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Azharuddin Joins Telangana Cabinet



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Former Indian cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin was sworn in as a minister in Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy's cabinet on Friday. At a simple ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Governor Jishnu Dev Verma administered the oath to the former Indian skipper in the presence of the Chief Minister and other important leaders.

With Azharuddin's inclusion, the total strength of the cabinet rose to 16, leaving room for two more ministers against the assembly's strength cap of 18. After the swearing-in, Azharuddin thanked Congress president Mallikarjun

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Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and KC Venugopal. He expressed gladness and gratitude to the high command and his supporters, promising to honestly work on

whatever portfolio is given to him and work for the upliftment of the downtrodden. Azharuddin was nominated as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) under the Governor's quota, though the appointment awaits the Governor's final clearance. His induction is viewed as a crucial step by the Congress Party, especially in light of the ongoing Jubilee Hills bypoll, where the over one lakh Muslim voters are seen as a decisive factor. The move also addresses the lack of minority representation in the state cabinet — a request made by the Telangana Congress to the senior party leadership. When questioned about BJP's charge that his induction was timed just before the bypoll, Azharuddin dis-

missed it, stating that elections and making a minister are separate matters and that it is the government's prerogative.

Regarding Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy's comments about cases against him bringing disrepute, Azharuddin asserted he does not need certificates on patriotism from anyone, stating, "I know what I have done for the country."

The AICC's approval for his name was also seen by some Congress leaders as strategically beneficial in view of the upcoming assembly polls in Bihar, which has a large chunk of Muslim voters. The appointment is considered a significant political statement by the Congress to consolidate minority support across the region.

CPM Leader Killed in Khammam, Dy CM Orders Crackdown

TPN Bureau| Hyderabad, Oct 31

Telangana's Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) leader Samineni Rama Rao was allegedly murdered, his body found with bleeding injuries in the early morning hours in Patharlapadu village, Chintakani mandal, Madhira constituency of Khammam district. State police officials confirmed that they reached the spot under Chintakani Police Station limits and have launched a probe.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka expressed shock and grief over the murder, strongly warning that the crime

"will not go unpunished" and reaffirming that "there is no place for polluted politics of violence" in Telangana. The Deputy CM instructed Khammam police officers to maintain law and order and utilize all means — including clue teams, sniffer dogs, cyber teams, and modern technology — to arrest the culprits immediately. In an official statement, Dy CM Vikramarka assured the deceased leader's family of the government's full support and deep condolence. Samineni Rama Rao was a former sarpanch and a farmer union leader in the area. The motive of the killing and the identities of the assailants are yet to be estab-

lished. The police have registered a case of murder and are conducting a thorough investigation, including the collection of forensic evidence from the crime scene. The incident has sparked political tensions in Khammam, with opposition parties demanding a transparent and speedy investigation. Deputy CM Vikramarka's swift response is aimed at quelling any potential law and order issues and sending a clear message of zero tolerance for political violence, especially in his home district of Khammam. The police are reportedly questioning local individuals and political rivals to develop a lead in the case.

Dy CM Clears 1,032 Cr Pending Dues in One Go



TPN Bureau| Hyderabad, Oct 31

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, following a review meeting with Finance Department officials at Raj Bhavan on Friday morning, ordered the release of a total of 1,032 crore pertaining to pending dues of government employees and unpaid bills under the Panchay-

at Raj and Roads & Buildings (R&B) Departments for the month of October. The Dy CM has been systematically clearing pending employee dues carried forward from the previous government in a phased manner. As part of this ongoing process, dues amounting to 712 crore related to government employees have now been released as per his orders. The government has also taken a policy

decision to clear all pending bills below 10 lakh. Accordingly, 320 crore worth of 46,956 bills under the Panchayat Raj and R&B Departments have been cleared. Specifically, 95 crore covering 3,610 bills under the R&B Department (each below 10 lakh) were released. Similarly, 225 crore pertaining to 43,364 bills under the Panchayat Raj and rural local bodies were also cleared. Fi-

nance Department Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultanania and other officials participated in the review meeting.

This single-go release of over a thousand crore rupees underscores the government's commitment to financial discipline and clearing past liabilities. The decision to prioritize smaller bills (below 10 lakh) is aimed at providing immediate relief to contractors and small busi-

nesses that were awaiting payment.

The focused effort to clear employee dues is expected to boost morale among the state's workforce. Deputy CM Vikramarka reaffirmed the government's intention to streamline the state's finances and ensure that government departments operate without financial stress, fulfilling its promise to implement transparent fiscal management.

Telangana Bets on 'People Power' for Economic Growth



Welfare schemes will be withdrawn if BRS wins bypoll: CM Revanth

TPN Bureau| Hyderabad, Oct 31

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday said that key welfare initiatives such as the supply of fine rice through fair price shops, 200 units of free power, free bus travel for women, and ration card schemes could be discontinued if the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) won the Jubilee Hills by-election. Addressing a corner meeting in Vengalrao Nagar, he alleged that the BRS was opposing women's welfare schemes and attempting to create discord among auto drivers. "The BRS is raking up sentiment, but Jubilee Hills needs development. Elect Naveen Yadav and I will show what real development means," he said. Revanth Reddy criticised the late sitting MLA Maganti

Gopinath, claiming that despite serving three terms, he had failed to push for local development. "Did he ever bring up Vengalrao Nagar's issues in the Assembly or approach us for any developmental work?" the Chief Minister asked. He noted that in recent months, several ministers had secured sanction of hundreds of crores for local works. "Should these development activities stop midway?" he asked. Revanth Reddy also referred to the Secunderabad Cantonment by-election, stating that the BRS had previously tried to invoke sentiment there as well. "But people chose Congress and voted for development," he said.

Citing a past instance, he recalled that after the death of former CLP leader P Jannardhan Reddy in 2007, then TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu had supported a unani-

mous election. "However, the BRS broke that tradition by fielding its own candidate," he remarked.

The Chief Minister further accused Union Minister G Kishan Reddy of stalling Hyderabad's key projects, including Metro expansion and the Musi River development. "The BJP and BRS nexus is like a fevicol bond," he said, alleging that the BRS had supported the BJP in the previous parliamentary elections. Despite facing poll code restrictions, Revanth Reddy reiterated his commitment to improving education for film workers' children and assured that a statue of former Chief Minister N T Rama Rao would be installed at Ameerpet. "I will unveil the statue as the Chief Minister of Telangana," he said, appealing to Ayyappa devotees to support Congress candidate Naveen Yadav.

CM Revanth Reddy Announces Flood Relief, Orders Long-Term Plan

TPN Bureau| Hyderabad, Oct 31

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy conducted an aerial survey of the flood-ravaged areas in the erstwhile Warangal district and Husnabad Assembly constituency. Following the survey, the CM announced relief for affected farmers and families.

An ex gratia of 5 lakh will be provided to the bereaved families of flood victims, 15,000 each to families whose houses were submerged, Indiramma houses to the most affected families, and special assistance for those who lost livestock and standing crops.

During the official review of flood damages in Warangal, the CM instructed officials of all departments to prepare a



comprehensive report immediately on damages caused by the flash floods and heavy rains, covering crop damages, sand deposits on farmlands, loss of life, livestock, and infrastructure.

The CM appealed to people's representatives to support the administration during the damage enumeration and to submit their own reports.

The Chief Minister enquired about central assistance and instructed officials to expedite the

process of seeking required relief funds from the Union government, warning them against any delay. Emphasizing the need for a permanent solution to flood management, CM Revanth Reddy noted a "lack of coordination" between departments and ordered all wings to work in tandem. He instructed officials to launch a drive for the demolition of nala encroachments in Warangal city, stating that they should proceed with a

"clear vision and strict measures" to protect the interests of the majority.

The CM stressed that coordination between the Municipal Administration and Irrigation Departments is mandatory to clear encroachments at nalas and water bodies. He instructed officials to prepare a special report on Smart City works and constitute a coordination committee at the field level.

In view of cloudbursts becoming routine due to climate change, the CM asserted that permanent plans must be made, requiring district collectors and authorities to conduct regular field inspections. The CM's directive to demolish encroachments is seen as a bold step toward long-term urban resilience, directly addressing a root cause of flooding.

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Green City'. Under The Pm E-Drive Scheme, The Central Government Is Introducing 15,000 Electric Buses Across Nine Cities Nationwide, With 2,000 Electric Buses Sanctioned For Hyderabad. The Central Government Provides A Subsidy Of 35 Lakh Per Bus. The Central Government Has Called For Tenders For These Buses On November 6th. The Review Focused On Infrastructure Requirements, Technical Operations, And Challenges Being Faced In Operating E-Buses. The State Already Has An Ev Policy To Further Promote Electric Vehicles (2, 3, And 4-Wheelers, Buses, Trucks, And Tractors)



By Providing Tax Benefits. Telangana Was The First State To Introduce Electric Buses In The Country With 40 Units In March 2019. The Tgsrtc (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation) Plans To Add 1010 Additional Electric Buses (510 Intercity And 500 City Buses) Under Its 2023 Procurement Plan, With Letters Of Award Already Issued. Currently, 775 Electric Buses (510 Intercity And 265 City Buses) Are Operating, With The Remaining 275 Expected By March 2026. Minister Prabhakar Addressed Concerns Raised With Oem Representatives Regarding Non-Compliance With Tender Conditions, Delays In Esta

blishing Charging Infrastructure, Abnormal Delays In E-Bus Deliveries, And Poor Performance (Higher Breakdown Frequency And Accident Rates Compared To Diesel Buses). The State Government Assured Full Cooperation And Support, Promising To Time-ly Establish Upstream High-Tension (Ht) Power Connections In Selected Depots For Smooth Operations Under The Pm E-Drive Scheme. Oems Are Expected To Strictly Adhere To Delivery Timelines, Complete Downstream Charging Infrastructure, And Recruit Qualified Staff To Achieve Performance Levels Comparable To Diesel Buses.

Telangana Bets on 'People Power' for Economic Growth



TPN bureau, Hyderabad, Oct 31. Mr. Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister For It And Industries, Government Of Telangana, Stated That For The State Government, Gdp (Gross Domestic Product) Means 'Gross Empowerment Of People' (Gep). Speaking At The Cii (Confederation Of Indian Industry) Southern Regional Council Meeting Held At Itc Kakatiya, Begumpet, The Minister Laid Out The State's Development Roadmap Designed To Make Telangana A Key Contributor To India's Goal Of Becoming A \$15 Trillion Economy. Delivering The Keynote Address On "Driving Industrial Growth And Innovation: Telangana's Roadmap To A Three-Trillion-Dollar Economy," He Outlined That Telangana's Growth Model Will Be Built On Three Foundational Pillars: The Urban Engine (Hyderabad), The Industrial Heartland, And The Rural Transformation Zone. He Emphasized The Focus On Creating A "Future-Ready Deve

lopment Model" That Prioritizes Speed, Transparency, And Innovation. Minister Sridhar Babu Noted That Hyderabad's Gdp Is Projected To Reach \$350 Billion By 2035, Transforming The City Into A Global Capital For Services, Sustainability, And Smart Living, And Setting A Benchmark As A Net-Zero Future City. He Highlighted The State's Strategic Industrial Geography, Stating That The Corridor Between The Outer Ring Road (Orr) And The Regional Ring Road (Rrr) Would Emerge As A Key Industrial Hub, Designed To Capture The Global "China +1" Opportunity. Telangana Is Also Working Towards Turning Every Farmer Into An Entrepreneur Through Agri-Processing Clusters And Digitally Connected MsmeS. The Government Aims To Generate 20 Gigawatts Of Renewable Energy By 2030, Strengthening Its Commitment To Green Growth. The Minister Underscored The State's Expanding

Innovation Ecosystem Anchored By Ai City, Ai Innovation Hub, Image Towers, And The Hub Phase 2. Calling For Regional Collaboration, Mr. Sridhar Babu Urged Southern States To Work Together To Build A Competitive, Innovation-Driven Manufacturing Base, Proposing A 'Make-In-South, Scale-For-The-World' Economy. He Invited Industrial Leaders To Consider Telangana As A Reliable Launchpad For Global Investments, Assuring A Stable And Facilitative Policy Environment. The State Is Exploring A Dedicated Industry-Government Coordination Mechanism To Strengthen Institutional Linkages, Similar To Successful Models In Other States. The Minister's Address Clearly Articulated The Government's Shift From A Purely Economic Focus To An Inclusive, People-Centric Development Agenda, Aiming For Both Economic Prosperity And Social Equity.

