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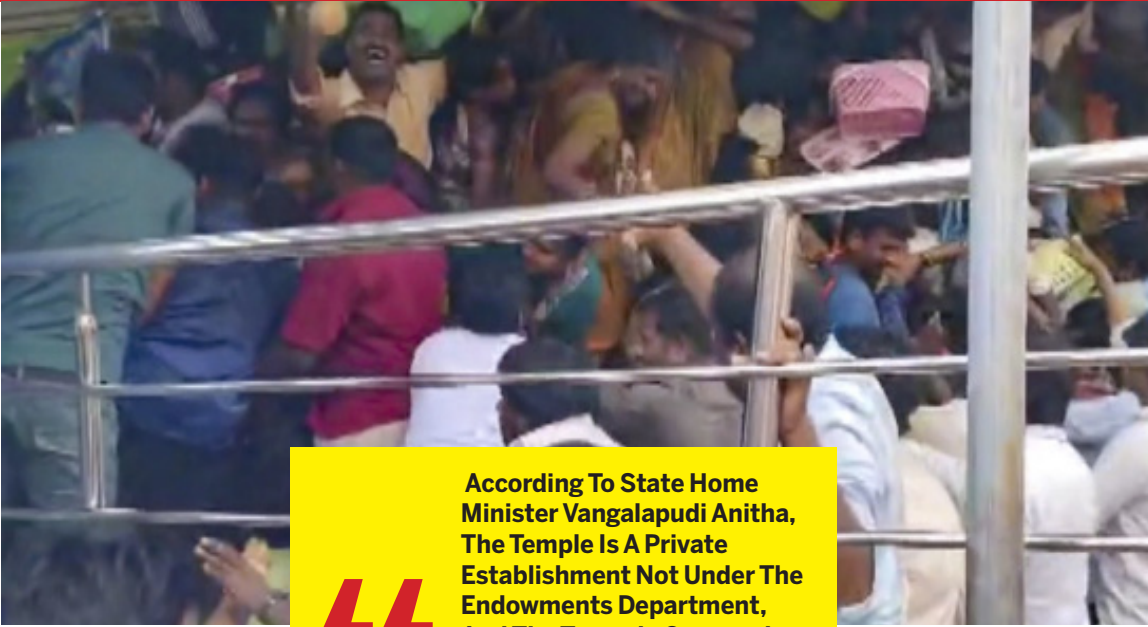
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A Tragic Incident Occurred At The Venkateswara Swamy Temple In Kasibugga, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh, On Saturday, Resulting In The Deaths Of Nine People—Eight Women And One Boy—With Many Others Injured.9 The Stampede Was Exacerbated By The Ekadasi Observance Coinciding With 'Karthika Masam', Which Drew An Unusually Large Crowd. According To State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, The Temple Is A Private

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Under Culpable Homicide Charges Due To The Owner's Negligence And The Lack Of Proper Permissions And Security. The Temple, Built By Panda After A Disappointing Experience At Tirumala, Was Modeled After The Tirumala Temple And Had Become A Quick Attraction.11This Incident Marks The Third Major Temple Tragedy In Andhra Pradesh In 2025, Bringing The Total Death Toll To 22 People And Nearly 100 Injured.12 Earlier Disasters Included Seven Deaths In April Due

To A Wall Collapse At The Simhachalam Temple And Six Deaths In January During A Stampede For Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam Tickets In Tirupati.13 The Last Week Of October And Early November Has Proved To Be One Of The Deadliest For The State, With The Temple Tragedy Following A Bus Inferno In Kurnool (19 Dead) And Estimated \$5,244-Crore Loss Inflicted By The Montha Cyclonic Storm. President Droupadi Murmu And Prime Minister Narendra Modi Expressed Their Deepest Condolences, With The PM Announcing An Ex-Gratia Of \$2 Lakh To The Next Of Kin Of The Deceased.

TPN Bureau, ANDHRA PRADESH, NOV 1ST

As many as 22 people died and nearly 100 were injured in three major temple tragedies in Andhra Pradesh in 2025, with the Kasibugga temple mishap on Saturday being the latest.

The Venkateswara temple disaster at Kasi-

bugga town in Srikakulam district on Saturday claimed nine lives and injured over two dozen others, when a staircase railing collapsed, causing people to fall on one another in a packed crowd.

