Dattatrayudu.

# Nara Lokesh Directs Immediate Filling of All Pending Party Posts

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Amaravati: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National General Secretary and Minister Nara Lokesh announced that all pending party posts across Andhra Pradesh would be filled without delay. Addressing zonal coordinators and senior party leaders at the NTR Bhavan, the TDP central office, Lokesh issued detailed instructions to strengthen the organizational network at every level as the party transitions from opposition to governance. Lokesh emphasized that zonal coordinators must display the same dynamism and commitment they showed while the party was in opposition. "Coming to power should not lead to complacency," he told the leaders, stressing that the energy and dedication seen before the gen-

eral elections must continue during the party's tenure in power. He directed zonal coordinators and district leaders to initiate ground-level planning for upcoming local body elections and to work in close coordination with in-charge ministers to devise winning strategies. The meeting, attended by state party president Palla Srinivas Rao, zonal coordinators Mantena Satyanarayana Raju, Bhoomireddy Ram Gopal Reddy, Beeda Ravichandra Yadav, Damacharla Sathya, Sujay Krishna Ranga Rao, Deepak Reddy, Kovela Mudi Ravindra, Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, Mandalapu Ravi, and Pellakuru Srinivasa Reddy, discussed organizational priorities and coordination mechanisms between ministers, MLAs, and constituency-level leaders. Lokesh instructed officials to complete



the construction of TDP parliamentary and constituency-level offices at the earliest, with sites already identified across the districts. He said that new in-charges would soon be appointed for vacant constituencies and that MLAs should regularly review and monitor party affairs in their regions. He also directed MLAs to actively oversee grievance programs and ensure that issues raised by the public are resolved at the MLA or in-charge minister level.

The minister underlined the vital role of zonal coordinators in maintaining coordination between party workers, MLAs, and ministers. Their performance will be reviewed monthly, he said, adding that they must take full responsibility for ensuring smooth intra-party communication and discipline. Lokesh also urged coordinators to mediate and resolve disputes wherever differences arise between MLAs and ministers. Furthermore, he stated that the party would review all legal cases allegedly filed against TDP leaders by the YSR Congress Party and find appropriate legal solutions. He concluded by reiterating that the TDP's strength lies in its disciplined organization and collective responsibility at every level.

## Every Party Worker Must Get Justice: Nara Lokesh Directs TDP Zonal Coordinators

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 VIJAYAWADA: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National General Secretary Nara Lokesh stressed that every party worker should be treated with justice and respect, reiterating that "workers are the true leaders of the party." He stated that it is the responsibility of MLAs, in-charge ministers, and zonal coordinators to ensure this principle is implemented across all constituencies. Addressing a meeting with TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao and zonal coordinators at the TDP central office, NTR Bhavan in Mangalagiri, Lokesh instructed leaders to stay grounded, work diligently, and maintain strong coordination. "Being in power should not lead to complacency. We must work



even harder than we did while in opposition," he said. Lokesh directed MLAs to conduct regular grievance meetings in their constituencies to receive petitions from the public and resolve issues swiftly. He also urged zonal coordinators to visit every constituency, review party affairs, and strengthen coordination between MLAs and grassroots workers. He announced that all pending party and nominated posts will be filled by the end of this

month. Lokesh also instructed zonal coordinators to coordinate with in-charge ministers and local MLAs to devise effective local election strategies and maintain strong collaboration with Jana Sena and BJP MLAs in allied constituencies. The TDP leader stressed the need to review illegal cases filed during the previous YSRCP government and ensure they are resolved legally. He urged zonal coordinators to conduct meetings with cluster, unit, booth, and family empowerment

leaders and ensure MLAs and ministers actively participate in grievance programs, pension distribution, cadre meetings, and Swachh Andhra initiatives. Lokesh said that reports submitted by zonal coordinators on these activities will be personally reviewed by the party high command and instructed them to deliver insurance cheques promptly to the families of deceased workers. Zonal coordinators Mantena Satyanarayana Raju, Bhoomireddy Rangopal Reddy, Beeda Ravichandra Yadav, Damacharla Sathya, Sujay Krishna Ranga Rao, Deepak Reddy, Kovela Mudi Ravindra, Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, Mandalapu Ravi and Pellakuru Srinivasa Reddy attended the meeting.



# Private bus catches fire on Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway, narrow escape for passengers

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Hyderabad: Passengers of a private bus had a narrow escape as it caught fire on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway in the early hours of Tuesday. The bus, which was going to Kandukur from Hyderabad, suddenly caught fire near Pittampally in Chityala mandal of Telangana's Nalgonda district. The driver noticed smoke coming out of the engine and immediately stopped the bus. He alerted the passengers, who all got down before the flames engulfed the vehicle.

There were 29 passengers

aboard the bus belonging to a private travel agency. The vehicle was completely gutted before a fire engine reached the spot to douse the flames. Police rushed to the spot and took up the investigation. The Telugu states have seen a series of road accidents involving buses during the last three weeks. A head-on collision between an RTC bus and a tipper truck in Telangana's Rangareddy district claimed 19 lives on November 3. The speeding truck carrying construction material rammed into the bus, which was going to Hyderabad from

Tandur. Several passengers were buried under the gravel. A private travel bus overturned in Andhra Pradesh's Eluru district, killing a man and injuring 10 others on the night of November 3. The accident occurred when the bus belonging to Bharati Travels, and coming to Hyderabad from Eluru, overturned while negotiating a turn at Jubilee Nagar. One person was killed and eight others injured when a private bus rammed into a truck on November 4 in Andhra Pradesh's Sri Sathya Sai district. The accident occurred

near Dhamajipalli in Chennakothapalle mandal. The bus belonging to Jabbar Travels hit the truck from behind while negotiating the turn. Nineteen people were burnt to death when a private bus caught fire after running over a motorbike lying on the road following an accident near Kurnool town of Andhra Pradesh on October 24. The bus belonging to Vemuri Kaveri Travels was engulfed in flames after the motorbike was stuck under its belly. The spark and fuel leakage from the bike triggered the massive blaze.



## VMRDA Chairman Directs Officials to Ensure SC/ST Quota in Engineering Works

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Visakhapatnam: VMRDA Chairman M. V. Pranav Gopal has instructed engineering officials to ensure that a fixed percentage of engineering-related works are allocated to contractors belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) as per government guidelines. He emphasized that these directives must be implemented strictly to promote inclusiveness in developmental projects. Chairman Pranav Gopal held a review meeting today in his chamber, where he examined the progress of various developmental works being undertaken by the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA).

The review was conducted zone-wise, with both supervisory and executive engineers



providing updates on ongoing projects. During the meeting, he discussed the large-scale master plan road projects currently under execution. He urged officials to resolve hurdles arising in coordination with the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) and complete all works within the stipu-

lated timelines. Particular attention was given to projects that have not yet commenced, with directions to begin them immediately to avoid further delays. The Chairman highlighted that the government's prescribed percentage reservations for SC and ST communities must be reflected in all

engineering-related works handled by VMRDA. He also stated that systematic efforts should be made to ensure these works are fairly distributed and transparently executed. Supervisory engineers Bhavani Shankar and Madhusudhan Rao, along with executive en-

gineers Rambabu, S. V. S. N. Raju, Sudheer, Durga Prasad, and Ram a Raju, participated in the review meeting. The officials assured the Chairman of their commitment to adhering to project deadlines and fulfilling the government's social responsibility framework through equitable allocation of works.



## Free Eye Check-ups for SPF Staff at AP Secretariat

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VIJAYAWADA: Free eye check-ups are being organised for the Special Protection Force (SPF) police personnel working at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat in Velagapudi in Amaravati. The two-day camp began on Tuesday at the SPF staff rest room in the Secretariat premises. The

initiative, undertaken under the directions of SPF Director General Dr C.M. Trivikrama Varma, is being conducted by Dr Rahim Basha of Hasini Eye Hospital, Mangalagiri. Chief Security Officer of the Secretariat Mallikarjuna Rao said the medical camp will

continue on Wednesday as well, providing free eye examinations to all SPF personnel. He advised the staff to make full use of the opportunity for timely eye care and screening. Inspectors M. Venkateswarlu, S. Ramana, M.V. Sivakumar, and several SPF staff members participated in the programme.

## HC Seeks Rehab Plan for Illiterate Grandmother and Granddaughter

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Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has strongly objected to a plea seeking permission for euthanasia filed on behalf of a 90-year-old woman, her daughter, and granddaughter from Rayapudi village in Thulluru mandal, Guntur district. Justice Ganamaneni Ramakrishna Prasad, who heard the petition on Monday, questioned the very basis of such a request and reminded the petitioners' counsel that courts do not entertain pleas for mercy killing. The judge remarked that if the advocates were pressured to file such a petition, they should have refused to do so. Courts, he said, should not be used as platforms for publicity or personal campaigns. Expressing concern, the court asked how signatures were taken from Shyamala, the granddaughter who reportedly suffers from mental illness, without her full understanding of the petition contents. Justice Prasad instructed the lawyer to amend the plea accord-

ingly. The court also directed officials of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) to submit details regarding any proposed projects at or near the petitioners' residence in Rayapudi, and whether their house obstructs any such development. The matter has been adjourned to November 14 for further hearing. According to case records, Nelluri Seshagamma (90), her late daughter Venkayamma, and granddaughter Shyamala had filed the petition complaining that, due to illiteracy, they had mistakenly handed over five cents of their land to CRDA. They requested the court to direct officials to restore the property to them. The plea further stated that if the land could not be returned, they should be granted permission for euthanasia as a mark of mercy. Earlier, the court had already instructed advocate Rupesh to personally examine and report on the living conditions of Seshagamma and Shyamala before proceeding with the case.