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And Injured Her Before Committing The Rape And Fleeing The Spot. Based On The Woman's Complaint, A Case Was Promptly Registered At The Machareddy Police Station. During The Investigation, Kamareddy District Superintendent Of Police M Rajesh Chandra Stated That The Police Successfully Tracked Down The Accused And Arrested Him

In Maharashtra's Gondia District On Thursday. The Swift Action And Inter-State Coordination Demonstrated The Police's Commitment To Bringing The Perpetrator To Justice. The Police Produced The Accused In A Local Court, Which Remanded Him To Judicial Custody. The District Police Took Immediate Measures To Ensure The Victim Received Necess

sary Medical Attention And Counselling Support. Sp Rajesh Chandra Emphasized That Strict Action Will Be Taken Against Crimes Against Women And That Special Teams Were Formed Immediately To Locate The Suspect Who Had Fled The State. The Quick Apprehension Of The Accused Sends A Strong Message Against Such Heinous Crimes,

Reaffirming The Police Department's Focus On Victim Safety And Speedy Justice. The Investigation Is Continuing To Gather All Supporting Evidence, Ensuring A Strong Prosecution In The Fast Track Court. Police Urged The Public To Report Any Suspicious Activity Immediately To Help Maintain Law And Order.

Congress MLA Gets Cabinet-Rank Post as Govt Advisor

TPN bureau | Hyderabad, Oct 31. Senior Congress Mla And Former Minister P. Sudarshan Reddy Was Appointed As The Advisor To The Telangana Government For The Implementation Of All Flagship Welfare And Developmental Schemes, With The Rank And Status Of A Cabinet Minister. Simultaneously, Another Congress Mla, K. Prem Sagar Rao, Was Appointed As Chairman Of The Telan

gana State Civil Supplies Corporation, Also With Cabinet Rank Status. These Appointments Were Made Around The Time Former Indian Cricket Captain Mohammad Azharuddin Was Sworn In As A Minister. The Move Is Widely Seen As A Strategic Effort By The Congress Government To Pacify Senior Leaders Who Were Aspiring For Cabinet Berths And Were Reportedly Unhappy After Being Ignored In

A Previous Cabinet Expansion. Sudarshan Reddy's Role Is Crucial: He Is Tasked With Reviewing The Implementation Of All Major Welfare And Developmental Schemes With District Collectors And Department Secretaries. His Pay, Perquisites, And Supporting Staff Will Be Admissible To A Cabinet Minister, Including Residential Accommodation And Minister's Chambers In The Secretariat. Furthermore,

He Will Be A Special Invitee To All Cabinet Meetings, Highlighting The Significance Of His Position. A Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary Rank Officer Will Head The Flagship Schemes Unit To Provide Secretariat Assistance To The Advisor, Ensuring High-Level Coordination And Monitoring. The Appointment Addresses The Discontent Among Senior Leaders Like Sudarshan Reddy, Prem Sagar

Rao, Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy, And Malreddy Ranga Reddy. With Azharuddin's Swearing-In, The Cabinet Strength Reached 16, Leaving Two Berths Still Vacant Out Of A Maximum Of 18. The Party Is Clearly Employing These High-Ranking Political Appointments To Strengthen Its Grip On Governance And Maintain Party Unity By Recognizing Veteran Leaders' Experience.

TELANGANA EXPANDS RICE EXPORTS TO PHILIPPINES, EYES AFRICAN MARKETS

TPN Bureau/ Hyderabad, October 31. Telangana, India's Largest Rice-Producing State, Is Strategically Expanding Its Rice Exports Beyond Traditional Buyers, Marking A Significant Shift In Its Agricultural Strategy. S Mohanty, Advisor To The Telangana Government, Confirmed That The State's Civil Supplies Corporation Has Exported Rice To The Philippines For The First Time. The Export Consisted Of The Mtu 1010 Variety, A Long Grain Sticky Rice Preferred In The Philippines. The State Now Plans To Target African Countries, Including Nigeria And

Others In West Africa, With Parboiled Rice. Mohanty Highlighted Telangana's Remarkable Increase In Rice Cultivation Over The Past Decade, With Acreage Tripling And Production Exceeding 20 Million Tons Of Milled Rice This Year. The State's Requirement Is Around 5 Million Tons, Leaving A Surplus Of About Five To Six Million Tons Even After Selling To The Central Pool, Creating New Export Opportunities. Furthermore, Telangana Is Actively Promoting Sustainable And Climate-Friendly Cultivation Practices That Use Less Water And Reduce Methane Emissions.



This Includes Encouraging Farmers To Grow Rice In Non-Flooding Conditions And Introducing New Low-Methane Emitting Varieties. The Government Is Making This Change 'Demand-Driven', Assuring Farmers That Sustainable Practices Will Lead

To Assured Markets And Better Prices, Thereby Encouraging Voluntary Participation. Mohanty Predicted India's Rice Surplus Could Reach 30 Million Tons By 2030, Emphasizing The Need To Diversify Exports Beyond A Handful Of Popular Types. He Pointed

Out That Telangana Sona, For Example, Has A Low Glycemic Index (Gi) Of Less Than 50. He Concluded That India's Future As The Largest Rice Exporter Lies In Sustainable Growth, More Nutritious Produce, And Targeting Premium Global Markets.

Congress Ministers Open War Room, Predict Jubilee Hills Win

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Ministers Vakiti Srihari And Tummala Nageswara Rao Inaugurated The New Congress Party Office In The Vengal Rao Nagar Division Of The Jubilee Hills Constituency. Speaking At The Meeting Held On The Occasion, Minister Vakiti Srihari Expressed Confidence That The Congress Party Candidate Naveen Yadav's Victory In Jubilee Hills Is Certain. He Stated That The Entire Electorate Is Looking To

wards The Congress Party. He Urged Party Cadre To Ensure The Success Of The Chief Minister's Roadshow Scheduled For The Evening. Minister Srihari Claimed That The Brs Is Already gripped By The Fear Of Defeat. He Warned That The Brs Is Likely To Make Vicious Attempts And Cautioned Party Workers To Remain Alert Until The Voting Process Is Completed. The Inauguration Of The New Office In A Key

Division Is Part Of The Congress Party's Strategy To Intensify Its Grassroots Campaign Ahead Of The By-Poll. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Also Addressed The Workers, Emphasizing That The People's Support For The Indiramma Government Is Clearly Visible On The Ground. The Presence Of Two Key Ministers At The Inauguration Underscores The High Stakes Of The Jubilee Hills Seat For The Ruling Congress

Party. The Party Is Mobilizing Its Full Organizational Strength To Ensure A Clear Victory. The Focus On A Vigilant Campaign Reflects The Anticipated Tense Contest With The Main Opposition Brs. The Congress Leadership Is Directly Involving Senior Cabinet Members To Counter The Brs's Accusations Of Non-Performance And To Reiterate The Government's Commitment To The Constituency's Development.



22 Months, 22 Reasons to Trust Congress, Says Ponguleti



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State Revenue, Housing, And Information And Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy Asserted That The Development And Welfare Programs Undertaken In The Past 22 Months Under The Leadership Of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Will Ensure The Congress Party's Victory In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. Speaking At A Meeting With Rahmath Nagar Division Congress In-Charges At His Residence On Friday, The Minister Stated That Despite Serious Financial Constraints Caused By The Brs's Ten-Year Rule, The Government Is Strictly Implementing Its Election Promises. He Accused The Brs Of "Unimaginable Destruction" In All Sectors Of Telangana, Yet Stated That The 'Indiramma Govern-

ment' Has Secured A Place In The Hearts Of Every Citizen Within 22 Months By Improving The State's Financial Condition Without Imposing Burdens On The People. Minister Reddy Argued That The 22-Month Rule Is A Testament To How "One Vote Can Change People's Lives." He Instructed Congress Cadre To Take The Brs's Failures, Corruption, And Irregularities To The People, While Simultaneously Highlighting The Implemented Development And Welfare Schemes Door-To-Door. Providing An Example On Development, He Criticized The Previous Brs Government For Not Sanctioning A Single Ration Card In The Jubilee Hills Constituency Over Ten Years. In Contrast, He Revealed That The Congress Govern-

ment, Committed To Wiping The Tears Of The Poor, Has Issued 14,000 New Ration Cards And Added 8,000 Names In The Constituency. He Stated That Each Person On A Ration Card Receives Six Kg Of Free Fine Rice, Distributing 23,000 Quintals Of Rice Per Month To The Poor. Across The State, 11 Lakh Ration Cards Have Been Sanctioned. The Minister Underscored That The Focus On Welfare And Development As "Two Eyes" Is Key To Winning The Trust And Confidence Of The People. The Meeting Was Attended By Mlas Vemula Veeresham And Beerla Ilaiiah, Mlc Shankar Naik, Road Safety Authority Chairman Malreddy Ramreddy, And Former Mla Narasa Reddy, Signifying The Unity Of The Party Ahead Of The Crucial By-Poll.

KTR Fires at Congress: Teach the Bulldozer Govt a Lesson

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Brs Leader Ktr Strongly Criticized The Congress Government, Urging The People To "Think Wisely" And Vote For The Brs Candidate In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. He Accused The Congress Of "Corrupting The State" Within Just Two Years Of Coming To Power. Ktr Alleged That The Congress Came To Power By Giving "Mouth-Fulfilling Promises," Such As Giving Tula Of Gold And 2,500 To Young Women. He Sarcastically Remarkd That Instead Of Giving Gold To The Poor, They Are Not Even Providing Rice. Ktr Called On The People To Teach The Congress A Lesson By Ensuring The Victory Of The Brs Candidate In Jubilee Hills. He Advised Voters To Accept Money

If Congress Leaders Offer It For Votes, But To "Corner Them" And Demand Accountability For Their Unfulfilled Promises. "Ask Them How Much They Owe You Based On The Promises They Made," Ktr Challenged, Stating That "The Time Has Come To Corner Them" On Their Commitments. He Stated That Congress Leaders Believe People Will Be Afraid, But "This Is The Land With The Guts To Corner Those Who Cheated." He Assured The People That The Brs Will Stand By Them And That "They Don't Need To Be Afraid Of Anyone." He Encouraged Them To "Work Courageously," Promising To "Deal With Anyone Who Tries To Intimidate Them." Ktr Characterized The Contest As A

Competition Between The "Bulldozer And The Car," Urging People To "Teach A Lesson To The Bulldozer Government." He Contrasted The 'Car' (Brs Symbol) With The 'Bekar' (Useless/Unemployed) Which Represents The Congress Rule, Calling For Votes For The Car Symbol To Ensure Sunithamma's Victory With A Huge Majority. Ktr's Sharp Rhetoric Signals A Fierce Electoral Battle, Focusing Heavily On The Failure Of The Congress To Deliver On Its Core Welfare Guarantees, Which Is The Brs's Primary Strategy To Recapture The Voters' Trust. He Concluded By Reaffirming The Brs's Commitment To Protecting The Interests Of The People And Challenging The Status Quo.