Before this, seven people were killed in April when a rain-soaked wall collapsed at the Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Simhachalam near Visakhapatnam. Earlier

in January, six devotees had died and nearly 40 injured during a stampede at Bairagi Patteda in Tirupati, where hundreds had gathered for tickets to the Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple on Tirumala hills.

In less than a week, Andhra Pradesh has been battered by a series of calamities, which included a bus inferno in Kurnool district that

left 19 dead, at least Rs 5,244-crore loss inflicted by cyclonic storm 'Montha' during this week and now the Srikakulam temple tragedy.

The last week of October which extended into November, proved to be one of the deadliest for the southern state in recent times, with natural disasters and temple accidents claiming dozens of lives and leaving widespread destruction.

Survivors blame poor crowd management

TPN Bureau, ANDHRA PRADESH, NOV 1ST

Survivors of the Venkateswara Swamy temple tragedy in Srikakulam district blamed the use of a single narrow gate for both entry and exit and the lack of crowd management, which resulted in a stampede-like situation that killed nine people and injured several others on Saturday.

At least nine devotees—eight women and a boy—were killed at the temple in Kasibugga town. Many sustained injuries or suffered breathlessness and were admitted to local hospitals.

According to the survivors, chaos broke out when the only gate was abruptly opened, allowing those who had completed their darshan to come out, while another group waiting below tried to enter. This resulted in people falling on one another and a weak steel grill giving way, trapping many devotees underneath. "The approach to the temple is narrow. There were many people and only single entry and exit point. As people jostled, we fell down. The steel

grill was also very weak. The grill people were holding onto broke and everybody fell," an autorickshaw driver, who survived the accident, told media.

He said around 20 devotees from his Dharmapuram village had travelled in two autorickshaws to the temple.

"A boy who was also standing under the grill died. He was about 12 years old..." he said.

Another survivor, a woman undergoing treatment at the hospital, said the temple management first allowed some people for darshan and closed the gate, and then suddenly reopened it.

"Opening the gate at once led to those coming out pushing against us," she said adding she fell down and three people fell on her.

A second male survivor said so many devotees were pushing against the closed gate.

"Then the door opened suddenly from the other side. Those returning came down with force. Because of their pressure, the people standing by the door and on the staircase could not stand. They all fell over one another," he said.

He said the tragedy could have been averted if separate routes

had been arranged for entry and exit. "There were provisions, but they did not use it."

A woman who broke her legs in the incident, said she visited the temple for auspicious 'Ekadasi' day.

"As people fell on me, my leg got stuck in a rod and broke... My husband is a kidney patient undergoing dialysis and now this has happened," said the woman, breaking down.

Another woman from Tekkali mandal, attending to her injured husband at the hospital, said devotees are also to blame for the tragedy.

"We saw the crowd and went ahead. But the temple authorities should have stopped us," she said.

Criticising the poor arrangements at the temple, the devotee said even basic facilities like drinking water were not available. "This is very unfortunate. We go to see God to seek blessings. Had the police been deployed this might have been prevented," she added. Meanwhile, a doctor treating the injured said nearly 30 people were admitted. "Most came with injuries and breathlessness. Many with broken limbs. We gave first aid to all of them," he said.



Three major temple tragedies kill 22, injure nearly 100 across Andhra in 2025

HYDERABAD-BOUND INDIGO FLIGHT DIVERTED TO MUMBAI AFTER HOAX BOMB' THREAT

TPN Bureau, HYDERABAD/MUMBAI, NOV 1ST

An IndiGo Flight (6E 68) Traveling From Jeddah To Hyderabad Was Diverted To Mumbai After The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) In Hyderabad Received A Security Threat Email Early Saturday Morning.6 The Threat Email, Received Around 5:30 Am, Claimed That There Was A "Human Bomb" Onboard And Specifically Warned Airport Authorities To "Prevent Landing Of IndiGo (Flight) In Hyderabad".7 Police Sources Revealed That The Email Further Stated That "LTTE-ISI Operatives Have Planned A Major 1984 Madras Airport Modus Operandi Style Blast" On The Aircraft. Following The Immediate Alerting Of All Stakeholders, The Air-



craft Was Diverted To Mumbai Airport, Where It Landed Safely. According To An IndiGo Spokesperson, The Airline Followed Established Protocol, Informed The Relevant Authorities, And Fully Cooperated With Necessary Security Checks, Which Ultimately Found No Issue. The Aircraft Was Subsequently Cleared For Further Op-

erations. RGIA Authorities Lodged A Formal Complaint With The Police, And A Case Has Been Registered For Further Investigation Into The Source Of The Hoax Threat. The Airline Assured That Efforts Were Made To Minimize Customer Inconvenience, Including Providing Refreshments And Regular Updates To The Passengers.