## Track restoration works cancel several trains from Vijayawada - SCR

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Vijayawada: Railway Maintenance Works Lead to Cancellation of Several Trains on Vijayawada-Duvvada Route South Central Railway (SCR) has announced the temporary cancellation of several train services passing through the Vijayawada-Duvvada section due to track maintenance and repair works. The decision, according to railway officials, was taken as part of planned infrastructure improvement efforts aimed at ensuring safe and efficient train operations across the busy coastal route. In an official release, SCR authorities stated that four express trains operating between Kakinada, Rajahmundry, and Visakhapatnam will remain cancelled on November 20th.

The affected services include the Kakinada Port-Visakhapatnam Express (Train No. 17267), Visakhapatnam-Kakinada Port Express (Train No. 17268), Rajahmundry-Visakhapatnam Express (Train No. 67285), and Vi-



sakhapatnam-Rajahmundry Express (Train No. 67286). Passengers who had booked tickets on these trains have been advised to plan their travel accordingly and check for alternative arrangements through the Indian Railways online booking system or nearby reservation counters. Railway officials clarified that the ongoing maintenance activities are part of a scheduled infrastructure upgrade program aimed at enhancing passenger safety and improving the reliability of train operations in the coastal corridor. These works generally include track renewal, realignment, and ballast consolidation, which temporarily restrict train movement

in specific stretches. To accommodate passenger demand during this period, South Central Railway will operate special train services on select dates. A Narsapur-Secunderabad special train will run on November 12th, and an Anakapalli-Secunderabad special train will operate on November 15. These trains are intended to ease congestion and ensure continued connectivity between the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Officials appealed to passengers to stay updated through official railway websites, mobile apps, or inquiry counters regarding any further changes in schedule. The South

Central Railway reiterated its commitment to passenger convenience and safety, emphasizing that temporary disruptions are necessary to maintain long-term operational efficiency. The Vijayawada-Duvvada section serves as a vital rail link connecting several major cities along Andhra Pradesh's coastline, including Eluru, Rajahmundry, Samalkot, and Visakhapatnam. Given the high frequency of trains and heavy passenger traffic on this route, officials noted that maintenance activities are carefully scheduled to minimize inconvenience while ensuring that the rail network continues to meet the growing transportation needs of the region.

## Foundation Stone Laid for Daspalla Amaravati Hotel



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VIJAYAWADA: The foundation stone for the prestigious Daspalla Amaravati Hotel was laid on Tuesday morning at Shakamuru, Amaravati, marking the beginning of a major hospitality project in the capital region. The hotel, to be developed on 2 acres of land, will operate under Daspalla Amaravati Hotels Pvt. Ltd. and is planned to feature 400 luxury rooms. As part of the CII Partnership Summit 2025 activities, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu virtually participated in the ceremony and extended his best wishes for the project. The event was attended by Tadikonda MLA Tenali Shruvan Kumar, AP Tourism Development Corporation Vice Chairperson and Managing Director Katta Amrapali, Guntur District Joint Collector Ashutosh Srivastava, Daspalla Group Chairman Mandava Raghavendra Rao, and Directors Mandava

Venkata Rao, Gannamaneni Venkata Krishna, and Jasti Sharath Babu. Also present were M. Paranjyothi Raju, Project Manager, Economic Development Department, APCRDA, along with other senior officials. The upcoming 4-star Daspalla Hotel aims to enhance Amaravati's hospitality and tourism infrastructure. Designed as a modern urban retreat, it will include: Luxury Rooms and Suites, Premium Serviced Apartments, Multi-cuisine Restaurants, Convention Centre and Conference Halls, Health Club and Wellness Centre, Swimming Pool and Recreational Facilities. The project aligns with the State Government's vision to position Amaravati as a premier destination for business and tourism, complementing the upcoming international events and investment opportunities in the region.





# Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu Vows to Make Every Household Entrepreneurial

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Dacheipalli (Palnadu District): In a major move to strengthen the state's industrial ecosystem and promote entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced that every household in the state will be developed into an entrepreneurial unit. He made this statement during a video conference held on Tuesday as part of the foundation stone-laying ceremony for 50 new MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) parks across the state. As part of this initiative, a new MSME park was inaugurated virtually at Nadikudi, Dacheipalli town in Gu- razala constituency, Pal- nadu district.



The event was attend-

ed by local MLA Yarpa- thineni Srinivas Rao, who participated as the chief guest at the Dacheipalli venue. Speak- ing on the occasion, MLA Srinivas Rao said that the establishment of the

MSME park marks a key milestone in creating new employment opportuni- ties and boosting local economic activities. He highlighted that such in- dustrial initiatives not only generate jobs but

also drive overall develop- ment in the constituency and contribute to the state's growth. The MLA interacted with repre- sentatives of small-scale industries and expressed optimism that more en- terprises would be set up in the region in the com- ing months.

MLA Yarithineni re- iterated the state govern- ment's commitment to supporting entrepre- neurs and ensuring infra- structure and skill devel- opment in rural areas. Local leaders and com- munity representatives including Narra Pul- layya, Bellamkonda Bharati Badri, Tangella Srinivasa Rao, Vemula Tirumala Kumar, Thota Venkateswarlu, Akkena- palli Balayya, Pagadala Bhaskar Rao, Bommi Reddy Narayana, Ahme- da, and Jakkishetti Pun- na Rao participated in the event, expressing their support for the govern- ment's vision of creating a self-reliant and indus- trially empowered Andhra Pradesh.

# Minority Welfare Day and National Education Day Celebrated in Visakhapatnam

TPN Bureau | No- vember 11: Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Dis- trict Administration celebrated Minority Welfare Day and National Education Day with grandeur at the Collector's office con- ference hall on Tues- day. The event was or- ga n i z e d t o commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Edu- cation Minister and a prominent freedom fighter who champi- oned modern educa- tion. District Collector Harendra Prasad inau- gurated the celebra- tions by lighting a cer-



emonial lamp and offering floral tributes to a portrait of Dr. Abul Kalam Azad.

Speaking on the oc- casion, the Collector emphasized Azad's contribution to build- ing India's educational foundation and urged society to draw inspi- ration from his vision

for knowledge-based national development. The Collector high- lighted several key welfare initiatives un- dertaken for the city's minority communities. He announced that a burial ground had been established on four acres of land at Peekuru village in

Anandapuram mandal for the Muslim commu- nity. He further direct- ed officials to prepare proposals for allotting land for a similar facil- ity in Pendurthi.

Taking note of exist- ing land issues, Prasad stated that steps had been taken to remove Minority Society lands from Section 22A re- strictions, thereby en- abling their appropriate use. He also mentioned development works un- derway at the Mad- hurawada burial ground. Harendra Prasad added that var- ious training and ca- pacity-building pro- grams are being conducted for religious

leaders and urged them to make the best use of these opportunities.

He remarked that Azad's educational re- forms remain inspira- tional and serve as a guiding light for inclu- sive growth. Prominent attendees included State Minority Welfare Department Secretary Nazeer, Corporator Sadiq, TDP District Secretary Ghouse Mo- hammed, DM&HO Satyapadma, Minority Corporation Director Subhani, former Cor- porator M.D. Rafi, and several religious lead- ers, marking a mean- ingful celebration of unity and progress.

# Home Stay Policy to Boost Tourism and Rural Employment in East Godavari



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 East Godavari: A new chapter is unfolding in Andhra Pradesh's tour- ism sector with the launch of the "Home Stay and Bed & Break- fast Policy 2024-2029." East Godavari District Collector Keerthi Chek- uri announced the initia- tive on Tuesday, describ- ing it as a key step toward promoting rural and tribal tourism while creating local employ- ment opportunities. Ac- cording to the Collector, the policy aims to en- courage citizens to con- vert a part of their resi- dence into Home Stays that offer affordable and authentic accommoda- tions for domestic and international tourists.

Under the new scheme, Home Stay owners can rent out a minimum of one room and up to six rooms, provided they live in the same premis- es. The government has set clear quality stand- ards to ensure a comfort- able experience, includ- ing mandatory facilities such as clean surround- ings, safe drinking water,

furniture, television, in- ter net, air conditioning, and proper lodging amenities. Additionally, every guest's identity de- tails must be recorded for security purposes. To attract more partici- pants, the policy in- cludes several fiscal incentives.

Home Stay operators will receive a 100 percent SGST reimbursement for seven years and free registration for the first three years. They will also benefit from domes- tic electricity, water, waste collection, and property tax rates simi- lar to regular house- holds. Under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, own- ers can install solar power systems with subsi- dies, while low-interest loans will be made avail- able through the Mudra Scheme. Keerthi Chek- uri emphasized that this initiative will not only provide budget-friendly accommodation options for travelers but also gen- erate sustainable liveli- hoods for villagers and tribal communities.

"The Home Stay model

will bring the benefits of tourism directly to local families while offering tourists a genuine cul- tural experience," she said. The Collector added that under the Swadesh Darshan (Trib- al Tourism) scheme, new Home Stay promoters are eligible for a finan- cial incentive of up to Rs. 5 lakh, while existing op- erators seeking up- grades can receive as- sistance of up to Rs. 3 lakh. Skill development and capacity-building pro- grams are an integral part of the initiative.

The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority (APTA), in collabora- tion with other partner organizations, will conduct training programs fo- cused on hospitality, cleanliness, safety, and service quality. Priority will be given to women and youth entrepre- neurs. Economic and in- frastructural support will also be extended through coordination with SERP and NRLM agencies. Administrative responsibility for regis- tration and governance



will lie with the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority.

At the district level, the District Tourism Council (DTC) will re- view applications and monitor implementa- tion. Each Home Stay registration will remain valid for two years and must be renewed thereaf- ter. Establishments will be categorized into Sil- ver (basic facilities) and Gold (premium stand- ards) grades based on their amenities and ser- vice quality.