‘Indira Is India’: Surekha Hails Iron Lady’s Spirit”

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State Forest, Environment, And Endowments Minister Konda Surekha Paid Rich Tributes To India's First Woman Prime Minister, Late Indira Gandhi, On Her Death Anniversary. Speaking After Garlanding Her Statue At Kasibugga Center, Warangal, On Friday, The Minister Stated That "Indiramma's Life Is An Inspiration" For All Indians And Called Her A "Courageous Woman Who Sacrificed Her Life For The Nation's Unity." Minister Surekha Eulogized Indira Gandhi As A "Great Leader" Who Fed The Poor Through The Slogan 'Garibi Hatao' (Abolish Poverty) And An "Iron Lady" Who Spread India's Fame Globally. She Noted That Indira Gandhi Overcame Many Political

And Personal Challenges To Emerge As A Powerful Leader Whose Story Remains Evergreen In Indian History. The Minister Stressed That Her Services Are Exemplary For Both Past And Present Generation Leaders. She Recalled That People Once Praised Her With The Slogan "Indira Is Indira, Indira Is India." Minister Surekha Recounted That Indira Gandhi Was Tragically Assassinated On October 31, 1984, By Her Own Bodyguards Following 'Operation Blue Star'. However, Her Patriotism, Courage, And Vision For The Nation's Development Remain Permanently Etched In The Hearts Of The People, Making Her A Global Inspiration For Women. The Minister Underscored The Special Connection Between In-



dira Gandhi And Telangana, Reminding That She Was Elected To Parliament From The Medak Constituency In 1980 And Served As Prime Minister. She Attributed The Establishment Of Many Central Government Institutions In Telangana To Indira Gandhi's Tenure. The

Minister Highlighted That The State Government Is Continuing Her Legacy By Implementing Several Welfare Schemes In Her Name, Most Notably The 'Indiramma Houses' Housing Scheme. Minister Surekha Concluded That It Is Imperative To Remember Indira Gandhi's Services Be-

yond Party Lines, Not Just On Her Anniversary But In The Days To Come. The Homage Paid In Warangal Served To Reinforce The Congress Party's Historical Ties To The Nehru-Gandhi Family And Its Commitment To The Party's Core Ideals Of Pro-Poor Welfare.

STF Nabs 5, Seizes Ganja in Twin Raids



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The STF B-Team Conducted Two Separate Raids, Successfully Seizing Significant Quantities Of Ganja And Arresting Five Individuals Involved In Its Sale. In The Secunderabad Sikh Village Area, Based On A Tip-Off, CI Biksha Reddy And SI Balaraju Along With Staff Conducted A Raid And Seized 200 Packets Of Ganja From An Individual Named Sohil. The Seized Ganja Weighed 880 Grams. The Police Revealed That Sohil Was Bringing The Ganja From Nagpur And Selling It In Hyderabad. Sohil's Scooter, Mobile Phone, And The Seized Ganja Were Handed Over To The Secunderabad Excise Station. In A Second Operation In Uppal's Vijayapuri Colony, STF B-Team SI Balaraju And His Staff Conducted A Raid Following Information About Ganja Sales. They Seized 325 Grams Of Ganja And Arrested Four Individuals, Identified As Ravi Teja,

Jagadeeshwar, Dilip, And Charan. Additionally, Two Vehicles And Four Mobile Phones Were Confiscated From The Accused. All Four Individuals Were Handed Over To The Uppal Excise Station. These Successive Raids Underscore The Increased Vigilance Of The Excise And Police Departments In Curbing The Drug Trade Within The City. The Police Highlighted The Need For Continued Community Input To Effectively Target The Supply Chains Operating From Other States Like Nagpur. The Arrests And Seizures Are A Major Step In Disrupting The Local Distribution Network And Protecting The City's Youth From Substance Abuse. Further Investigation Will Focus On Tracing The Main Suppliers And Dismantling The Entire Inter-State Ganja Smuggling Racket. The Total Value Of The Seized Contraband Is Estimated To Be In Lakhs Of Rupees In The Local Market.

Srihari: Let BC Reservation Stir Echo OU's Fight for Telangana



Tpn bureau, hyd
Minister Vakiti Srihari Asserted That The Movement For BC Reservations Should Be Carried Out With The Spirit Of The 'Sakalajanula Samme' (Mass General Strike) That Fueled The Telangana Statehood Movement. He Was The Chief Guest At The 'Dharma Deeksha' Organized By The Ou Bc Jac (Osmania University Bc Joint Action Committee), Demanding That The Central Government Immediately Approve The 42% Bc Reservation Bill, Amend The Constitution, And Include It In The 9th Schedule. Speaking At The Event, Minister Srihari Used Powerful Analogies, Stating, "There Is No Security For A Nation Without A Soldier's Blood, No Food Without A Farmer's Sweat, And No Momentum

For A Movement Without An Agitation In Ou." He Attributed The Genesis Of The 42% Bc Reservation To Rahul Gandhi's Paadayatra From Kanyakumari To Kashmir. He Stated That Cm Revanth Reddy Acted On Rahul Gandhi's Vision To Ensure Representation For Backward Classes In Education, Employment, And Legislatures. The Minister Revealed That The Congress Party, Utilizing The Powers Vested In The State By Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution, And Fulfilling An Election Promise, Convinced All Parties In The Legislative Assembly To Introduce The 42% Bc Bill. He Criticized Opponents Who Are "Slandering The Government" Instead Of Providing Advice On The Bc Bill. Government Whip Beerla Ilaiiah,

Former Justice Eswaraiiah, Former IAS Chiranjeevulu, National President Of The Bc Sangham Jajula Srinivas Goud, And Other Ou Bc Leaders Participated In The Event. The Minister's Presence And The Linkage To The Historic 'Sakalajanula Samme' Highlight The Congress Government's Political Commitment To The Bc Cause. The Event Served As A Strong Platform For The Ruling Party To Demonstrate Its Support For Enhanced Bc Representation, While Simultaneously Blunting Criticism From Opposition Parties Regarding The Implementation Of Welfare Schemes. The Ou Bc Jac's Demand Puts Direct Pressure On The Central Government For Constitutional Amendments.

Spirit of Ekta: Cyberabad Police Lead Run for Unity

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Cyberabad Police Observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) By Organizing A 2 Km “Run For Unity” At T-Hub Gate, Madhapur, To Commemorate The 150th Birth Anniversary Of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The Event, Held Under The Theme “Let Us Come Together To Strengthen The Spirit Of Ekta Diwas And Promote Fitness, Harmony, And Community Spirit,” Was Flagged Off By Ms. Ritiraj, Ips, Dcp Madhapur. Nearly 500 Members Participated Enthusiastically In The Run. Dcp Ritiraj Paid Rich Tributes To Sardar Patel, Acknowledging His Pivotal Role In Uniting The Princely States And Laying The Foundation For A Strong, United India. She Emphasized The Importance Of Perseverance And Teamwork, Stating, “Finishing Is As Important As Starting—do Not Quit, Never Stop. We Ran For Unity; We Stand For Unity.” The Indian Book Of Records



Felicitated The Madhapur Zone Police For Their Outstanding Participation. The Dcp Further Underscored The Significance Of National Unity, Urging Citizens To Actively Contribute To Strengthening The Country's Internal Security. She Called Sard-

ar Patel The “Architect Of National Unity And Integrity” Whose Leadership, Vision, And Determination Remain A Source Of Inspiration. The Event Was Attended By Madhapur Adcp Sri Uday Reddy, Various Acps, Inspectors, And Members Of The Scsc

Team, Collectively Celebrating The Spirit Of Unity And National Pride. This Massive Community Engagement Is Part Of The Police's Broader Strategy To Foster Better Relations With The Public And Promote A Sense Of Shared Responsibility

For The Nation's Harmony And Fitness. The Event Concluded With The Distribution Of Certificates And Refreshments To All Participants, Reinforcing The Message Of Community Spirit And Health.

Chiranjeevi Leads Unity Run on Necklace Road

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Hyderabad City Police Organized A Grand ‘Run For Unity’ At People’s Plaza, Necklace Road, Hyderabad, To Mark The 150th Birth Anniversary Of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Celebrated Nationwide As Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day). The Event, Aimed At Reaffirming Commitment To The Nation’s Unity, Integrity, And Security, Witnessed Enthusiastic Participation From Around 5,000 Citizens And Runners. Parallel Events Were Also Held Across Seven Zones Under The Hyderabad City Police Jurisdiction. The Run Was Graced By Former Union Minister And Film Actor Konidela Chiranjeevi As The Chief Guest, And Director General Of Police, Telangana, B. Sivadhar Reddy, Ips, As The Guest Of Honour. Chiranjeevi Paid Rich Tributes To Sardar Patel, Calling Him The “Great Blessing” Who Unified A Fragmented Nation Of 560 Pieces Into ‘One Na-



tion’ And Praised The Police For Taking Patel’s Message Of ‘Unity In Diversity’ To The Masses. He Also Addressed The Menace Of Cybercrime And Deep Fake Technology, Assuring The Public That The Police Leadership Is Taking The Matter Seriously. Dgp B. Sivadhar Reddy Stated That The Event Is “More Than Just A ‘Run’; It Is An Inspiration” To Commit To National Unity. Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.c. Sajjanar Advised The Youth To Take Sardar Patel As An Ideal And

Strive For A Good Society, Cautioning The Public Against Panicking Over Cyber Crimes And Misusing Bank Accounts As ‘Mule Accounts’ For Cybercriminals, Which Risks Legal Trouble. The Massive Scale Of The Event Underscores The Commitment Of Hyderabad Police To Promoting National Integration And Public Awareness. The Run Successfully Galvanized People From All Walks Of Life, Promoting A Sense Of Patriotism And Fitness.

Alert Cops Save Woman From Suicide Attempt



Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 31th

Kphb Police Officers Rescued A Woman Who Was Attempting To Commit Suicide By Hanging Herself From A Tree In The Kphb Colony. According To The Police, The Woman, Identified As Annapurna (37), Who Lives Near A D-Mart Apartment In Kphb Colony, Was Trying To Hang Herself From A Tree Near The Apart-

ment Late At Night. Police Constables Manu Nayak And Raheem, Who Were On Patrolting Duty At That Moment, Responded Immediately And Saved Annapurna’s Life. The Police Stated That Annapurna, Who Ekes Out A Living By Selling Bondas And Has Two Daughters, Was Attempting Suicide Due To Family Problems. The Timely Intervention Of The Patrol-

ling Staff Was Crucial In Preventing A Tragedy. Police Officials Emphasized The Importance Of Vigilant Night Patrolting To Deter Crimes And Respond To Emergencies. Annapurna Was Immediately Taken To The Police Station And Later Shifted To A Counselling Center Where She Will Be Provided With The Necessary Psychological Support To Deal

With Her Personal Issues. The Kphb Station House Officer Commended The Constables For Their Alertness And Presence Of Mind. Counselling Sessions Will Also Be Extended To Her Family Members To Address The Root Causes Of The Problems And Ensure A Supportive Environment For Her Future Well-Being. The Police Urged Citizens

Facing Mental Distress To Seek Help From Professional Counsellors Or Helpline Services Rather Than Resorting To Extreme Steps. This Incident Highlights The Critical Role Of On-Duty Police Personnel Beyond Law Enforcement. The Constables Were Also Honored By Senior Officials For Their Exceptional Duty.