52 STUDENTS ILL DUE TO SUSPECTED FOOD POISONING AT GADWAL SCHOOL

TPN Bureau, GADWAL/TELANGANA, NOV 1ST

A Suspected Case Of Food Poisoning At The BC Residential Boys School In Dharmavaram, Jogulamba Gadwal District, Telangana, Led To 52 Students Falling Ill On Friday Evening. According To Officials, Around 110 Students Had Dinner At The School Hostel At Approximately 6:30 Pm.1 Soon After, 52 Boys Began Complaining Of Vomiting And Stomach Pain, Prompting Their Immediate Transfer To Gadwal Hospital For Medical Treatment.2 A Police Official From Jogulamba Gadwal Confirmed That By Saturday Morning, 32 Boys Were Discharged As Their Health Condition Stabilized, And The Remaining Students Were Also Re-



ported To Be In Stable Condition And Out Of Danger. District Health Officials And Food Safety Authorities Have Launched A Thorough Inquiry To Determine The Exact Cause Of The Contamination. Food Samples From The Hostel Kitchen Have Been Collected And Sent For Laboratory Analysis, With Officials Suspecting That Spoiled Eggs Or Contaminated Ingredients In The Me-

al (Which Included Cabbage And Cauliflower Curry With Rice) May Be The Source. Local Education Department Officials Visited The School To Review Hygiene And Cooking Conditions On The Premises, And The School Management Was Directed To Ensure Strict Food Safety Protocols To Prevent Future Incidents.3 This Incident Underscores The Critical Need For

Rigorous Quality Control In Food Preparation At Residential Educational Institutions.

In Related News, On Friday, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy Conducted An Aerial Survey Of The Flood-Ravaged Areas In The erstwhile Warangal District And Husnabad Assembly Constituency.4 Following His Survey, The Chief Minister Announced Financial Relief Measures For Families Affected By The Recent Floods. This includes An Ex-Gratia Payment Of \$5 Lakh To The Bereaved Families Who Lost Kin, \$15,000 Each To Families Whose Houses Were Submerged, The Provision Of Indiramma Houses To The Most Affected Families, And Special Assistance For Those Who Lost Livestock And Standing Crops, Highlighting The State's Commitment To Flood Victims' Rehabilitation.

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pressed Confidence That The Park, Featuring A Watchtower Offering A Magnificent View Of The Forest, Will Attract Visitors. She Stressed The Need To Improve And Develop Eco Parks To Combat Urban Pollution, Stating That People Are Now Turning Towards Forests Due To Increased Urbanization And Pollution. The Urban Eco Park, Spanning 600 Acres (Out Of A Total 4,300 Acres Of District Forest Area), Offers Facilities Like 21 Cottages Near Water Bodies, 12 Cottages In One Block, An Environmental Education Centre, Seminar Hall, Indoor/Outdoor Games, Net Cricket, A Swimming Pool, And A Restaurant. The Minister Urged Parents To Bring Their Children To Experience Nature First-Hand Instead Of Showing Them Forests On Phones And Social Media Reels. Future Developments Include Check Dams, Rock Field Dams, And Facilities For Trekking And Cycling, Aiming To Make The Park A Complete Weekend Getaway Destination.



MINOR BOY HELD FOR DUPING MEN WITH FAKE FEMALE VOICE AND LIVE-IN PROMISES

TPN Bureau, ADILABAD/ SURYAPET, NOV 1ST
A Minor Boy From Suryapet District Was Arrested For His Involvement In A Bizarre Deception Case Where He Impersonated Women, Mimicked Female Voices, And Defrauded Men With False Promises Of Live-In Relationships. The Youngster Was Identified As Part Of A Four-Member Gang That Operated Across Telangana And Bengaluru, Exploiting Unsuspecting Victims By Using Fake Identities To Extract Money. The Arrest Was Confirmed By Adilabad DSP L. Jeevan Reddy, Following The Prior Detention Of Three Of His Accomplices—Maloji Manji Alias Krishnaveni, Bukya Ganesh, And Rupavath Shravan Kumar—From Ramachandrapuram In Suryapet On October 27. The Minor Had Successfully Evaded Police Until His Recent Apprehension. This Case Highlights A Disturbing Trend Of Cyber Fraud Using Sophisticated Social Engineering Tactics, Including Voice Mimicry, To Prey On Individuals. The Police Are Intensifying The