District Tourism Of- ficer P. Venkatachalam informed that residents interested in applying for the Home Stay scheme can access fur- ther details and submit applications through the official tourism website at <https://homestays.staging.ap.gov.in>. By blending local hospitali- ty with government in- centives, the Home Stay Policy 2024-2029 is set to transform rural tourism into an engine of inclu- sive economic growth across Andhra Pradesh.

# Narasaraopet Celebrates 137th Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad with Grandeur



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Narasaraopet, Pal- nadu District: The 137th birth anniv- ersary celebrations of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, one of India's most revered freedom fighters and the first Education Minister of independent India, were held grandly in Narasaraopet on Tuesday. The event witnessed a massive rally from the local Municipality Office to the District Collec- tor's Office, marking the day as a tribute to Azad's contributions to education, secular- ism, and national integration.

Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Chadalawa- da Aravind Babu at- tended the occasion as the chief guest. The rally drew large par- ticipation from Mus- lim minority groups, joint front leaders, students, freedom fighters, and social ac- tivists. Following the rally, a public meeting was organized at the District Collector's Office under the aegis of the Palnadu Dis- trict Minorities Wel-

fare Department. Ad- dressing the gathering, Dr. Ara- vind Babu paid hom- age to Maulana Azad by placing floral trib- utes before his statue. In his speech, he high- lighted Azad's lifelong dedication to India's independence, his deep scholarship in Islamic studies, and his tireless efforts to promote Hindu-Mus- lim unity.

"Born in Mecca on November 11, 1888, Maulana Azad be- came a leading voice for India's freedom and harmony among communities," he said. Dr. Aravind Babu recalled Azad's par- ticipation in the Kh- ilafat and Non-Coop- eration movements alongside Mahatma Gandhi and his im- prisonment by the British government in 1921 for his defi- ance. Despite obsta- cles, Azad's courage and sacrifices in- spired generations of nationalists.

As India's first Edu- cation Minister from 1947 to 1958, Azad played a pivotal role in shaping the coun-

try's national educa- tion policy. He was in- strumental in establishing premier institutions such as IITs and IISc and promoted education as a tool for social equal- ity. His writings, in- cluding Ghubar-e- Khatir and India Wins Freedom, remain in- valuable contribu- tions to Indian thought and history.

The MLA empha- sized that events cele- brating such national icons are crucial for inspiring patriotism among youth. "India is a secular nation that guarantees equal rights to all religions. Following these ide- als, we will strength- en educational activi- ties in Narasaraopet," he added.

The program also featured a discussion session on Maulana Azad's life and achievements, along with the distribution of prizes to students. The event concluded with an affirmation to continue spreading Azad's legacy of learning, unity, and reform to future generations.

# MEGA JOB MELA DRAWS STRONG RESPONSE AT ESHWAR ENGINEERING COLLEGE



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 Narasaraopet: A large turnout of job seekers marked the Mega Job Mela or- ganized on Tuesday at Eshwar Engineering College in Kesanapal- li village, Narasaraopet mandal of Pal- nadu district. The event was jointly con- ducted by Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corpo- ration (APSSDC) and Eshwar Engineering College to provide employment opportu- nities for local youth. Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Chadalawada Ara- vind Babu attended as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, he com- mended the initiative of APSSDC and the college management for organizing the job fair, describing it as a promising step to- ward addressing un- employment. He stated that such mega job fairs would help tal- ented graduates se- cure job opportuni- ties within Andhra Pradesh, eliminat- ing the need to migrate to other states. Dr. Ara- vind Babu empha- sized that the state government's efforts to promote skill devel- opment and employ- ment generation were yielding positive re-

sults and would fur- ther strengthen Andhra Pradesh's workforce. A total of 38 major companies participated in the event, including Tech Mahindra, Kia Motors, Apollo Pharma- cy, Hetero Drugs, and Muthoot Finance.

Around 1,456 unem- ployed candidates took part in the re- cruitment drive, and 372 were successfully selected for appoint- ments in various companies. APSSDC Palnadu District Skill Development Officer Tammajirao high- lighted the impor- tance of continuous skill enhancement, noting that candi- dates with both tech- nical and soft skills stand a better chance of securing sustaina- ble employment.

College Principal Dr. G. Naga- mallewara Rao re- marked that skill identification and en- hancement are essen- tial for unlocking one's potential, adding that the job mela provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their abilities. College Sec- retary and Corre- spondent S.K. Ka- reem Mohiddin and Managing Director Dr. Sheikh Mastan Shareef appreciated

APSSDC's mission in facilitating employ- ment for rural youth through such initiatives.

Narasaraopet Man- dal Parishad Develop- ment Officer (MPDO) Ratna Kumari advised students to plan their career paths be- fore completing their academic year to im- prove their employa- bility prospects. Andhra Pradesh Li- brary Corporation Chairman Gonugunt- la Koteswara Rao said the state govern- ment is committed to strengthening both education and employment opportuni- ties by attracting in- vestments and improving skill train- ing systems.

He urged all stu- dents and job seekers to take advantage of similar job fairs to build their careers within the state. The event witnessed par- ticipation from col- lege management members, placement officers, representa- tives from 38 com- panies, HR managers, unemployed youth, and faculty. The job mela played a signif- icant role in offer- ing jobs to local youth while fostering skill development and con- tributing to regional growth.



# Parliament Examines Flawed Bankruptcy Law Overhaul

Parliament is reviewing amendments to India's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016, aiming to speed up corporate insolvency resolution. The proposed bill introduces an alternative, largely out-of-court insolvency process that would allow debtors to remain in control of their companies, unlike the current system where a resolution professional takes charge. The government claims this new "debtor-in-possession" model could save about a year by bypassing lengthy National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) proceedings. However, experts warn that the changes could increase timelines and unpredictability, undermining the original

law's intent. A major concern is equity among creditors. Currently, any creditor owed 1 crore can initiate insolvency, whether a vendor, employee, bank, or bondholder. The proposed model limits initiation to financial creditors notified by the government, excluding smaller creditors and employees from enforcing their claims. This could weaken the bargaining power of smaller lenders and make the process less equitable. The amendments also introduce new layers of unpredictability. First, applicability depends on government notification, leaving creditors uncertain if a borrowing company will fall under the new model. Second, initiating the process requires approval from 51% of eligible financial creditors, a variable that can change over the life of the loan, making planning difficult. Third, unlike the current system, there is no automatic moratorium to halt parallel recovery proceedings; obtaining one requires additional approvals from the committee of creditors and the NCLT. Since its inception, the IBC has undergone six major amendments and over 120 regulatory changes, creating legal uncertainty for lenders and borrowers. Experts argue that the new model risks further unpredictability, potentially increasing costs for businesses and delaying insolvency resolution



rather than shortening it. While the intent of faster resolutions is welcome, critics say that retaining debtors in possession and limiting creditor access undermines the law's fairness and efficiency. The alternative model could make insolvency outcomes less predictable, favoring larger financial institutions at the expense of smaller creditors and employees. The parliamentary debate will determine whether India's bankruptcy framework strengthens creditor rights or inadvertently introduces more delays and uncertainty, affecting the ease of doing business and overall financial stability.

## Bihar Migration: Political Narratives May Backfire



Migration and migrants have become central themes in the 2025 Bihar elections, with opposition parties like the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress, and Jan Suraj Party framing migration as distress-driven "palayan" (escape or displacement). These parties argue that migration causes social disruption, labor shortages, and emotional strain for families left behind, particularly women. Media narratives have largely echoed this perspective. However, this framing re-

flects an outdated understanding rooted in 1970s-80s structuralist and neo-Marxist theories, which emphasize poverty and lack of livelihood as drivers of migration. While partially true, such a view ignores the aspirational and empowering aspects of migration that have emerged since the 1990s. Migration today is not merely a coping mechanism—it represents mobility, opportunity, and social upliftment. As BR Ambedkar highlighted, migration can empower marginalized communities and break oppressive social

hierarchies. Bihar remains India's largest source of migrant labor, with over 50% of households involved in migration. Around 9.3 million people migrate seasonally, circularly, or long-term across sectors like construction, domestic work, industry, mining, trade, and agriculture, while a portion enters high-paying jobs. Migration provides crucial economic support through remittances, improving health, education, and household livelihoods. It also fosters social and gender empowerment,

with women gaining confidence and financial autonomy. Historical and cultural narratives further challenge the opposition's framing. Migration in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has long been associated with dignity and social status. Colonial records and Bhojpur folkore, such as Bhikhari Thakur's play Bidesiya, highlight both the struggles and respect accorded to migrants. Contemporary stories and songs reflect prosperity, lifestyle improvements, and social prestige of migrant families, emphasizing achievement over victimhood. Fieldwork in rural Bihar indicates that migrants and their families reject narratives portraying them as victims. Political campaigns focusing solely on migration's hardships may therefore alienate voters who associate migration with opportunity, upward mobility, and dignity. Families left behind want stories of success and improved living standards, not reminders of sacrifice. In this socio-political context, campaigns by RJD, Congress, and Jan Suraj criticizing migration may misfire, failing to resonate with voters who see migration as a source of empowerment rather than suffering. Political messaging that misunderstands the complex realities of migration risks undermining electoral support.