Rally in Suraram Pays Tribute to Iron Man of India



Tpn bureau, hyd, oct 31th

Environmentalism And Social Activist Kola Ravinder Mudiraj Stated That Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s Services To The Nation Are Everlasting And Memorable. Speaking In Suraram, Quthbullapur, On The Occasion Of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s 150th Birth Anniversary, He Organized A Rally With North City School Students At The Suraram Chowrasta. Kola Ravinder Mudiraj Highlighted That The Credit For Integrating Hyderabad Into The Indian Union, Which Was Under Nizam’s Rule At That Time, Belongs Solely To Sardar Patel. He Encouraged Students To Follow In Patel’s Footsteps And Move Forward In Life. The Event Was Attended By School Teachers, Students, And Other Participants. The Obser-

vance Of The Anniversary By A Social Activist And Environmentalist Highlights The Broad Social Reverence For Sardar Patel’s Legacy. The Rally With School Children Was Organized To Instill The Values Of Nationalism, Unity, And Determination In The Younger Generation. The Specific Mention Of Hyderabad’s Integration Is Significant In The Local Telangana Context, Reaffirming Sardar Patel’s Crucial Role In The Region’s History. Such Community-Led Events Contribute Significantly To The Promotion Of National Unity And Historical Awareness. The Participants Pledged To Uphold The Ideals Of Unity And Integrity That Sardar Patel Stood For, Making The Rally A Meaningful Tribute To The ‘Iron Man Of India’.

HYDRA Reclaims 30 Cr Park Land From Encroachers

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Hydra (Hyderabad Development and Regulatory Authority) Successfully Protected 4,000 Square Yards Of Park Land In The Chowdarguda, Doctors Colony, Pocharam Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri District. The Estimated Value Of The Land Is Over 30 Crores. It Was Noteworthy That The Original Landowners Who Developed The Layout Of 500

Plots Over 26.9 Acres In 1985 Were The Ones Allegedly Involved In The Encroachment. The Doctors Colony Welfare Association Filed A Complaint With The Hydra Prajavani. Following Directives from Hydra Commissioner Sri Av Ranganath, Officials Investigated The Complaint. The Investigation Revealed That Amudala Ramesh, Son Of Amudala Narasimha, One Of The Original Layout Developers, Used False Doc-



uments To Sell The 4,000 Square Yards Park Land As Five Plots Of 800

Square Yards Each To An Individual Named Kulkarni. Kulkarni, In

Turn, Divided These Into 20 Plots Of 200 Square Yards Each And Sold

Them To Individuals Including Rajesh And Soman. The Colony Associa-

tion Had Previously Complained To The Municipality And Approached The High Court. After Decades Of Unresolved Conflict, The Association Petitioned Hydra Last September. Following Completion Of The Investigation, Hydra Officials Confirmed The Land Was Designated As A Park And Cleared The Encroachments On Friday. They Fenced The 4,000 Square Yards Park Area And Erected Hydra Boards, Bringing An End To The

Long-Standing Land Grabbing Issue. The Colony Representatives Expressed Relief And Gratitude To Hydra For Its Decisive Action. This Action By Hydra Is A Strong Message Against Land Grabbers, Especially Those Who Exploit Their Past Association With Development To Commit Fraud. The Authority Has Initiated Further Legal Proceedings Against The Accused To Ensure That The Perpetrators Are Held Accountable.

Court Clears Chevella Highway

Tpn bureau, hyd
Parigi Mla Dr. T. Ram-mohan Reddy And Chevella Mla Kale Yadaiah Held A Press Conference At The Chevella Mla Camp Office To Announce A Major Development Regarding The 1000 Crore, Four-Lane Road Project From Appa Junction To Manneguda. They Stated That The Chennai Green Tribunal Court Today Lifted The Stay Order On The Road Construction. The Stay Was Due To A Case Filed By Environmentalists Regarding The Felling Of Trees. During The Court Hearing At 10:30 Am Today, The National Highway Authority (Nha) Informed The Court That Instead Of Removing All 950 Trees On Both Sides Of The Road, They Would Only Remove 150 Trees And Transplant Them To A Different Location. Since The Petitioners Agreed To This Decision, The Court Vacated



The Stay Order, Granting Immediate Permission To Begin The Road Work. Mla Dr. T. Ram-mohan Reddy Stated That He Brought This Issue To The Attention Of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy This Morning,

Who Immediately Instructed National Highway Officials To Commence The Work Without Delay. Consequently, The Road Work Began Today. The Mla Assured That The Highway Work Will Continue

Non-Stop And Will Be Completed As Quickly As Possible To Prevent Accidents In The Area. He Pointed Out That Around 300 People Lost Their Lives In Accidents On This Stretch In Recent Days, And The Com-

pletion Of The Road Will Provide Improved Transportation For The Public, Ending This Problem. Furthermore, The Mla Stated That The Government Is Also Undertaking The Construction Of Rrr (Regional Ring Road) Roads, Radium Roads, And Bt Roads In Every Village Under The Ham Scheme. The Speedy Resolution Of The Legal Hurdle Was Attributed To The Government's Commitment To Both Infrastructure Development And Environmental Protection. The Local Congress Leaders Expressed Their Gratitude To The Cm For His Prompt Intervention, Which Avoided Further Delays To The Life-Saving Project. The Four-Lane Highway Is Expected To Significantly Reduce Travel Time And Ease Congestion In The Region.

10L Hashish Oil Seized in Sangareddy, Repeat Offender Held

Tpn bureau, hyd
The Sangareddy Excise Enforcement Team Seized 964 Grams Of Hashish Oil Worth 10 Lakh, Which Was Being Illegally Transported From Visakha Agency To Hyderabad On Friday. The Seizure Took Place In The Kandi Area Near Shankarapally In Sangareddy. The Accused, Identified As Anil Kumar Yadav From Brindavan Colony, Katedan, Hyderabad, Has A History Of Multiple Cases Involving The Trafficking Of Ganja, Drugs, And Hashish Oil. Medak Deputy Commissioner J. Harikishan Stated That Anil Kumar, Who Was Previously Arrested In Similar Cases, Was Apprehended While Transporting The Hash-



ish Oil Again From The Visakha Agency Area. Following Precise Information About The Transportation Of Hashish Oil To Hy-

derabad, The Enforcement Medak Team Conducted Inspections In The Akshaya Foundation, Kandi Area. The Hashish Oil Was Seized

During Checks On The Road Leading From Kandi To Shankarapally. The Accused Was Arrested, And The Hashish Oil Worth 10 Lakh Was Seized And Handed Over To The Sangareddy Excise Station. The Case Is Being Supervised By Aes K. Srinivas Rao, With Excise Cis Gandhi Nayak, Veena Reddy, And Chandrasekhar, Along With Several SIs And Constables, Being Part Of The Team That Made The Arrest. Excise Enforcement Director Shanawaz Qasim Congratulated The Team For Their Success. This Significant Seizure Indicates The Continued Efforts Of Drug Smugglers To Use Visakha Agency As A Source And Hyderabad As A Major

Transit Point. The Arrest Of A Repeat Offender Highlights The Need For Stringent Monitoring Of Individuals With A History Of Involvement In Drug Trafficking. The Enforcement Team Also Confiscated The Vehicle Used For The Transportation, Which Will Be Held As Evidence. The Investigation Will Now Focus On Tracing The Financial Transactions And Network Used By Anil Kumar Yadav To Procure The Contraband From Andhra Pradesh. The Excise Department Reaffirmed Its Commitment To Intensifying Operations Against The Narcotic Menace, Especially Targeting Interstate Drug Trafficking Routes.

Leopard Panic Near Choutuppal; Search Ops Intensify

Tpn bureau, hyd
Panic Gripped Devalamma Nagaram Village And Its Surroundings In Choutuppal Mandal Of Yadadri Bhongir District On Friday After Locals Reported Spotting A Suspected Leopard Moving In The Area. Following A Complaint From Villagers, Forest And Police Officials Responded Promptly. Farmers Who Were On Their Way To The Fields Reportedly Saw The Animal In The Wild Growth Near The Village. A Joint Team Of Forest Department Officials And Police Personnel Immediately Rushed To The Site And Cordoned Off The Affected Forest Stretch To Prevent Any Untoward Incidents And Ensure Public Safety. Armed With Tracking Equipment And Binoculars, The Teams Are Combining The Area And Scanning For Paw Prints To Confirm The Animal's Identity. A Senior Forest Official Stated That They Mobilized Staff Immediately Upon Receiving The Call Around 6 A.m. They Added That, Based On The Villagers' Description, It Could Be A Leopard, Although They Cannot Rule Out A Hyena. Forest Officials From The Nearby Bhongir Wildlife Range Are En-



Route To The Village To Join The Operations And Assist In Identifying The Animal. The Officials Have Cautioned Locals To Avoid Venturing Into The Forest Area And To Be Extremely Vigilant, Especially During Dawn And Dusk. The Search Operation Is Expected To Continue Until The Animal Is Tracked And Safely Relocated. This Sighting Has Created A Heightened State Of Alertness Among Residents, Particularly Those Living Near The Forest Fringe. Specialist Veterinary Doctors Have Also Been Placed On Standby With Tranquilizer Guns, Ready To Capture The Animal Safely Upon Sighting. The Teams Are Also Utilizing Camera Traps To Get A Visual Confirmation Of The Animal's Species And Movement Patterns. The Joint Efforts Are Focused On Minimizing Risk To Both The Public And The Wild Animal.

BRS Leaders Slam Govt Over Dalit Study Centre Neglect

Tpn bureau, hyd
Brs Dalit Leaders Visited The Centre For Dalit Studies (Cds) In The Jubilee Hills Constituency, Following Instructions From Brs Working President Ktr. The Team, Which Included Former Ministers Koppula Eshwar And Tatikonda Rajaiah, Brs General Secretary Dr. Rs Praveen Kumar, Mlas, And Former Mlas, Strongly Criticized The Congress Government For Neglecting To Inaugurate The Study Centre, Which Was 90% Completed During Cms Kcr's Tenure. They Alleged That The Congress Government Is "Turning A Blind Eye" To The Implementation Of The Sc/st Declaration And Is Similarly Ignoring The Cds. Koppula Eshwar Stressed That Kcr Undertook The

Construction Of The Cds On A 1500-Square-Yard Site So That The Dalit Community Could Gain Education And Social Stature For Generations. He Demanded The Immediate Inauguration Of The Building. Former Government Whip Balka Suman Stated That The Cds Was Built With A Cost Of 24 Crores To Provide Educational Opportunities For Dalit Students. He Expressed Dismay That Despite Two Years Having Passed, The Building Has Not Been Opened, Which "Reveals The Lack Of Affection" The Congress Party Has Towards Dalits. He Accused The Congress Government Of Deceiving Dalits For Two Years. The Brs Leaders Said The Revanth Sarkar Is Obstructing Dalit Education By Showing

Negligence In Completing The Remaining Ten Percent Of The Work. The Delegation Conducted A Thorough Inspection Of The Multi-Storey Building, Including The Library, Classrooms, And Hostel Facilities, Emphasizing The Readiness Of The Structure For Use. They Urged Dalit Students And Civil Society Organizations To Question The Ruling Party's "Double Standards" On Dalit Welfare. The Brs Is Now Demanding A Clear Timeline From The Government For The Completion And Inauguration Of The Landmark Project, Warning That If The Government Continues To Neglect This Crucial Educational Facility, They Will Escalate Their Protest To Ensure Justice For Dalit Students.