## Rupee Strengthens to 88.67 Against Dollar Amid Global Cues



The Indian rupee gained 6 paise to trade at 88.67 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, showing a modest appreciation amid a weaker greenback. The rupee opened at 88.79 and touched 88.67, before stabilizing around 88.71. The previous session saw the rupee close at 88.73. Forex traders noted that the domestic currency's movement was supported by softness in the US dollar, driven by concerns over the long-term health of the US economy. Positive global cues, including progress on the US government shutdown bill and optimism over a potential US-India trade deal, also bolstered investor sentiment. US President Donald Trump voiced support for a bipartisan deal to end the US government shutdown, signaling relief for global markets. He also mentioned that tariffs on India could be reduced in the future, following

India's steps to cut purchases of Russian crude. "The US is pretty close to a fair trade deal with India," Trump said, adding that he would lower tariffs on New Delhi eventually. Despite these supportive cues, domestic market sentiment was tempered by muted trends in equities and foreign fund outflows. On Monday, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth 4,114.85 crore, reflecting cautious positioning ahead of global developments. The domestic equity market also faced pressure, with the Sensex dropping 175.32 points to 83,360.03 and the Nifty sliding 51.60 points to 25,522.75 in early trading. This underlined that while the rupee gained slightly, broader market conditions remained subdued. Globally, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against six major currencies, inched up

0.06% to 99.65, indicating modest resilience of the US dollar despite domestic weakness. Meanwhile, Brent crude prices softened slightly, trading 0.14% lower at \$63.97 per barrel in futures markets. Overall, analysts suggest that the rupee's small gains are primarily a response to global developments, particularly the easing of US political uncertainty and trade optimism with India. However, domestic equity weakness and ongoing FII outflows indicate that investors remain cautious, and the currency is likely to continue trading in a narrow range in the near term. In summary, the rupee's marginal rise to 88.67 reflects a combination of dollar weakness, potential trade deals, and global optimism, but domestic market pressures and foreign fund movements could limit sustained appreciation.

## White-Collar Jihad: Radicalised Doctors Expose Ideological Threat

A shocking investigation has revealed a growing "white-collar terror" network operating within professional circles, as four radicalised Indian doctors plotted attacks with explosives and biochemical weapons. These highly educated individuals, expected to safeguard life, were instead in contact with foreign handlers in Pakistan and affiliated with banned outfits like ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGUH). The arrests, spanning Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, and Gujarat, occurred within days of each other. Authorities recovered over 2,500 kg of bomb-making material, rifles, pistols, and poison-formulating equipment.

ment. One cell was exposed when a doctor carelessly pasted posters of JeM, which were caught on CCTV. These cases underscore that radicalisation is not limited to socio-economically disadvantaged youth, but can penetrate highly educated, well-off professionals. Traditionally, policymakers have framed radicalisation in India as a socio-economic issue, assuming lack of opportunity drives youth toward extremism. Yet, the involvement of accomplished doctors with bright futures challenges this assumption. For instance, despite high per capita incomes in regions like Kashmir, youth continue to be recruited into jihadist organisations,



demonstrating that prosperity alone does not deter extremism. Globally, even wealthy nations such as Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Belgium have witnessed citizens joining jihadist groups,

further proving that ideology—rather than economic deprivation—is the primary driver of Islamist radicalisation. Analysts argue that Islamist extremism is fueled by a political-religious worldview dividing the world into Dar al-Islam (lands governed by Islamic law) and Dar al-Harb (lands considered adversaries). This ideological binary underpins pan-national jihad and explains why India, a secular and pluralistic society, is viewed as a target. Shivshankar warns that political correctness and woke idealism in policymaking may blunt India's response to such threats. Learning from Western missteps, India cannot treat jihad purely as a so-

cio-economic problem; it must confront the ideological underpinnings of terrorism directly. The "white-collar jihad" cases serve as a stark reminder that terrorism can thrive in professional settings, and that national security demands a pragmatic, ideology-aware strategy rather than symbolic virtue signaling. In conclusion, the radicalisation of educated professionals exposes gaps in India's counter-terror framework and underscores the urgency for policies addressing ideological extremism alongside socio-economic factors, ensuring that even the seemingly secure corridors of society are not breeding grounds for terror.



# Delhi Red Fort blast: All responsible will be brought to justice, says PM Modi



TPN Correspondent | Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday vowed that all those responsible for the deadly Delhi blast that claimed 12 lives will be brought to justice. Speaking at the Changlimithang celebration ground in Bhutan, Modi described the incident as “horrific” and said it had shocked the en-

tire nation.

The blast, which occurred on Monday evening near the Red Fort, involved a car laden with explosives and left several others injured. Authorities have launched a multi-agency investigation, registering a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Delhi Police, along with national security agencies, are working to identify and apprehend all those involved.

During his remarks, Modi expressed deep condolences to the families of the victims, saying the nation stands united in grief and solidarity with those affected. He emphasized

that the government is leaving no stone unturned to investigate the conspiracy and ensure that the perpetrators face the full weight of the law.

The Prime Minister’s statement came on the same day that Bhutan’s King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck led prayers for the victims, alongside thousands of

Bhutanese citizens and monks. Modi, who is on a two-day state visit to Bhutan, highlighted the importance of regional solidarity in the face of terrorism and assured that justice would be delivered swiftly.

Officials have indicated that the blast may have links to organized terror modules, prompting heightened security alerts nationwide. Investigators are examining the involvement of various individuals, including professionals allegedly associated with terror networks.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated that the conspirators behind the Delhi blast will not be spared and re-affirmed India’s commitment to countering terrorism, strengthening national security, and protecting citizens from such attacks. The government has assured the public that all investigative findings will be made public once the inquiry concludes.

This incident underscores the ongoing challenges of urban security in India, while Modi’s remarks reflect a firm stance on accountability and justice.

## “Top Agencies Investigating Delhi Blast With Full Intensity”: Amit Shah

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep grief over the high-intensity blast near Delhi’s iconic Red Fort, which killed at least eight people and injured 20 others. The explosion occurred around 7 pm on Monday at the Subhash Marg traffic signal, ripping through a Hyundai i20 and causing damage to nearby vehicles.

Amit Shah visited the blast site and met with the injured at the hospital, offering condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. In a post on X, he said, “Pained beyond words by the loss of lives in a blast in Delhi. My deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. My prayers for the quick recovery of the injured.” He added that top investigative agencies are probing the incident with full intensity and promised an in-depth investigation.



Prime Minister Modi also expressed sorrow over the tragedy, stating, “Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in the blast in Delhi earlier this

evening. May the injured recover at the earliest. Those affected are being assisted by authorities. Reviewed the situation with Home Minister Amit Shah

Ji and other officials.”

Several central and state agencies, including the NSG, Delhi Police, and FSL, are present at the site conducting detailed inves-

tigations. Amit Shah highlighted the rapid response, noting that teams from the Delhi Crime Branch and Delhi Special Branch reached the location within 10 minutes of receiving the alert. He confirmed coordination with the Delhi CP and Special Branch in charge to explore all possibilities and conduct a thorough probe.

The blast took place near Gate 1 of the Red Fort Metro station, causing widespread panic. Preliminary reports indicate multiple casualties and injuries among pedestrians. Authorities have assured the public that all angles, including potential criminal and terror links, are being investigated, with results to be shared promptly.

The incident has prompted heightened security and vigilance in Delhi, with multiple agencies working to ensure the safety of citizens while probing the cause and perpetrators behind the blast.

## Opposing Vande Mataram is opposing Mother India: Yogi Adityanath



TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday asserted that those opposing Vande Mataram are “opposing Mother India.” Speaking at a function in Barabanki, Adityanath emphasized that the national song is not tied to any religion or

specific form of worship but is a tribute to Bharat Mata.

“Anyone who is opposing Vande Mataram is opposing Mother India. Vande Mataram does not belong to any person, caste, or region,” he said. Adityanath added that the song symbolizes reverence

to the nation rather than any religious practice.

He further explained that Vande Mataram has historically inspired unity and patriotism in India, transcending differences of region, language, or faith. “It does not link a person with any particular form of worship. In fact, it

shows reverence to Bharat Mata,” he said.

Adityanath also linked the cultural ethos of India with its spiritual traditions, stating that worship of Goddess Saraswati, Goddess Laxmi, and Goddess Durga has provided strength to promote India’s identity and values.

He highlighted the importance of Bharatiyata (Indianness) in shaping the nation’s progress and maintaining social cohesion.

The UP Chief Minister’s remarks come amid ongoing debates in various parts of the country regarding the recitation and symbolism of Vande Mataram, with some groups raising objections on religious grounds. Adityanath reinforced that the national song is a unifying symbol, meant to honor India rather than any individual community.

He concluded by urging citizens to recognize Vande Mataram as a source of national pride and unity, reflecting India’s rich cultural heritage and commitment to its motherland, regardless of faith or background.

By linking patriotism with cultural reverence, Yogi Adityanath underscored the message that honoring Vande Mataram is integral to respecting India itself.

# Bihar Elections 2025: 60.4% Turnout in Second Phase



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Bihar witnessed a strong voter turnout in the second and final phase of its 2025 Assembly elections, with 60.4% of 3.7 crore voters casting their ballots across 122 constituencies till 3 pm, according to the Election Commission. The high turnout indicates an active engagement of the electorate in what is widely seen as a referendum on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s long tenure.

Polling began at a brisk pace, with turnout figures surpassing the corresponding period of the first phase held on November 6, when 121 seats had seen a record 65.09% turnout by the end of the day. Among districts, Kishanganj, the state’s only Muslim-majority district, re-

corded the highest polling at 66.1%, followed by Purnea (64.22%) and Katihar (63.8%). South Bihar districts also saw strong participation, with Jamui at 63.33% and Gaya at 62.74%. Even the district with the lowest turnout, Nawada, recorded a significant 53.17% participation by mid-afternoon.

Several key political leaders cast their votes during the day, highlighting the high stakes of the polls. Among them were JD(U) acting president Sanjay Jha, Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Purnea MP Pappu Yadav, and State Congress chief Rajesh Ram. Other prominent voters included State Industries Minister Nitish Mishra, BJP’s Shreyashi Singh,

and Independent candidate Jyoti Singh, spouse of Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh.

Earlier in the day, by 1 pm, turnout stood at 47.62%, with Kishanganj leading at 51.86%, followed closely by Gaya (50.95%) and Jamui (50.91%). Districts with relatively lower participation included Madhubani (43.39%), Nawada (43.45%), and Bhagalpur (45.09%).

The second phase polling marks the culmination of a highly watched election in Bihar, reflecting strong voter enthusiasm and a keen interest in shaping the state’s political future. Final turnout figures and results are expected after the conclusion of polling across all constituencies.

## Red Fort Blast: 9 Killed, Terror Links Probed



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Nine people were killed and 20 injured after a high-intensity blast near Delhi’s historic Red Fort on Monday evening. The explosion ripped through a white Hyundai i20 at 6:52 pm near the Red Fort Metro Station, leaving mangled bodies and wrecked vehicles across the busy area.

The Delhi Police invoked the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) after forensic evidence and intelligence inputs suggested possible terror links. Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed that all angles are being probed and visited the site, along with the injured at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital. He said, “Within 10 minutes of receiving the information, Delhi Crime

Branch and Special Branch teams arrived. The NSG and NIA teams, along with the FSL, have begun a thorough investigation.”

Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha reported that the Hyundai i20, with Haryana registration, was slow-moving at the Red Fort traffic signal when the blast occurred. A huge fireball and loud explosion were witnessed by locals, causing panic in the congested old quarters of Delhi, home to Chandni Chowk Market and major tourist spots.

Following the incident, authorities across Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Jaipur, Haryana, Punjab, Hyderabad, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, and Kerala were placed on high alert. CISF tightened security in Delhi-NCR, including the Red Fort, IGI

Airport, Government buildings, and Delhi Metro.

The blast coincided with the discovery of 2,900 kg of explosives in Faridabad, 50 km from Delhi. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta urged citizens to avoid rumors and rely only on official updates, ensuring all possible assistance to victims.

Investigations involve multiple agencies, including the NIA, NSG, FSL, and Intelligence Bureau, with CCTV footage from the area being examined. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was briefed by Amit Shah, who assured a thorough probe and public disclosure of findings.

The attack has shaken the capital, highlighting vulnerabilities near high-profile landmarks and prompting nationwide security alerts.



## Trump Hosts Syrian President at White House



TPN Bureau | Washington

In a historic first, President Donald Trump hosted Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa at the White House on Monday, marking the first visit by a Syrian head of state since Syria gained independence from France in 1946. The meeting signifies a major shift in U.S.-Syria relations, following the lifting of long-standing U.S. sanctions on the West Asian country.

Al-Sharaa arrived at the White House around 11:30 am and proceeded to a closed-door Oval Office meeting with Trump. For security and protocol reasons, he entered through West Executive Avenue, rather than the West Wing driveway traditionally used for foreign leaders. The private nature of the meeting has fueled speculation about the agenda and possible agreements.

The White House confirmed that the discussions focused on co-operation in the fight against the Islamic State (IS) group. The visit is being seen as an effort to reintegrate Syria into the international fold and encourage participation in a U.S.-led coalition against terrorism. This comes after years of

strained relations, with Syria often isolated diplomatically due to its civil war and associations with extremist groups.

Analysts note that the visit could also pave the way for economic and security cooperation, as the U.S. aims to stabilize the region while keeping a check on Iran's influence in Syria. Lifting sanctions and hosting a Syrian president in Washington underscores Trump's foreign policy shift toward engagement and strategic partnership, rather than continued isolation.

Observers are closely watching whether this historic meeting will lead to formal agreements or joint counter-terrorism operations, and how it might affect Syria's regional standing. The White House has not disclosed the specifics of the meeting but emphasized the goal of strengthening ties and collaborating against shared threats.

This landmark visit marks a new chapter in U.S.-Syria relations, potentially reshaping the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East while signaling Washington's willingness to engage previously isolated states in global security efforts.

## David Szalay Wins 2025 Booker Prize

For 'Flesh'; Kiran Desai Misses Double Victory



TPN Correspondent | Philippines

Hungarian-British author David Szalay has won the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel *Flesh*, edging out India's Kiran Desai and her much-acclaimed work *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny*. The award was announced on Monday night at a ceremony held at Old Billingsgate, London.

Szalay, 51, received the prestigious £50,000 prize and trophy from last year's Booker winner Samantha Harvey. *Flesh* was described by judges as a "hypnotically tense and compelling" novel that offers "an astonishingly moving portrait of a man's life" told through sparse yet powerful prose.

Chair of judges Roddy Doyle praised the book's originality, saying, "What we particularly liked about *Flesh* was its singularity. It's a dark book, but we all found it a joy to read."

Meanwhile, Kiran Desai, who won the Booker in 2006 for *The Inheritance of Loss*, narrowly missed becoming only the fifth

author in the prize's 56-year history to claim the honour twice. Her latest 667-page novel was hailed by the judges as "an epic of love and family, India and America, tradition and modernity."

Desai said she aimed to explore "global loneliness through the lens of a long, unresolved love story," depicting the complexities of modern relationships that transcend geography, class, and culture.

Other shortlisted authors included Susan Choi (*Flashlight*), Katie Kitamura (*Audition*), Ben Markovits (*The Rest of Our Lives*), and Andrew Miller (*The Land in Winter*). Each shortlisted writer will receive £2,500 and a specially bound copy of their novel.

This year's judging panel—comprising Ayobami Adébáyó, Sarah Jessica Parker, Chris Power, and Kiley Reid—praised all six shortlisted books as "brilliantly human," reflecting the diverse ways individuals seek love, meaning, and connection in the modern world.

# Sadiya Azhar, Jaish Women Wing Linked to Delhi Red Fort Blast

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Authorities have uncovered links between the Delhi Red Fort car blast and the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). The blast, carried out using a Hyundai i20 packed with ammonium nitrate fuel oil, killed nine people near the historic monument.

Police sources said the terror module behind the attack had ties to JeM, the group responsible for the Pulwama attack in 2019 and the Pahalgam killings in 2025. Following these incidents, Indian military operations had targeted JeM bases in Balakot and Bahawalpur, killing several members, including relatives of terror chief Masood Azhar. Among them was Yusuf Azhar, husband of Azhar's sister, Sadiya Azhar.

Sadiya Azhar has been reportedly tasked with leading JeM's newly formed women's wing, Jamat ul-Muminat, aimed at recruiting and indoctrinating women through online classes. Reports indicate she focuses on the



wives of Jaish commanders and women from vulnerable communities near remaining training camps.

Two key links have emerged between the Red Fort blast and JeM's network. The first is the terror module that executed the attack. The second in-

volves Shaheena Shahid, whose Maruti Swift contained an assault rifle and ammunition. Shahid, a medical professional, worked with Dr. Mujamil Shakeel at Al-Falah Hospital in Faridabad and may head JeM's women wing in India. Both were

arrested following a police crackdown that also seized nearly 3,000 kg of explosives in J&K and Haryana.

Another operative, Dr. Adil Ahmed Rather, was arrested from Uttar Pradesh, while Dr. Umar Mohammed reportedly

triggered the Red Fort blast in panic after the arrests of Shakeel and Rather.

Officials noted the involvement of medical professionals underscores a new modus operandi by Jaish, indicating a shift toward using seemingly or-

inary professionals for terror operations, complicating detection and prevention efforts.

This investigation highlights the continued threat posed by cross-border terror networks operating through intricate domestic cells in India.

# Bhutan King Leads Prayers for Delhi Blast Victims

TPN Correspondent | Thimphu

Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on Tuesday led special prayers for the victims of the Delhi Red Fort car blast, expressing solidarity with India. The ceremony took place at the Changlimethang C in Thimphu, where the King, joined by thousands of Bhutanese citizens and monks, offered prayers for those who lost their lives in the November 10 explosion.

The Bhutanese leadership extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery for those injured in the blast, which killed at least eight people and left several others injured. Special prayers were also offered for all affected by the tragedy.

The prayers coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Bhutan. Speaking from Thimphu, PM Modi expressed grief over the incident, stating, "The horrific



incident that took place in Delhi yesterday evening has deeply saddened everyone. The entire nation stands with the affected

families." He assured that Indian investigative agencies were working tirelessly and that the conspirators behind the blast will

not be spared, promising justice for those responsible.

Earlier, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, at the

Delhi Defence Dialogue hosted by MP-IDSA, conveyed condolences and assured that India's leading investigative agencies are

conducting a "swift and thorough" inquiry. Singh emphasized that the findings would be made public and those responsible would be brought to justice.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed that "all possibilities" were being explored in the multi-agency investigation. The blast occurred around 7 PM at the Subhash Marg traffic signal, damaging nearby vehicles and prompting a nationwide alert.

Delhi Police have registered cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, with multiple agencies probing the motive and perpetrators.

The joint expressions of grief from Bhutan and Indian leadership underline strong regional solidarity and determination to bring the culprits of the high-intensity blast to justice.

# India Airlifts 197 Citizens from Myanmar Cybercrime Hub

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In a coordinated operation, the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday airlifted 197 Indian nationals from Mae Sot, Thailand. These citizens had been working in cybercrime hubs in southern Myanmar, involved in fraudulent operations targeting global victims. The evacuees were brought safely back to India via two special IAF flights, the Indian Embassy in Thailand confirmed.

The operation was personally overseen by Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul, who visited Mae Sot to ensure the smooth execution of the evacuation. PM Anutin reiterated his government's commitment to cracking down on cyber fraud centres operating in Myanmar, which have long been a hub for international scams.

The Indian government has been actively coordinating with Thailand to repatriate its citizens trapped in these centres. Most of the repatriated Indians had been employed in illegal call centres and



cyber scam operations, often lured by promises of legitimate jobs.

The Embassy of India in Thailand stated that the operation demonstrates

strong bilateral cooperation between India and Thailand in protecting cit-

izens from cross-border criminal networks. Authorities in Thailand had

reportedly intensified surveillance and crackdowns on cybercrime hubs following repeated complaints from foreign governments, including India.