Telangana expands Bharosa network with third centre in Cyberabad



Tpn bureau, hyd
Director General of Police B. Shivahar Reddy on Friday inaugurated a new Bharosa Centre at Shamshabad under the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate. The centre has been established to provide comprehensive support and assistance to women and children in distress, ensuring a safe and responsive environment for victims of abuse and violence. Operated by a team of trained women personnel, the Bharosa Centre will offer

a range of essential services, including legal aid, medical assistance, psychological counselling, and guidance on government compensation schemes. The initiative particularly focuses on supporting victims under the POCSO Act and other gender-based violence cases. The newly inaugurated centre will cater to 17 police station limits spread across the Rajendranagar and Shamshabad zones, making it easier for victims in these areas to access timely

and professional help. Speaking at the event, DGP Shivahar Reddy emphasized that the Bharosa Centre model has become a trusted institution across Telangana for protecting vulnerable sections and ensuring justice through a multi-disciplinary, victim-centric approach. He said such centres strengthen community trust in law enforcement and reinforce the state's commitment to women and child safety.

Inflows decline in Hyderabad's twin reservoirs after rainfall pause

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Unity in Motion: BJP Holds Massive 'Run for Unity'

Tpn bureau, hyd
The 150th Birth Anniversary Of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Former Deputy Prime Minister And The Architect Of Indian Unity, Was Grandly Celebrated Nationwide With The "Run For Unity" Program. In Hyderabad, The Run Commenced From Babu Jagjivan Ram's Statue At Fateh Maidan, Basheerbagh, And Concluded At Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Statue Near Public Garden X Road By The Assembly. Key Bjp Leaders, Including Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Telangana Bjp State President N. Ramchandra Rao, Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar, Bjp Obc Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman, And Mps Etala Rajender And Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Participated. The Event Was Successful-

ly Organized With The Message Of "Ek Bharat - Shresth Bharat," Commemorating Sardar Patel's Services, Sacrifices, And Firm Resolve For National Unity. N. Ramchander Rao Paid Rich Tributes, Stating That The Program Is An Inspiration For Youth To Instill Unity, Patriotism, And Service. He Recalled Patel's Role As A Freedom Fighter And India's First Home Minister, Whose Efforts Integrated Around 560 Princely States Into The United India We Know Today. Rao Emphasized That Telangana's Integration Into India Was A Result Of Sardar Patel's Steadfast Resolve And Bold Decision To Undertake The 'Police Action' Against The Autocratic Nizam Rule. He Stated That Prime Minister Narendra Modi And Home

Minister Amit Shah Are Continuing Patel's Spirit By Taking Firm Action Against Terrorism And Guiding The Nation Towards Peace, Security, And Development. Rao Also Mentioned The Statue Of Unity In Gujarat, The World's Tallest Statue, As A Symbol That Will Carry Patel's Inspiration For Generations. The Participants, Comprising Thousands, Took A Pledge Of National Unity And Service After Completing The Run. Union Minister Kishan Reddy Highlighted Patel's Vision For A Modern And Strong India, Urging The Youth To Emulate His Leadership Qualities. The Event Reinforced The Party's Ideological Focus On Nationalism And Integral Humanism, Connecting Patel's Legacy Directly To The Current Government's Policies.

Addiction: A Systemic Crisis, Not a Moral Failing

Addiction is often misunderstood as a moral weakness or individual failing, but experts argue it is a systemic crisis rooted in complex social, cultural, economic, and political realities. Writing on the issue, social analyst Ranjit Singh Ghuman emphasizes that unless societies address the underlying structures that enable the drug trade and substance abuse, an entire generation risks being lost to addiction.

Historically, people have used intoxicants in various forms for centuries. Many substances, ranging from alcohol to opioids, have even carried social or religious sanction in different cultures. Yet, when such substances are misused, they can severely disrupt physical and mental health, social stability, and community well-being. Addiction, therefore, cannot be reduced to personal weakness—it is intertwined with broader societal conditions.

Experts highlight that the drug business thrives



on systemic vulnerabilities. Poverty, lack of education, unemployment, and social marginalization create environments

in which addiction can flourish. Simultaneously, inadequate health infrastructure, ineffective rehabilitation programs,

and punitive policies often exacerbate the problem rather than providing sustainable solutions. Ghuman stresses that a

holistic understanding of addiction requires recognizing these structural factors rather than stigmatizing

individuals.

Furthermore, the cultural normalization of intoxicants in certain contexts complicates pre-

vention efforts. While some communities may accept occasional use, the commercialization and illegal trafficking of

drugs introduce widespread harm, particularly to youth and vulnerable populations. Addressing addiction, therefore, demands coordinated policy responses, including awareness campaigns, accessible mental health services, and strong regulation of the illicit drug trade.

Ghuman warns that without such interventions, India and other nations risk losing a generation to the long-term consequences of addiction. This crisis is not just medical but social and economic, affecting families, education, and workforce productivity.

In conclusion, addiction is far more than a personal moral issue—it is a systemic failure that requires systemic solutions. Holistic strategies that tackle the root causes of substance abuse, strengthen rehabilitation infrastructure, and create supportive social environments are essential to mitigate this growing crisis and safeguard future generations.

Starbucks Shifts Focus from Activism to Coffee Amid Backlash



Starbucks is navigating a challenging transformation as it moves away from overt corporate activism toward a more product-focused approach, a shift that may prove difficult given its long history of social and political engagement. The company, once synonymous with corporate advocacy under former CEO Howard Schultz, is now facing criticism from both sides of the political spectrum.

Schultz, who helped define Starbucks' modern identity, championed causes ranging from gun control and same-sex marriage to refugee hiring initiatives and national conversations on race. His approach made Starbucks a pioneer in corporate activism, often placing social messaging above

product promotion. Full-page ads, public statements, and pledges on social issues became routine, even drawing speculation that Schultz might run for president.

However, in today's hyper-polarized climate, companies are increasingly prioritizing core products over socio-political stances. Experts, including Alison Novak, professor of public relations at Rowan University, note that while brands believed younger consumers would reward social activism, research shows Gen Z often prioritizes authenticity over ideology. Misteps or inconsistent messaging, such as Target's controversial DEI initiatives, have highlighted the risks of overextending socially-driven campaigns.

Starbucks now faces a delicate balancing act. The company has come under scrutiny from the left over its resistance to unionization efforts, which conflicts with its progressive image and has sparked employee frustration. Unionized workers recently began voting on potential strike action amid stalled negotiations. Simultaneously, the right has targeted Starbucks over perceived political messaging, such as an incident where a barista initially refused to write conservative commentator Charlie Kirk's name on a cup, citing corporate policy.

CEO Laxman Niccol is leading a turnaround strategy aimed at re-centering Starbucks on its products rather than activism. "We won't let others de-

fine who we are," Niccol wrote in an open letter to employees last September. His plan emphasizes straightforward storytelling and product focus, moving away from full-page ads or hashtag-driven social campaigns.

While the shift may help Starbucks avoid ideological conflicts, it is not without challenges. The company has spent years cultivating a socially conscious brand identity, and repositioning itself solely around coffee risks alienating both employees and customers accustomed to its advocacy-driven image. For Niccol, the challenge lies in redefining Starbucks without igniting controversy, balancing business priorities with its legacy of social engagement.

Truly Swadeshi: Redefining 'Make in India' in Aerospace



India is taking bold steps to redefine Swadeshi in aerospace, moving beyond mere assembly of foreign technologies to homegrown innovation. The recent milestone came when state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an MoU with Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) to produce the SJ-100 civilian commuter aircraft in India. While headlines focused on UAC's sanctioned status amid global tensions, the bigger story lies in India's strategic use of domestic talent, infrastructure, and engineering capabilities.

Self-reliance, or *aatma nirbharta*, in India's context means harnessing domestic resources, innovations, and human intellect across sectors from aerospace and defense to IT. For decades, India relied on foreign technologies, such as cryogenic engines for space programs, before persistent homegrown efforts delivered breakthrough solu-

tions. HAL's collaboration with UAC provides practical training for Indian engineers and leverages existing infrastructure to produce a regional aircraft capable of carrying over 100 passengers with a range exceeding 3,000 km. This aligns with projected domestic demand for 200 aircraft by 2030 and regional needs for 350 more across South and Southeast Asia.

Experts argue that the true spirit of Swadeshi is realized when India develops indigenous engines and technologies, not just when it assembles foreign components. The example of the Tejas fighter jet highlights this: despite over 60% indigenization, the aircraft's full potential depends on homegrown engines like the advanced Cauveri, replacing foreign-made alternatives. Similarly, partnerships with global players such as France's Safran, Brazil's Embraer, China's COMAC, and others can co-exist with a focus on indi-

genization, allowing India to accelerate technological self-sufficiency.

The SJ-100 project also demonstrates India's ability to navigate geopolitical challenges while advancing domestic capabilities. Past lessons from ISRO's cryogenic engine program show that persistence and strategic vision can turn technological dependence into self-reliance. Today, the country's engineers are on the cusp of powering both fighter and passenger aircraft with indigenous engines, marking a historic moment for the nation.

True Swadeshi is thus not a narrow policy but a broader vision: leveraging homegrown talent, fostering innovation, and strategically partnering globally while maintaining control over critical technologies. With projects like SJ-100 and Tejas, India is redefining "Make in India" for the modern era, celebrating engineering excellence and technological sovereignty.

India Poised to Be Naxal-Free by 2026

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have reaffirmed their commitment to making India Naxal-free by March 31, 2026, framing the campaign as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the heels of his 150th birth anniversary. Patel, widely known as the "Iron Man of India," had united 562 princely states and safeguarded the young nation against internal threats—a vision that the government says guides its current efforts against Left Wing Extremism (LWE).

Naxalism, originating in 1967 in Naxalbari, West Bengal, has evolved into a decades-long Maoist insurgency affecting central and eastern India. Over the years, the

violence has claimed tens of thousands of lives, destroyed infrastructure, and disrupted development. High-profile attacks such as the 2010 Dantewada ambush, the 2013 Darbha Valley attack, and the 2017 Sukma assault highlighted the insurgency's severity, with Maoists controlling large swathes of "liberated zones." Since assuming office in 2014, PM Modi has treated Naxalism as a national security threat, combining advanced intelligence, helicopters, fortified camps, and development initiatives in affected regions. When Amit Shah became Home Minister in 2019, the campaign gained renewed focus. The government's approach is fourfold: relentless security operations, ac-

celerated development, empowerment of locals, and a robust surrender-and-rehabilitation policy.

Under this strategy, security operations have neutralized more than 1,000 Naxal leaders since 2019, while the government has set up over 250 forward camps equipped with drones, night-vision technology, and specialized commandos. Development efforts include roads, mobile connectivity, schools, and even 5G networks in previously isolated districts, helping curb recruitment into insurgent ranks. Rehabilitation incentives have led to the surrender of hundreds of cadres, including high-profile commanders, highlighting a shift from ideology to opportunity.

Recent operations—such as Operation Kagar in Narayanpur-Kanker and Operation Black Forest in Bastar—have further fragmented Maoist networks. Violence is at a 30-year low, with affected districts reduced from 126 in 2014 to just 12, and Maoist influence now confined to 1% of territory.

As India approaches the March 2026 target, the government frames the campaign as both a strategic and symbolic victory, linking national unity, internal security, and development. Officials say the effort honors Sardar Patel's legacy, aiming to ensure citizens live free from ideological violence and laying the foundation for a stronger, unified India.



PM Modi Pays Tribute to Sardar Patel on 150th Birth Anniversary



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat, marking the 150th birth anniversary of India's "Iron Man." The occasion is celebrated na-

tionwide as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) every October 31 since 2014.

Modi arrived at the 182-metre-tall statue near Ekta Nagar in Narmada district in the morning. He offered flower petals at the memorial to hon-

our Patel's legacy in unifying India. After the tribute, the Prime Minister proceeded to a nearby venue to administer the Ekta Diwas pledge to participants and witness the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas parade.

This year's celebra-

tions have been marked by a grand cultural festival alongside the parade, which showcases contingents from various state police forces and paramilitary units including the BSF and CRPF. The parade has been modelled on the Republic Day for-

mat, featuring elaborate formations, ceremonial drills, and a display of discipline and coordination among the forces.