This repatriation is part of a larger ongoing effort by the Indian government to bring back nationals stranded in high-risk environments abroad. Officials highlighted that the welfare of citizens working overseas in vulnerable conditions remains a top priority, and such operations will continue wherever necessary.

The successful evacuation of 197 Indians from Mae Sot underscores India's capability to undertake complex airlift missions in collaboration with friendly nations, while sending a strong message against exploitation in illegal cyber networks.

The repatriated citizens are expected to undergo medical checks and counseling upon arrival in India, ensuring they are safely reintegrated after exposure to potentially dangerous criminal environments.



# GAIL India Q2 Profit Falls 17% Amid Rising Costs

State-owned gas distributor GAIL (India) Ltd. reported a 17% decline in standalone net profit for the second quarter of 2025, as rising expenses weighed on earnings. The company's net profit fell to ₹2,217.24 crore compared with the same period last year.

GAIL's cumulative expenses for Q2 increased 9.3% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹33,000.62 crore, driven primarily by higher material costs, which rose 8.6% YoY. Analysts point out that the inflationary pressure on raw materials and procurement costs has been a key factor in squeezing margins for the company.

Despite the rise in expenses, GAIL's total revenue grew by approximately 6.5% YoY to ₹35,823.81 crore during the quarter. The increase in revenue was supported by higher gas sales and steady demand for the company's petrochemical and pipeline services across domestic and industrial markets.

GAIL, which plays a crucial role in India's energy distribution network, has been navigating challenges including



global commodity price volatility and domestic supply chain constraints. While revenue growth indicates robust demand for gas, the surge in operating costs highlights the need for

tighter expense management to protect profitability.

Company officials remain optimistic about long-term prospects, citing strategic expansions in pipeline infrastruc-

ture and natural gas marketing as potential drivers for sustained growth. They have also emphasized ongoing efforts to enhance operational efficiency and cost controls to counter

rising input expenses.

As India's energy demand continues to grow, GAIL faces the dual challenge of capitalizing on market opportunities while managing costs amid inflationary

pressures. The Q2 results underscore the delicate balance between growth and expense management for the state-run distributor in a dynamic energy sector.

# Sensex Falls 466 Points on Weak Global Cues, Bank Selling

Mumbai: The benchmark BSE Sensex declined for the second consecutive day on Friday, dropping 465.75 points or 0.55% to close at 83,938.71 amid heavy selling in private banking stocks and a weak trend in global markets. During the day, the index fell as much as 498.8 points to 83,905.66.

Market participants cited foreign fund outflows, mixed corporate earnings, and lingering uncertainty over the U.S. Federal Reserve's future rate actions as key factors weighing on investor sentiment. The broader Nifty 50 index also mirrored the downtrend, reflecting cautious trading across sectors.

Private sector banks were among the biggest drags on the market, with investors booking profits after recent gains. Analysts said that ongoing concerns about global interest rates, inflation, and economic growth continue to impact risk appetite, prompting investors to shift funds away from equities toward safer assets.

Global markets were sub-



dued, with major indices in the U.S., Europe, and Asia showing modest declines amid mixed economic data and concerns over potential rate hikes by central banks. The domestic market's sensitivity to foreign institutional investor (FII) flows was evident as continued outflows contributed to the pressure on stock prices.

Despite the short-term volatility, experts suggested that the market fundamentals remain intact, and sectors such as IT, energy, and consumer goods could see selective buying in the near term. Investors are closely watching upcoming corporate results and global cues for guidance on market direction.

Friday's decline marked the second straight session of losses for Indian equities, highlighting the challenges posed by external uncertainties and domestic profit-booking pressures. Analysts continue to advise cautious trading until the global rate outlook and corporate earnings trends become clearer.

# Rupee Slips to 88.27 Against Dollar

The Indian rupee weakened by 8 paise to close at 88.27 against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, tracking weak domestic equities and foreign fund outflows. The depreciation reflects investor caution amid global and domestic market movements.

Forex traders noted that foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth ₹55.58 crore on October 27, 2025, putting pressure on the currency. Despite the outflows, the rupee's decline was limited as a softening U.S. dollar and easing crude oil prices provided some support.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, fell 0.09% to 98.69, indicating mild weakness in the U.S. currency in global markets. Analysts said that a weaker dollar tends to ease pressure on emerging market currencies, including the rupee, even when domestic factors exert downward pressure.

Sectorally, persistent



selling in equity markets, coupled with cautious trading ahead of upcoming macroeconomic data, influenced currency movements. Market participants highlighted that short-term fluctuations in the rupee are often driven by global risk sentiment, crude oil price trends, and capital flows.

Economists observed that while the rupee's recent depreciation is modest, continued foreign fund outflows or sharp volatility in crude oil prices could create further downward pressure. They advised monitoring macroeconomic indicators and global market cues closely for clues on the near-term trajectory of the currency.

Overall, the rupee's performance on Tuesday reflects a balance between domestic equity market weakness and global cues, underscoring its sensitivity to both local and international developments. Investors and exporters are expected to track currency movements closely in the coming days.

## India Could Lose Nearly a Quarter of GDP by 2070 Due to Climate Change



India could face a potential GDP loss of up to 24.7% by 2070 due to the impacts of climate change, underscoring the urgency for immediate action, said Dr. Ewa Suwara, Deputy Head of Delegation, European Union to India. She made the remarks at the Renewable Energy India (REI) Expo & The Battery Show India (TBSI) 2025.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Suwara highlighted that climate change is already taking a toll on global economic growth, affecting productivity, agriculture, infrastructure, and public health. She emphasized that transitioning to green energy and clean industries is no longer optional but essential for a sustainable and resilient future.

"In this context, green energy and clean industries are not merely options but imperatives for a sustainable future. The European Union deeply values its partnership with India, especially as both regions stand committed to advancing climate resilience, fostering innovation, and ensuring that ambition is matched by ac-

tion," she said.

Dr. Philipp Ackermann, Ambassador of Germany to India, added that collaboration between European and Indian enterprises can accelerate the clean energy transition. He noted that European private sector companies bring advanced technologies and expertise in solar, wind, bioenergy, storage, and green hydrogen, while Indian companies contribute scale, dynamism, and local insights.

The EU delegation emphasized that stronger cooperation could help India meet its climate and energy goals while boosting economic growth. Experts at the expo stressed that public-private partnerships, innovation, and technology adoption are critical to mitigating climate risks and reducing potential economic losses.

The warnings come amid growing concerns over climate change impacts in South Asia, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, and extreme weather events, all of which could significantly affect India's long-term economic stability.

## India's Forex Reserves Fall by \$6.9 Billion



India's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$6.925 billion to \$695.355 billion for the week ended October 24, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported on Friday. This follows an increase of \$4.496 billion in the previous week, when reserves had risen to \$702.28 billion.

The forex reserves, which include foreign currency assets, gold, special drawing rights (SDRs), and the country's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), are a key indicator of India's economic health and external stability.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs), the largest component of the reserves, also saw a decline during the week, reflecting movements in global currencies and market conditions. Analysts note that fluctuations in the U.S. dollar, changes in oil import bills, and outflows related to debt repayments or portfolio investments can influence the reserves significantly on a weekly basis.

Gold reserves, another

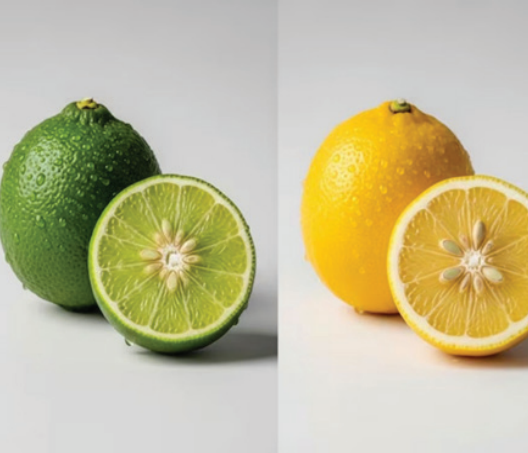
component, remained relatively stable, while the country's holdings in special drawing rights and the IMF's reserve position showed minor variations. Despite the recent dip, India's forex reserves remain among the largest in the world, providing a cushion against external shocks and supporting the rupee's stability.

Experts say that while weekly movements are normal, persistent declines could indicate pressure on the currency and may impact import costs, inflation, and overall economic confidence. The RBI continues to monitor global market trends and adjust its interventions to maintain stability in the forex market.

The reserves' movement comes amid a volatile global economic environment, including fluctuating crude oil prices, tightening monetary policies in major economies, and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties, all of which can influence capital flows and foreign exchange reserves.



Lemon vs Lime: The Subtle Difference Everyone Misses



They may look alike, taste similarly sour, and both boost immunity — but lemons and limes are not the same fruit. While often used interchangeably in kitchens around the world, these citrus cousins have distinct differences in appearance, flavour, and nutrition that set them apart.

The lemon, easily recognised by its bright yellow colour and oval shape, is the larger of the two. The lime, by contrast, is smaller, rounder, and usually green. Both belong to the same citrus family and are rich in vitamin C, known for strengthening the immune system and promoting healthy skin.

When it comes to taste, lemons tend to be more sour yet slightly sweet, owing to their higher citric acid content balanced with mild sugar levels. Limes, meanwhile, have a sharper, more pungent flavour with a hint of bitterness.

Their zest and juice are popular in pickles, cocktails, and various international cuisines, from Thai and Mexican to Indian dishes. Lemons, on the other hand, are commonly used in desserts, marinades, and refreshing drinks like lemonade.

Nutritionally, both fruits are excellent detoxifiers and aid digestion. However, lemons generally contain slightly more vitamin C and folate, while limes offer more antioxidants and a stronger aroma.