The event aims to emphasize national unity and integrity, reflecting Sardar Patel's vision of a united India. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas also serves as a reminder of the contributions of leaders like Patel in integrating over 500 princely states into independent India post-1947.

In addition to the official ceremonies, various educational and cultural programs are being conducted across the country to engage citizens and students in activities highlighting patriotism, civic responsibility, and national cohesion.

Modi's visit to the Statue of Unity on this special occasion underscores the government's commitment to preserving and promoting the legacy of Sardar Patel, encouraging citizens to embrace the values of unity, harmony, and integrity in contemporary India.

India Gets 6-Month US Sanctions Exemption for Chabahar Port



TPN Correspondent | Patna

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

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

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

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

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

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

route that bypasses Pakistan.

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

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

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

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

Congress Slams NDA Over Nitish Kumar's Exclusion from Manifesto Launch

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Congress party on Friday strongly criticised the NDA for allegedly not allowing Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to speak at the release of the coalition's manifesto for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. The opposition described the move as "an insult to Bihar and Biharis."

Speaking to reporters in Patna, senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot condemned the NDA's event, claiming the manifesto launch lasted only 26 seconds. Gehlot said the brevity of the programme reflected the ruling coalition's fear of facing questions from the media about their 20-year governance record in Bihar. He described the manifesto itself as a "string of lies" and questioned the transparency and credibility of the NDA leadership.

Gehlot accused the NDA of attempting to sideline important voices from within their own ranks, including Nitish Kumar, to avoid scrutiny over unful-



filled promises and governance failures. He argued that the decision to limit participation at such a crucial public event undermined democratic values and the coalition's accountability to the people of Bihar.

The Congress leader also pointed out that the 26-second launch was

highly unusual for a manifesto unveiling, which typically involves detailed presentations and interactions with the press. According to him, the NDA's truncated approach suggested an attempt to avoid public and media engagement, raising concerns about the seriousness of their electoral promises.

Gehlot reiterated that the Congress would continue to highlight issues of governance, transparency, and development deficits in Bihar and challenge the NDA on matters of public interest. He called for greater openness and inclusivity in political communication, urging parties to respect both

leadership voices and citizens' right to clear information ahead of the elections.

The controversy has sparked debates over party politics and leadership dynamics in Bihar, with analysts noting that such incidents could influence voter perceptions ahead of the state polls.

Mumbai Filmmaker Takes 17 Children Hostage Over Rs 2.4 Crore Dispute



TPN Correspondent | Srinagar

In a shocking incident in Mumbai's Powai area, filmmaker Rohit Arya held 19 people, including 17 children, hostage at a film studio on Thursday. The standoff ended when police conducted a rescue operation, resulting in Arya being shot dead.

Arya had earlier released a video claiming he was owed Rs 2 crore for an urban sanitation and cleanliness drive led by his company, Appara Media Entertainment Network, under the Project Let's Change initiative. He stated that his demands were "simple, moral, and ethical," though he did not provide details.

The Maharashtra Education Department clarified that while Arya and his company

were selected in 2022 and 2023 to run the project, which involved 59 lakh students as 'swachhata monitors', only Rs 9.9 lakh had been disbursed. The second phase for 2023-24 allocated Rs 20.63 crore, including Rs 2 crore for the monitors, but Arya's project documentation was incomplete and contained inflated costs for advertising, manpower, and technical support, leading to delays in implementation.

Arya later demanded Rs 2.42 crore and sought to expand the initiative to all state schools. However, the government flagged discrepancies, noting Arya collected a registration fee from schools, which was not authorized under government rules. In August 2024, he was

directed to return the money and submit an affidavit promising not to collect funds, but he failed to comply. The cleanliness initiative was eventually disbanded following political changes in the state government.

Arya's wife, Anjali Arya, told reporters that her husband had been fighting both for the promised money and recognition for his work. Authorities have stressed that Arya's actions were illegal and highlighted procedural lapses in his handling of government funds.

The incident has raised concerns over safety at film studios and the handling of private contractors in government schemes, prompting calls for stricter oversight and compliance.

India, U.S. Sign 10-Year Defence Framework Pact



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In a landmark move, India and the United States on Friday signed a 10-year defence framework agreement, underscoring the growing strategic partnership between the two nations. The agreement was formalized during a meeting in Kuala Lumpur between Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and U.S. Defence Secretary Peter Hegseth.

Defence Minister Singh described the pact as a signal of deepening defence cooperation, providing policy direction across the entire spectrum of the India-U.S. defence relationship. He emphasized that the agreement will strengthen collaboration on military planning, joint exercises, technology sharing, and defence production.

The framework is ex-

pected to facilitate long-term strategic planning, enabling both countries to coordinate on regional security challenges, maritime security, counterterrorism, and emerging threats such as cyber and space security. By establishing a formal roadmap, the pact aims to enhance interoperability between the two militaries and foster sustained engagement at multiple levels.

Secretary Hegseth highlighted the importance of the agreement in reinforcing regional stability and security cooperation, noting that it reflects the shared commitment of India and the U.S. to address evolving geopolitical challenges in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. The pact also provides a platform to strengthen ties in defence research, joint development of advanced technologies, and shar-

ing best practices in defence management.

Officials noted that the agreement will serve as a long-term blueprint for strategic defence collaboration, guiding annual bilateral exercises, training programs, and high-level consultations. The move comes at a time when both countries are looking to enhance their defence and security ties amid rising regional tensions.

The 10-year framework is expected to cement India-U.S. military cooperation, offering predictability and continuity in defence planning and operations. Analysts say it marks a significant step in the broader strategic partnership between the two democracies, ensuring that defence collaboration remains a cornerstone of bilateral relations for the next decade.

Japan PM Takaichi, China's Xi to Hold First Talks in South Korea



TPN Correspondent | Busan

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are set to hold their first-ever bilateral meeting on Friday afternoon in South Korea, the Japanese government announced. The encounter takes place on the sidelines of the two-day Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Gyeongju and marks Takaichi's first meeting with Xi since assuming office last week. The talks are expected to focus on reaffirming both nations' commitment to fostering a "strategic and mutually beneficial relationship" while pursuing "constructive and stable" ties, amid ongoing tensions over historical and territorial disputes. Relations between Tokyo and Beijing remain strained, particularly due to repeated incursions by Chinese coast guard vessels into Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands, which China claims as Diaoyu. China has adopted a cautious stance toward Takaichi, widely regarded as a China hawk, and has yet to extend a congratulatory message to her following her appointment, unlike with her three predecessors. During a

recent phone call with Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, China's top diplomat Wang Yi emphasized that issues concerning history and Taiwan form the "foundation of bilateral relations and basic trust." Takaichi, known for her conservative policies and alignment with former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, is expected to press China on its growing maritime activity near the Senkaku Islands and highlight the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. She may also seek the early release of Japanese nationals detained in China on espionage charges, according to sources. The meeting is being closely watched by regional and global observers, as it could signal a potential thaw or at least a stabilizing dialogue in Sino-Japanese relations, which have been tense due to historical grievances, territorial disputes, and growing military assertiveness in the East China Sea. This first encounter between Takaichi and Xi will be a significant test of diplomacy amid complex geopolitical dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region.

Pakistani Forces Accused of Torturing Mother and Daughter in Balochistan



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Pakistani troops have been accused of detaining and torturing a mother and her daughter in the Panjgur district of Balochistan, leaving both critically injured, according to local sources and human rights groups. The incident reportedly took place in the Panchi area, where security forces raided a residence and took the women into custody, later abandoning them at Panjgur Hospital in a semi-conscious state. Residents claim that the daughter was sexually assaulted by the personnel during the detention. The Human Rights Council of Balochistan (HRCB) condemned the attack as a "horrifying reflection of the impunity and moral decay embedded in Pakistan's security operations in Balochistan." In a statement, the council demanded an independent inquiry, punishment for the perpetrators, and justice for the victims. Pakistani authorities have not issued any official statement, fueling public outrage and deepening concerns over the continued pat-

tern of human rights abuses in the region. Human rights defenders describe the act as part of a systematic campaign of violence against Baloch women. This case follows a series of similar incidents in recent months. In September, a woman named Safia Bibi was allegedly abducted during a military raid in Khuzdar's Zehri area before being released days later. Earlier this year, 23-year-old student Mahjabeen Baloch disappeared from her hostel in Quetta, five days after her brother was taken into custody. Activists warn that the cycle of violence and impunity in Balochistan continues to escalate mistrust between the state and the Baloch population. Without transparent investigations and accountability, human rights groups fear further deterioration of civil rights in the province. The incident has drawn renewed attention to Pakistan's handling of Balochistan, highlighting the urgent need for oversight, protection of civilians, and adherence to international human rights standards to prevent further abuses.

Trump Urges Senate To Scrap 60-Vote Rule As Shutdown Drags On

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US President Donald Trump has urged Senate Republicans to scrap the 60-vote filibuster rule, a move he says would allow them to end the month-long federal government shutdown that has crippled key public services and left thousands of workers without pay. Posting on his Truth Social platform late Thursday, the 79-year-old Republican called for what he termed the "Nuclear Option," which would eliminate the long-standing Senate rule that requires 60 votes to advance most legislation. The rule effectively allows 41 of the 100 senators to block bills, forcing bipartisan cooperation. "It is now time for Republicans to play their 'TRUMP CARD' and go for the Nuclear Option — get rid of the filibuster, and get rid of it NOW!" Trump wrote. "If we did what we should be doing, it would immediately end this ridiculous, country-destroying shutdown." The shutdown, which began on October 1, has brought many US government operations to a stand-



still. Federal workers remain unpaid, and critical services — from air traffic control to national park management — have been severely disrupted. The release of GDP data has been

delayed, while 42 million low-income Americans face potential suspension of food stamp benefits starting Saturday. According to the Congressional Budget Office,

the ongoing impasse could cost the US economy up to \$14 billion if not resolved soon. While Trump's proposal reflects frustration among Republicans, it remains

unclear how such a rule change would be implemented or whether it would garner enough support in the Senate. The filibuster, a key procedural safeguard in US govern-

ance, has long been defended by both parties as a crucial check on majority power — though Trump has repeatedly called for its removal since his first term.

Prince Andrew Stripped of Royal Titles, Ordered to Vacate Windsor Mansion

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In a historic and unprecedented move, Britain's King Charles III has stripped Prince Andrew of all royal titles and ordered him to vacate his Windsor residence, following renewed scrutiny over his links to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Buckingham Palace announced on Thursday that Andrew, 65, will no longer be known as the Duke of York, and will instead go by Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. A formal notice has been served for him to surrender the lease of his Royal Lodge mansion on the Windsor Estate, where he has lived for decades. He will relocate to private accommodation on the Sandringham estate in eastern England. "Their Majesties wish to make clear that their thoughts and utmost sympathies remain with the



victims and survivors of all forms of abuse," the palace said in a statement,

emphasizing that the decision was necessary despite Andrew's continued deni-

als of wrongdoing. The action marks one of the most severe discipli-

nary measures ever taken against a senior royal. King Charles, who is still

undergoing treatment for cancer, reportedly had the backing of Prince William and other family members in the decision. Andrew's fall from grace began in 2011 when he stepped down as the UK's trade envoy amid controversy over his friendship with Epstein. In 2019, he gave up public duties, and in 2022, he lost his military affiliations after facing sexual abuse allegations from Virginia Giuffre, which he settled out of court while maintaining his innocence. Recent publication of emails between Andrew and Epstein from 2011 reignited public outrage, prompting the king's decisive action. Royal observers say the move underscores Charles's commitment to protecting the monarchy's integrity and distancing the institution from scandal.

Vietnam Floods Claim 13 Lives, 11 Missing as Rain Batters Central Region

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The death toll from severe flooding in central Vietnam has risen to 13, with 11 others still missing, as record-breaking rainfall continues to wreak havoc across the region, authorities confirmed on Friday. Days of relentless downpours have caused widespread flooding and landslides, submerging thousands of homes and cutting off several rural communities. The UNESCO-listed heritage sites of Hue and Hoi An have been among the worst affected, with streets and historic buildings inundated under several feet of muddy water. According to Vietnam's National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention, the torrential rains — the heaviest in decades — began earlier this week, overwhelming rivers and drainage systems. Rescue operations are ongoing, with military and emergency teams deployed to evacuate residents and deliver food, water, and medical supplies



to stranded areas. In Hue, floodwaters have entered low-lying neighborhoods and disrupted electricity and transport. Meanwhile, in Hoi An, a popular tourist destination, local authorities have ordered tempo-

rary closures of hotels and heritage sites to ensure safety. Images from the area show boats navigating through the town's flooded streets, reminiscent of the devastating floods of 2020. Meteorological officials

warned that more rain is expected over the weekend as a tropical depression moves toward Vietnam's coast, raising fears of further flooding and landslides in Quang Nam, Thua Thien-Hue, and Da Nang provinces.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has urged authorities to prioritize rescue efforts and ensure no resident is left behind. "Saving lives and providing relief are our top priorities," he said in an emergency meeting.

With the human toll rising and property losses mounting, central Vietnam faces its worst flooding crisis in recent years, prompting calls for stronger climate resilience and infrastructure planning.



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 infrastructure and natural gas marketing as potential drivers for sustained growth. They have also emphasized ongoing efforts to enhance operational ef-

iciency 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.

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 re-

marks 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, agricul-

ture, 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 innova-

tion, and ensuring that ambition is matched by action," 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.

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 subdued, with major indices in the U.S., Europe, and Asia showing mod-



est 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.

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.

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 mar-

kets, 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.

Rare 'Harvest Moon' to Illuminate October Sky – Visible in India Too

Skywatchers in India and around the world are in for a celestial treat as a rare October Harvest Moon is set to brighten the night sky next week. Traditionally associated with September, the Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, but this year, due to the lunar cycle, it will occur in October, a rarity that last happened in 2020 and can't be witnessed again until 2028.

In 2025, this stunning lunar event will peak on the night of October 6, reaching full phase at 03:48 GMT on October 7th. The moon will appear full for nearly three days, from October 5th to October 8th, making it a prolonged and delightful viewing opportunity.

Adding to the spectacle, this year's Harvest Moon is also a supermoon, meaning it will be closer to Earth in its

orbit, appearing approximately 6.6% larger and 13% brighter than a typical full moon. The result is a radiant, golden-hued moonrise that will be hard to miss, especially if skies are clear.

Yes, India will get a clear view of this celestial event, provided the weather cooperates. The moon will rise shortly after sunset and can be seen traveling from the eastern to western sky throughout the night.

The Harvest Moon holds deep cultural significance, historically offering farmers extra light to gather crops before winter. Across cultures, it's been a symbol of abundance, gratitude, and humanity's connection to nature.

Whether you're a seasoned astronomer or just an admirer of the night sky, this rare October Harvest Supermoon is a must-see event.



Anthropic Unveils Claude Sonnet 4.5, Its Most Advanced AI for Coding



AI research firm Anthropic has launched its latest model, Claude Sonnet 4.5, which the company claims is the best AI coding model in the world. The announcement was made on Tuesday, with the company highlighting major improvements in the model's coding abilities, computer usage, and practical business applications.

Claude Sonnet 4.5 is described as a significant leap forward from its predecessor, offering the ability to create production-ready applications, not just functional prototypes. This upgrade marks a major advancement in the model's reliability and real-world utility, especially in complex, high-stakes environments like cybersecurity, finance, and scientific research.

Anthropic says the model achieves industry-leading results on key coding benchmarks, including the SWE-Bench Verified, a standard measure for software engineering AI performance.

"Claude Sonnet 4.5 is our most aligned

frontier model yet," the company said in an official statement. Extensive safety training has helped reduce problematic behaviors such as sycophancy, deception, power-seeking tendencies, and encouragement of delusional thinking, the major issues that have historically plagued large AI systems.

Additionally, the model features stronger defence mechanisms against prompt injection attacks, a growing concern in agent-based and autonomous AI systems.

Anthropic also emphasized that Claude Sonnet 4.5 has improved in "agentic" behavior, its ability to interact with digital tools and software systems, making it more effective for use in enterprise settings and as a digital assistant.

As generative AI competition intensifies, Claude Sonnet 4.5 positions Anthropic as a serious contender in AI for developers and businesses alike, directly rivaling models from OpenAI, Google DeepMind, and others.

World's Most Expensive Quilt Made From Arctic Bird Feathers, Costs 12 Lakh

In a world where luxury is often defined by gold and diamonds, an unusual and natural material appeared in headlines, eiderdown, the rarest and most expensive quilt filling on the planet. Priced at an astonishing 12 lakh (approx. \$15,000) per quilt, this Arctic marvel is sourced from the eider duck, a seabird, native to the cold regions of the Arctic and North Atlantic.



What makes eiderdown so special? It's the ultra-soft feathers found beneath the belly of the female eider duck, which she plucks to line her nest. These down feathers are not only lightweight and extremely warm, but also hydrophobic, meaning that they repel water. Even when in dive, they float and remain dry due to their microscopic air-trapping structure, offering insulation far superior to other materials.

Only about 3 to 4 tonnes

of eiderdown are harvested globally each year, with Iceland producing 70-85% of the world's supply. In fact, it takes feathers from around 66 duck nests to create just one kilogram of eiderdown, the amount needed for a single quilt. That's how rare this material truly is.

Used in high-end products like luxury puffer

jackets and premium bedding, eiderdown is often featured by companies like Wallback, catering to extreme weather explorers and luxury markets.

The rarity of eiderdown is such that, according to Hakai Magazine, the entire global stock could fit inside a small truck. Despite its high cost, demand re-

mains strong due to its unmatched warmth, featherlight weight, and eco-friendly sourcing, the down is collected without harming the birds.

As the world looks toward sustainable yet luxurious alternatives, eiderdown quilts are redefining what it means to sleep in comfort and style, the Arctic style.

Chhota Bheem Cafes to Launch in Hyderabad, 300 Outlets Planned Across India

India's beloved animated icon Chhota Bheem is stepping off the screen and into the real world with the launch of Chhota Bheem Cafe, a first of its kind themed dining experience. The initiative is set to begin this December in Hyderabad, where the franchise was born.



Created by Hyderabad ad-based Green Gold Animation, Chhota Bheem has been a household name for over a decade. Now, in collaboration with EBG Group, the studios are transforming the animated universe into a real-life experience for children and families. The first two themed cafes will open in Hyderabad's Hitech City, chosen for its urban appeal and proximity to the stu-

dio's headquarters. Designed as family-friendly destinations, these cafes will combine storytelling, interactive play zones, and dining experience. Kids can expect to engage with characters like Chhota Bheem, Chutki, and Mighty Raju in immersive

spaces. The venues will also include storytelling corners, licensed merchandise, and menus featuring both kid favorites and healthy food options.

The cafes will be launched in two formats, an express version for quick-service outlets and a full-scale themed

model offering a complete experience. The initial rollout will follow a Company-Owned, Company-Operated (COCO) model, with franchise partnerships expected as expansion progresses.

The business plan is ambitious: 50 outlets are targeted for 2026, with a goal of scaling up to 300 locations nationwide. The initiative is backed by significant investment and is expected to generate over 250 direct and indirect jobs in its early phase.

With this move, Chhota Bheem aims to build a real-world brand experience, merging entertainment, education, and family dining, making it a new-age destination for kids and parents alike.



Amazon discontinues 16-Year-Old Prime Invitee Program

Amazon is officially shutting down its Prime Invitee program, a long-standing feature that allowed users to share Prime shipping benefits with family members, on October 1, 2025. The program, first launched in 2009, enabled a Prime subscriber to extend free two-day shipping to another adult, even if they lived at a different address.

After 16 years, the Prime Invitee program will be discontinued, and enrolled users will lose access to the shared free delivery service. This change affects members who were part of the program before 2015, the year Amazon quietly stopped accepting new users under the scheme.

Instead, Amazon is encouraging users to switch to the Amazon Family program, which allows the sharing of a broader range of Prime benefits, but with one key condition: all members must live at the same address. Amazon Family includes features like fast and

free delivery, access to Prime Video, Amazon Music, exclusive shopping deals, GrubHub+ membership, and even fuel savings at over 7,500 participating locations including bp, Amoco, and amp outlets.

In a statement to USA Today, Amazon said, "Prime members can instead share a broad range of Prime benefits with Amazon Family," emphasizing the broader entertainment and utility offerings now included.

To ease the transition, Amazon is offering a limited-time deal for those impacted by the change. Eligible users can get 12 months of Prime for just \$14.99, a significant discount compared to standard pricing. This offer is valid until December 31, 2025.

As Amazon continues to streamline its services, this move marks the end of one of its earliest loyalty features, pushing users toward a more unified and address-verified Prime sharing experience.

16-Year-Old Ilamparthi A R Becomes India's 90th Chess Grandmaster

Ilamparthi A R, a 16-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, has become India's 90th Grandmaster after achieving his final norm at the GM4 Bijeljina 2025 Chess Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ilamparthi's journey to the Grandmaster title has been marked by consistent performance across international tournaments. He secured his first GM norm at the Hanoi tournament in Vietnam in December 2023, followed by a second norm at the Singapore International Open in 2024. Crossing the 2500 Elo rating at the Rilton Cup (2024-25) positioned him for the final push, and his performance in Bosnia sealed the prestigious title.

The achievement was widely celebrated in the chess community. AICF president Nitin Narang took to social media to congratulate Ilamparthi, saying, "Grandmaster No. 90 for Bharat! Congratulations to Ilamparthi A R on fulfilling all the requirements to become the 90th Grandmaster of the country. Wishing you many



more laurels and continued success in making the nation proud."

Legendary Indian chess player and five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand also praised the young prodigy, noting, "He has been missing the title on a few occasions, but each time he came back and worked harder. I really believe he has a lot of potential and we hope to work together towards greater achievements."

Ilamparthi's rise is seen as a continuation of India's growing prominence in international chess, following in the footsteps of players like Viswanathan Anand and Praggnanandhaa R. His achievement at such a young age highlights his talent, dedication, and the growing support system for chess in India.

Abhishek Sharma Shines as Hazlewood Tears Through India in 2nd T20I



India were bundled out for 125 in the second T20I against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, with Abhishek Sharma the lone bright spot amid a top-order collapse. The first match of the five-game series in Can-

berra had been abandoned due to rain.

Abhishek's 37-ball 68 featured aggressive strokes on the off-side, including slashes, check drives, and lofted shots, helping him reach a 23-ball half-century in his debut appearance at

the iconic venue. His innings stood out as the only resistance against the relentless Australian pace attack.

Australia's Josh Hazlewood led the charge, wreaking havoc on India's top and middle order. He dis-

missed vice-captain Shubman Gill, captain Suryakumar Yadav, and Tilak Varma early, leaving India reeling at 5 wickets down in just eight overs. The rest of the batting lineup faltered under pressure, failing to build partnerships

or mount a meaningful chase.

Harshit Rana, promoted to No. 7, scored a quick 35, offering some late resistance, but it was not enough to lift India to a competitive total. The visitors' batting frailties, particularly against high-quality pace bowling in powerplay overs, were on full display.