In everyday cooking, choosing between lemon and lime often comes down to flavour preference and recipe type. Lemons pair well with sweet or mild dishes, while limes add a bold kick to spicy or tangy foods.

So, while the two may seem almost identical at first glance, a closer look — and taste — reveals that lemons and limes each bring their own unique zest to the table.

Why Cyclones Move Towards Land



Tropical cyclones, powerful weather systems that form over warm ocean waters, are driven and directed by large-scale wind patterns in the atmosphere. These storms typically develop where sea surface temperatures exceed 26°C, providing the heat and moisture they need to intensify. However, their eventual movement — whether they make landfall or remain over the sea — is determined entirely by surrounding winds.

Cyclones generally form between 5° and 20° north and south of the equator, regions dominated by the trade winds. These winds blow from east to west as part of the Hadley circulation, a massive global convection system created by uneven solar heating. Warm air rises near the equator, moves poleward at high altitudes, cools and sinks around 30° latitude, and then flows back toward the equator near the surface. Due to Earth's rotation, this returning air is de-

flected westward by the Coriolis effect, generating the easterly trade winds that push cyclones toward the west — and, in many cases, toward land.

This is why tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean often travel from the Bay of Bengal or the Arabian Sea toward India, Bangladesh, or Myanmar. Similarly, storms in the Atlantic typically move westward toward the Caribbean or the southeastern United States.

If global geography or wind patterns were reversed — if the trade winds blew from west to east instead — most cyclones would be steered away from land, drastically reducing landfall events.

Ultimately, cyclones don't "seek" land; they are simply carried by the winds that dominate tropical regions. Their devastating landfalls are, therefore, a consequence of geography and atmospheric circulation rather than any natural preference of the storms themselves.

Organic vs Non-Organic Foods: Which Is Better for Your Health?

Walk through any supermarket and you'll see shelves lined with products proudly labelled "organic." From fruits and vegetables to cereals and snacks, organic foods have become a global trend. Many consumers believe they're healthier and better for the environment, while others argue they're just pricier versions of regular produce. So, what truly sets organic and non-organic foods apart?

How They're Grown: Organic foods are cultivated without synthetic pesticides, fertilisers, or genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Farmers rely on natural techniques like composting and crop rotation to maintain soil health. Non-organic foods, on the other hand, use modern farming methods and chemical inputs to increase yield and efficiency, which may leave small traces of residues—though typically within safe regulatory limits.

Nutritional Value: Research shows that while organic produce can contain slightly higher levels of antioxidants,



the overall nutritional difference is minor. Both organic and conventional foods provide similar

amounts of vitamins and minerals. Experts suggest that eating a diverse range of fresh, seasonal

foods is far more important than focusing solely on labels.

Pesticide Exposure: Organic produce generally has fewer pesticide residues. However, conventional foods are regularly tested and deemed safe. Washing or peeling fruits and vegetables can further reduce exposure, making non-organic options safe for most people.

Environmental Impact: Organic farming supports biodiversity, enhances soil fertility, and reduces pollution. Conventional farming, though more productive, can deplete resources and harm ecosystems due to heavy chemical use.

Cost and Accessibility: Organic food often costs more due to lower yields and higher labour needs. Budget-conscious consumers can mix and match—choosing organic for thin-skinned fruits like strawberries and non-organic for produce with protective peels such as bananas or avocados.

Ultimately, both options can be part of a healthy, balanced diet when chosen thoughtfully.

Why We Don't Feel the Earth Moving

Even though the Earth is constantly spinning and hurtling through space, we don't feel any of this motion — and that's because everything around us is moving along at the same steady pace. The Earth rotates once every 24 hours, which means someone standing on the equator is travelling at about 1,600 km per hour due to the planet's spin. At the same time, the Earth orbits the Sun at an astonishing 1,07,000 km per hour.

Despite these immense speeds, we don't sense any movement because it's smooth and constant. Our bodies, including our inner ears — which help detect balance and motion — can only feel changes in speed or direction, known as acceleration. For example, when a car suddenly starts, stops, or turns, we feel it immediately. But once the car cruises smoothly at a constant speed, that sensation disappears unless we



look outside.

The same principle applies to the Earth. Since its rotation and revolution are stable and unchanging, there's no acceleration for us to detect. Everything — the air, oceans, buildings, and even our bodies — moves together with the planet, maintaining a constant relative position.

We only notice Earth's motion indirectly, through natural phenomena like day and night, caused by the planet's rotation, or seasons, resulting from its orbit around the Sun and tilted axis. Without these clues, there's nothing in our everyday experience to suggest we're moving at such extraordinary speeds.

In short, the reason we don't feel the Earth move is not because it isn't moving — it's because it moves perfectly smoothly, carrying us along with everything else on its surface through space.

China's Heatwaves Threaten Hairy Crab Supply

China's famous "hairy crabs," a seasonal delicacy prized for their sweet meat and golden roe, are under threat as the country battles worsening heatwaves linked to climate change. Farmers say the last three years have been the most difficult in over a decade for crab cultivation, with extreme temperatures disrupting breeding and survival rates.

For farmers like Xie Dandan, 34, who has spent more than ten years raising hairy crabs, rising temperatures have become a major concern. "From 2022, it feels like the weather has been getting worse every year," she said, as she prepared freshly harvested crabs for customers at her farm in Jiangsu province — the heartland of China's hairy crab industry.

The labour-intensive process of cultivating these freshwater crustaceans begins with larvae being raised in ponds for about a year. They are then transferred to fenced wetland farms where they grow until harvest season in autumn. However, sustained high temperatures and reduced rainfall have heated water bodies, lowered oxygen levels, and increased the risk of disease — all factors that threaten crab survival.

Hairy crabs, traditionally enjoyed steamed and served with vinegar, are a symbol of Chinese culinary culture, especially around the Mid-Autumn Festival. But this year, farmers report lower yields and smaller crabs, leading to supply shortages and higher prices across



restaurants and markets. Experts warn that climate change could make such challenges more frequent, forcing

farmers to adapt by investing in shaded ponds, aeration systems, and improved water management.

As the heat intensifies, the fate of China's beloved hairy crabs — once a reliable seasonal luxury — now hangs in the

balance, with both farmers and food lovers anxiously watching the changing climate's toll on this iconic delicacy.



# Sinner Begins ATP Finals Title Defence with Win Over Auger-Aliassime

Italy's Jannik Sinner started his ATP Finals title defence in impressive fashion, defeating Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-5, 6-1 in his opening group-stage match in Turin. Backed by a roaring home crowd, the world No. 2 displayed sharp form and composure as he began his campaign to retain the prestigious year-end crown.

The first set was tightly contested, with both players holding serve until Sinner broke at a crucial moment to clinch it 7-5. Riding on that momentum, the Italian completely dominated the second set, showcasing his trademark power and precision from the baseline. Auger-Aliassime struggled to keep up with Sinner's aggressive pace, managing to win just one game in the set.

For Sinner, the victory not only marks a confident start to his title defence but also keeps alive his hopes of securing the year-end No. 1 ranking. To achieve that milestone, he must win the ATP Finals



and rely on Carlos Alcaraz not reaching the championship match.

Meanwhile, in another group-stage encounter, Taylor Fritz registered a solid win over Lorenzo Musetti, who stepped in as a late replacement for injured world No. 1 Novak Djokovic. Fritz controlled the match with his strong serve and steady baseline play, ensuring a smooth start to his own campaign.

The 2025 ATP Finals promise high-voltage tennis, with the world's top eight players battling for glory in Turin. For Sinner, the tournament carries extra emotion — not only as the defending champion on home soil but also as he chases history to potentially finish the year as the world's best.

With his opening victory, Sinner has set the tone for another thrilling week in Italian tennis.

# Sumit Nagal Faces Visa Hurdle Ahead of Australian Open Playoffs in China

India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal has hit an unexpected roadblock ahead of the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoffs, after his China visa was rejected without explanation. The qualifying event, which offers players a chance to earn a direct entry into the 2026 Australian Open, is scheduled to take place in Chengdu, China, from November 24 to 29, 2025.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Nagal appealed to the Chinese Ambassador to India and the Chinese Embassy in India for urgent intervention. "Respected @China\_Amb\_India and @ChinaSpox\_India, I am Sumit Nagal, India's No.1 tennis player. I am supposed to fly to China soon to represent India at the Australian Open Playoff. But my visa was rejected without reason. Your urgent help would be much appreciated," Nagal wrote.

The 27-year-old from



Jhajjar, Haryana, is currently ranked 275th in the ATP standings, making him India's highest-ranked singles player. Having fallen outside the world's top

100, Nagal no longer qualifies for direct entries into Grand Slam tournaments and must rely on wildcard opportunities or qualifying rounds to compete in major events.

Nagal's visa issue now threatens his participation in the Chengdu playoffs — a crucial event that could determine his path to the 2026 Australian Open. Missing the tournament would be a significant setback for his season ambitions.

The Chinese Embassy and tournament organisers have yet to issue a response to the matter.

Nagal last featured in the 2024 Australian Open, where he exited in the first round. Earlier this year, he played a vital role in India's Davis Cup victory over Switzerland, winning both his singles matches.

Fans and fellow players have voiced support online, urging quick resolution to ensure India's top tennis star can compete.

# Lionel Messi Hopes for Nou Camp Return to Bid Emotional Farewell

Football icon Lionel Messi has expressed his desire to return to Camp Nou one day to bid a proper farewell to the fans and club that defined his illustrious career. The Argentina and Barcelona legend, now 38, shared a heartfelt message after visiting the newly renovated stadium, evoking nostalgia among supporters worldwide.

Messi, who left Barcelona in 2021 due to the club's severe financial crisis, moved to Paris Saint-Germain before eventually joining Inter Miami in 2023. Despite his success abroad, the connection between Messi and Barcelona remains deeply emotional.

"Last night I returned to a place I deeply miss," Messi wrote on Instagram, referring to his recent visit to the revamped Camp Nou. "A place where I was immensely happy, where you made me feel a thousand times like the happiest person in the world."

He added, "I hope one day I can return, and not just to say goodbye as a player, as I was never able to do."

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner spent more than two decades at Barce-



lona, where he became the club's all-time leading scorer and helped them win four Champions League titles and ten La Liga crowns. His unexpected departure in 2021 left fans heartbroken, as he was unable to say farewell on the pitch due to pandemic restrictions and club turmoil.

Currently playing for Inter Miami, Messi continues to shine — scoring twice on Saturday to guide his side into the next round of the MLS Cup play-offs.

Messi's message has reignited hopes among fans that Barcelona will organise a special farewell match at the Camp Nou, giving the football legend the send-off he truly deserves.

# West Indies to Play Afghanistan in UAE T20I Series



Cricket West Indies (CWI) has officially announced a three-match T20 International series against Afghanistan, scheduled to take place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in January 2026. The series will serve as key preparation for both sides ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup, set to be hosted in India and Sri Lanka later next year.

The opening T20I will be played on January 19 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, followed by the second and third matches on January 21 and January 22, respectively, at the same venue.

CWI's Director of Cricket, Miles Bascombe, highlighted the importance of the series, stating, "This series provides an ideal platform for our preparation. Facing strong opposition in sub-continental conditions will help us sharpen our combinations and approach. It also gives our players a chance to build confidence on surfaces similar to those we'll encounter in India and Sri Lanka."

Echoing the sentiment, Naseeb Khan, CEO of the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), expressed enthusiasm about the contest, saying, "Competing against the West Indies before a global tournament offers an excellent opportunity for our team to fine-tune its lineup and boost readiness for the World Cup."

The West Indies, who co-hosted the previous edition of the T20 World Cup, reached the Super Eight stage but narrowly missed out on the semifinals. Afghanistan, meanwhile, made history by advancing to the semifinals for the first time.

In their past head-to-head record, West Indies lead Afghanistan 5-3 in eight T20I clashes. The upcoming series promises to be a competitive and strategic prelude to the 2026 T20 World Cup, offering both teams a valuable opportunity to test their strengths under similar playing conditions.

# India Clinch T20I Series Against Australia as Rain Halts Final Match



Team India secured a 2-1 series victory over Australia after the fifth and final T20 International at the Gabba was abandoned due to rain on Saturday. The downpour ended any hopes of a full contest, bringing the exciting five-match series to an early conclusion.

After being put in to bat, India's openers Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma gave the visitors a fiery start, racing to a 50-run stand in quick time. Gill looked in fine touch, unbeaten on 29 off 16 balls, while Abhishek smashed 23 off 13 deliveries before rain interrupted play in the fourth over. Unfortunately, the showers intensified, forcing the umpires to call off the game without a single ball bowled in Australia's innings.

The washout meant India, who had already taken a 2-1 lead after victories in Sydney and Canberra, clinched the series despite Australia's win in Adelaide. It marks another successful outing for India's young squad, led by Suryakumar Yadav, who showcased both flair and composure throughout the tour.

The series saw several standout performances, including explosive batting from Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rinku Singh, alongside crucial bowling spells from Mukesh Kumar and Axar Patel. For Australia, Travis Head and Matthew Short were among the top performers, though inconsistent bowling hurt their chances of a comeback.

With this result, India continue their impressive T20 record in overseas conditions, extending their dominance ahead of next year's T20 World Cup. The team will now shift focus to the upcoming ODI series, while Australia look to regroup after a rain-marred finish in Brisbane.

Despite the anticlimactic end, India's young guns once again proved their mettle on foreign soil, sealing a well-deserved 2-1 series triumph.



Globe Trotter’s First Song “Sanchari” Becomes an Instant Global Hit



The buzz around SS Rajamouli’s much-awaited film Globe Trotter is reaching new heights. Featuring Superstar Mahesh Babu in the lead, alongside Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj, the film has already become the talk of the town. Ahead of the official glimpse launch this weekend, the makers surprised fans by releasing the first single — Sanchari. The song, composed by MM Keeravaani, has turned out to be an unexpected banger. Shruti Haasan lent her voice for both the Telugu and Tamil versions, infusing the track with her signature energy and emotion. The lyrics beautifully capture the adventurous and dynamic essence of Mahesh Babu’s character, offering audiences a sneak peek into the hero’s journey. Unlike traditional Rajamouli soundtracks, Sanchari carries an electrifying rock vibe that instantly resonates with global listeners.

Ram Pothineni Shines in “Andhra King Taluka” Title Promo



Energetic star Ram Pothineni is back in action with his upcoming film Andhra King Taluka, which is set for a grand theatrical release on November 28. The makers have kicked off promotions in style by unveiling the title promo and the first glimpse of the song First Day First Show on Tuesday. The short promo has already caught the attention of fans, thanks to Ram’s energetic dance moves and vibrant screen presence. The actor, known for his electrifying performances, once again delivers high-energy choreography that perfectly matches his dynamic image. The full song is scheduled to release on Wednesday, adding to the growing excitement surrounding the film. Directed by P. Mahesh Babu of Miss Shetty Mr. Polishetty fame, Andhra King Taluka promises to be a perfect blend of mass entertainment

and youthful energy. Bhagyashree Borse plays the female lead opposite Ram, while versatile actor Upendra is set to appear in a crucial role, adding weight to the ensemble cast. Produced by the prestigious banner Mythri Movie Makers, the film is expected to be a complete entertainer filled with lively music, stylish visuals, and Ram’s trademark energy. The title promo gives a glimpse of the film’s colorful vibe and festive appeal, suggesting it will cater to both youth and family audiences alike. With catchy tunes, impressive visuals, and Ram’s undeniable charisma, Andhra King Taluka is shaping up to be one of the most-awaited commercial entertainers of the season. Fans are eagerly counting down the days as the film gears up to hit theaters on November 28.

RGV Praises Ram Charan’s Raw Energy in Peddi’s Hit Song “Chikiri Chikiri”

Ram Gopal Varma (RGV) has showered praise on the first single from Peddi, titled Chikiri Chikiri, which has taken the internet by storm. The song became an instant sensation, crossing 60 million views in record time and trending across all major music platforms. Composed by the legendary A.R. Rahman, Chikiri Chikiri has captivated audiences not only with its rhythm but also with Ram Charan’s energetic and graceful dance moves. RGV, known for his sharp takes on cinema, lauded the song’s impact and shared his admiration for its cinematic presentation. “Every craft in cinema should be only to elevate the HERO,” said Varma, praising how the song highlights Ram Charan’s screen presence. He described Charan’s performance as “raw, real, and explosive,” appreciating the actor’s powerful yet unglamorous portrayal. The filmmaker also commended director Buchi Babu Sana for his creative approach, noting, “A star shines



brightest when stripped of unnecessary glitter.” RGV admired how the director avoided excessive sets and background dancers, keeping the spotlight firmly on the lead star. The Peddi team expressed their gratitude for Varma’s words, saying they were thrilled by his response and encouragement.

Apart from Ram Charan, the film features a stellar ensemble cast including Janhvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, Divyenndu Sharma, and Jagapathi Babu. Backed by Vriddhi Cinemas, this ambitious pan-Indian project is one of the most awaited releases of next year. Peddi is slated to hit theaters on March 27, 2026, promising an emotional and visually stunning cinematic experience powered by Rahman’s music and Charan’s magnetic performance.

Kaantha: Dulquer Salmaan’s Period Drama Inspired by Real Incidents



Dulquer Salmaan, who is currently enjoying a dream run at the box office with a series of successful films, is now gearing up for his next big release — Kaantha, a unique period drama directed by Selvamani Selvaraj. The film has already captured massive attention with its intriguing trailer and star-studded cast. The trailer hints at an intense clash between two towering personalities — a celebrated superstar and his mentor, a renowned filmmaker. Adding to the excitement, Rana Daggubati appears in a surprise role as a police officer, further ele-

vating the buzz surrounding the project. What makes Kaantha even more fascinating is its connection to real-life events. According to Rana and other members of the team, the story draws inspiration from true incidents that took place in the 1950s — a time when cinema was evolving rapidly but documentation was scarce. With limited media and no social platforms then, many significant happenings from that era have remained untold. Kaantha aims to bring those hidden stories to light, weaving them into a gripping cinematic



Keerthy Suresh’s Action Thriller “Revolver Rita” Locks Release Date

National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh, known for her versatile performances, is gearing up for the release of her next film Revolver Rita. The makers have officially confirmed that the much-awaited action entertainer will hit theaters on November 28, 2025. Directed by K. Chandru, Revolver Rita promises to showcase a completely new side of Keerthy Suresh. The actress plays the role of an ordinary middle-class woman named Rita, whose life takes an unexpected turn when unforeseen circumstances compel her to pick up a gun. What follows is a gripping tale of courage, chaos, and transformation, blending high-octane action with entertaining comedy elements. The film’s storyline revolves around how Rita, an innocent woman thrust into extraordinary situations, navigates danger and discovers her inner strength. Keerthy, who has consistently im-

pressed audiences with diverse roles, is expected to deliver yet another power-packed performance in this female-led action thriller. Veteran actress Radhika Sarathkumar plays a significant supporting role, adding depth and intensity to the narrative. The film’s team has completed shooting and is now focused on final promotional activities leading up to its release. Produced on a stylish and vibrant scale, Revolver Rita stands out for its fresh concept, slick action sequences, and Keerthy’s strong on-screen persona. The first-look posters and teasers have already generated buzz, promising a perfect mix of entertainment and empowerment. With its November 28 release, Revolver Rita is set to bring a refreshing female-centric action drama to the big screen, offering fans an exciting cinematic experience led by one of South India’s most talented stars.