Australia chased the modest target efficiently, with their openers and middle order keeping the scoreboard ticking. Hazlewood's stellar bowling spell ensured India never gained momentum, giving the hosts a comfortable 4-wicket victory and a 1-0 lead in the series.

The defeat highlights India's urgent need to strengthen their top-order batting and develop strategies to handle quality pace attacks. With three more T20Is scheduled, India will aim to regroup and bounce back, while Australia looks to consolidate their advantage and take a commanding lead in the five-match series.

Australia Beat India by 4 Wickets in 2nd T20I, Take Series Lead

Australia defeated India by 4 wickets in the second T20I at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. The hosts chased down India's modest target of 126 with ease, maintaining their dominant form in the series.

India, sent in to bat by Australian captain Mitchell Marsh, struggled from the start. The team was bundled out for 125 in 18.4 overs, losing early wickets under pressure. Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood starred with the ball, dismantling India's top order in a sensational spell. He accounted for vice-captain Shubman Gill, captain Suryakumar Yadav, and Tilak Varma in the initial overs, putting India on the back foot immediately.

Amid the batting collapse, Abhishek Sharma stood out with a resilient 68 runs, while Harshit Rana, promoted to No. 7, contributed 35 runs, providing some resistance. Despite their efforts, India could not recover, as the middle and lower order failed to capitalize on the platform created by Sharma and Rana. Australia's chase was clinical, an-



chored by steady batting performances and disciplined bowling. The visitors managed the target efficiently without losing control, showcasing their experience and composure in

tricky situations.

This win gives Australia an early edge in the five-match T20I series, placing pressure on India to respond in the remaining games. The Indian team will

need to address their batting fragility, especially their vulnerability against fast bowling in powerplay overs, to remain competitive in the series.

The third T20I is sched-

uled to be played later this week, where India will look to bounce back and level the series, while Australia aims to consolidate their lead and secure a significant advantage in the contest.

Sinner, Zverev Advance to Paris Masters Quarter-Finals



Italy's Jannik Sinner and defending champion Alexander Zverev powered into the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Thursday, keeping their title hopes alive in dominant fashion.

Sinner eased past Francisco Cerundolo 7-5, 6-1 to reach the last eight, setting up a high-voltage clash with American Ben Shelton. The victory means Sinner remains on track to reclaim the World No. 1 ranking, following Carlos Alcaraz's shock early exit at the hands of Britain's Cameron Norrie.

"It was a crucial first set. Francisco is very talented and tough to play against, but I raised my level in the second," Sinner said after his win. The 24-year-old, who has yet to drop a set this tournament, is aiming for his fifth title of the season.

Shelton continued his dream season, beating Andrey Rublev 7-6(6), 6-3. The American fifth seed, who won his maiden Mas-

ters 1000 title in Toronto earlier this year, also secured a debut spot at the ATP Finals in Turin. "It's the result of a year's hard work — the ups, downs, and comebacks," Shelton said.

Meanwhile, Zverev maintained his title defence with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina. The German third seed will next face former World No. 1 Daniil Medvedev, who defeated Lorenzo Sonego in three sets. "Daniil is my kryptonite — he beats me most of the time," Zverev admitted.

Elsewhere, Alexander Bublik stunned fourth seed Taylor Fritz 7-6(5), 6-2 to meet Alex de Minaur, who cruised past Karen Khachanov 6-2, 6-2. Felix Auger-Aliassime also advanced, rallying past Daniel Altmaier 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, keeping his ATP Finals hopes alive as the Paris Masters heads into an electrifying final weekend.

Oman Replaces Pakistan at Junior Hockey World Cup



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

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

Pakistan had been placed in Group B alongside India, Chile, and Switzerland. With Oman taking their place, the group composition has been updated ahead of the tournament. This late withdrawal marks the second recent instance of Pakistan

pulling out from a major hockey event in India, after the Men's Asia Cup in Rajgir, Bihar, where Bangladesh replaced them. The withdrawal also cost Pakistan a chance to qualify for next year's World Cup, as the Asia Junior Cup served as a qualifying event.

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

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

Nandamuri Tejeswini Shines in Her On-Screen Debut for Siddhartha Fine Jewellers



Nandamuri Tejeswini, the younger daughter of Telugu superstar Nandamuri Balakrishna, has officially made her on-screen debut — not in a film, but through a commercial for Siddhartha Fine Jewellers. The celebrated jewellery brand announced Tejeswini as its new brand ambassador, marking a proud and special moment for both the Nandamuri family and Telugu cinema admirers.

The advertisement, directed by D. Yamuna Kishore, beautifully captures Tejeswini's elegance and grace. Despite being her first appearance before the camera, she exudes remarkable confidence and poise, earning praise from both industry insiders and fans. Her natural screen presence and charm reflect the legacy of the illustrious Nandamuri lineage.

The ad film's creative team includes Brinda Master as choreographer, S.S. Thaman for music, and Ayanka Bose as cinematographer. Avinash Kolla

handled art direction, while Naveen Nooli took care of editing. Renowned celebrity photographer Daboo Ratnani captured the stunning stills for the campaign, adding a touch of glamour to the overall presentation.

At the official launch event, Siddhartha Fine Jewellers' directors — Smt. Nagini Prasad Vemuri, Smt. Sreemani Mathukumilli, and Smt. Sreedurga Katragadda — graced the occasion. Speaking on behalf of the brand, Sri Vemuri Krishna Prasad expressed his delight in associating with Tejeswini, applauding her professionalism and natural charm.

With this elegant debut, Nandamuri Tejeswini has made a memorable mark, seamlessly blending tradition and modernity — much like the jewellery she represents. Fans are already eager to see what's next for the star daughter, who has begun her journey in front of the camera with sparkle and confidence.

‘Let’s Go Johnny’ Full Video Released from ‘They Call Him OG’



The makers of the highly anticipated action entertainer ‘They Call Him OG’ have released the full video of the energetic song “Let’s Go Johnny”, starring Power Star Pawan Kalyan. The track, already popular from its teaser, has generated huge excitement among fans, further boosting the film’s pre-release buzz.

Composed by Thaman, the song features a catchy, high-energy beat that complements Pawan Kalyan’s larger-than-life screen persona. The track elevates his character Ojas Gambhira, the OG referenced in the film’s title, highlighting both his style and charisma. The choreography and visuals are designed to match the film’s action-packed narrative, ensuring the song stands out as a major highlight.

Alongside Pawan Kalyan, the film stars Bollywood actor Emraan Hashmi, Priyanka Arul Mohan, Arjun Das, and Shriya Reddy, among others. The ensemble cast adds significant star value, with each actor contributing to the film’s dynamic ac-

tion and dramatic sequences. The video showcases high-octane dance sequences, intense stunts, and vibrant cinematography, keeping fans hooked from start to finish.

“Let’s Go Johnny” has been praised by fans and critics for its catchy tune, stylish presentation, and the way it blends action with entertainment. Social media platforms have been flooded with clips, reactions, and discussions, reflecting the anticipation for the film’s release.

‘They Call Him OG’ is shaping up to be one of the major action entertainers of the year, with the song release further cementing its appeal among audiences. The film combines Pawan Kalyan’s signature charisma with a strong supporting cast, high-quality production, and a gripping narrative, making it one of the most awaited releases in the Indian film industry this season.

The song video is now available across official platforms, allowing fans to enjoy and share the excitement ahead of the film’s theatrical release.

Chiranjeevi Urges Strict Laws Against Deepfake and AI Misuse

Megastar Chiranjeevi, popularly known as Chiru Swamy during his Ayyappa Deeksha, called for the implementation of strict laws to curb deepfake and AI misuse while participating in the Ekta Diwas 2K Run organized by the Hyderabad Police. The event was held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrating his vision of unity and integrity that shaped modern India.



Wearing the traditional Ayyappa maula, Chiranjeevi lauded the efforts of the Hyderabad Cyber Police, led by Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar, for their proactive steps in tackling cybercrimes and protecting citizens from digital threats. He stated that the government is currently drafting stronger legal frameworks to counter the rise of manipulated videos and online impersonations that can cause serious harm to individuals and society.

Speaking to the media, Chiranjeevi emphasized that while technology has transformed lives, its misuse poses a grave danger. He urged the public to exercise re-

sponsibility and ethics in using digital tools, highlighting that awareness and legal safeguards are crucial to prevent the abuse of AI-generated content.

“Technology should be used for progress, not for hurting others or spreading misinformation,” he asserted. The actor’s message aligns with

growing national concern over deepfake content, which has been misused to defame public figures and manipulate information. His remarks added weight

to the call for comprehensive AI regulations to ensure online safety and accountability. On the professional front, Chiranjeevi is currently busy film-

ing his upcoming Sankranti release, Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu, directed by Anil Ravipudi, which is expected to hit theatres early next year.

‘Dining With The Kapoors’ Documentary to Stream on Netflix



Netflix has officially announced the release of its upcoming documentary series, “Dining With The Kapoors,” centered on Bollywood’s legendary Kapoor family. The much-anticipated series will start streaming on November 21, offering fans a rare and intimate glimpse into the lives of one of India’s most iconic film dynasties.

The documentary will feature prominent family members including Ranbir Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Karisma Kapoor, and several other stars from the illustrious Kapoor clan. Through candid conversations and personal anecdotes, the series will delve into the family’s strong legacy that began

with the great Raj Kapoor, fondly remembered as the “Showman of Indian Cinema.”

“Dining With The Kapoors” is expected to showcase heartfelt family moments, untold stories, and nostalgic memories from the family’s rich cinematic history. From their childhood recollections to behind-the-scenes tales of Bollywood’s golden era, the series promises a mix of emotion, glamour, and legacy. The documentary also explores how the younger generation of Kapoors continues to uphold their family’s creative tradition while shaping their own unique identities in the modern film industry.

According to Netflix,

the show’s title reflects the documentary’s intimate tone — most of the storytelling unfolds around a shared family table, where laughter, nostalgia, and memories flow freely. Fans across social media have already expressed excitement, calling it a “dream project” that celebrates both cinema and family bonds.

With a combination of legacy, laughter, and love, “Dining With The Kapoors” is set to be a must-watch for Bollywood fans. The documentary will premiere exclusively on Netflix on November 21, 2025, taking audiences inside the home and hearts of India’s most celebrated film family.



Stranger Things 5 Trailer Sets Stage for Final Battle with Vecna

The wait is nearly over for fans of Netflix’s blockbuster sci-fi series Stranger Things, as the makers have finally released the official trailer for its fifth and final season. Titled Stranger Things 5, the upcoming season promises an epic conclusion to the Hawkins saga, filled with high stakes, emotional moments, and the ultimate face-off against Vecna.

The trailer opens with a haunting score and dark visuals, immediately setting a tense and eerie tone. It hints at the massive showdown ahead, where Eleven, Mike, Dustin, Lucas, and the rest of the gang pre-

pare for their final fight to save both Will and the world from Vecna’s sinister grip. The narrative teases that Vecna might once again use Will as a weapon, forcing his friends to confront their worst fears and deepest bonds in one last desperate attempt to stop the darkness.

Cinematic in scale, the trailer showcases moments of determination, chaos, and unity, with each character seemingly on a different journey that leads to one climactic confrontation. The iconic Stranger Things music, mixed with stunning visual effects, amplifies the sense of final-

ity and danger. Fans across the world have taken to social media to express their excitement and nostalgia, calling this the “end of an era” for one of the most beloved shows of the decade.

Netflix has announced that Volume 1 of Stranger Things 5 will premiere on November 6, 2025, followed by Volume 2 during Christmas, and the grand finale set to air on New Year’s Day 2026.

As the trailer suggests, the battle for Hawkins — and perhaps humanity — is about to reach its epic conclusion.