Investigation To Determine The Full Extent Of The Gang's Operations And The Total Number Of Victims Affected By Their Deceptive Scheme. The Use Of A Minor

In Such A Calculated Fraud Raises Significant Concerns About Youth Involvement In Organized Crime And The Need For Increased Vigilance Against Online Scams.

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Recalled That Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Had Visited The Cyclone-Affected Areas And Witnessed The Farmers' Plight. Minister Tummala Disclosed That The Government Has Decided To Pay \$10,000 Per Acre As Crop Loss Compensation To The Affected Farmers. Furthermore, The Minister Cautioned Cotton

Farmers To Be Vigilant Regarding Moisture Content In Their Produce. He Advised Them To Dry The Cotton Carefully To Ensure They Receive The Minimum Support Price (MSP), Emphasizing That Quality Control Is Crucial For Maximizing Their Returns.



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CBI COURT SENTENCES SBI COMPUTER OPERATOR IN 50 LAKH BANK FRAUD CASE



TPN Bureau, HYDERABAD/CHENNAI, NOV 1ST
The CBI Court In Hyderabad, Telangana, Has Convicted And Sentenced V. Chalapathi Rao, A Former Computer Operator At SBI, Chandul Baradari Branch, Hyderabad, To Two Years Of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) And Imposed A Fine Of \$36,000 In A Bank Fraud Case. The CBI Registered The Case On May 1, 2002, Against Rao And Three

Others—including Then Branch Manager PP Krishna Rao, Rao's Wife Viraja, And Kaleem Pasha. The Allegations Were That Between 1996 And 2000, Chalapathi Rao Entered Into A Criminal Conspiracy With The Other Accused To Illegally Sanction And Release "Big Buy Loans" Based On False And Fictitious Documents, Resulting In A Pecuniary Gain Of Approximately 50 Lakhs. Following The Investigation, Three

Charge Sheets Were Filed On December 31, 2004. Rao Had Been Absconding Since 2005, Leading To The Splitting Of Cases Against Him. After Meticulous Efforts, Rao Was Traced And Apprehended On August 4, 2024, In Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, While He Was Attempting To Flee The Country Under An Alias. The Court Concluded A Speedy Trial And Convicted And Sentenced The Accused On October 31, 2025.



KTR Slams Congress on Broken Promises

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), while welcoming T-TDP General Secretary Srinivas Naidu and several other leaders into the party, launched a scathing attack on the ruling Congress government over its failure to implement election promises and its conduct during the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign.1 KTR praised a candidate named Praveen for withdrawing his nomination to support the BRS, highlighting party unity. He ridiculed the defection of the current Hyderabad Mayor to the Congress, suggesting that she is powerless as CM Revanth Reddy is failing to deliver. KTR likened the state's current administrative chaos to the film "Aha Naa Pellanta," accusing the Congress of showing "heaven in the palm" by distributing guarantee cards and making false promises.2 He specifically attacked CM Revanth Reddy for failing to deliver the promised "Tula Gold" (one tola of gold) for women's marriages, a promise he added to the BRS's existing Kalyana Lakshmi scheme.3 KTR sarcastically claimed the Congress is now "snatching the chains" from women's necks. Furthermore, he criticized the "Free Bus" scheme, alleging that the government is compensating for the free travel given to women by imposing "double charges" on male passengers. He emphasized that the BRS under KCR had implemented numerous successful

welfare programs, including Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, KCR Kit (with financial assistance for newborns—13,000 for a girl and 12,000 for a boy), and free provisions like Bathukamma Sarees and Ramzan Tofa. KTR slammed the Congress for "bundh" (stopping) all these schemes, including the KCR Kit and Nutrition Kit, within two years. KTR questioned the CM's aggressive rhetoric, noting that while election campaigns should focus on promises, Revanth Reddy is resorting to threats, warning of further cuts if people do not support the Congress.4 He reminded the CM that the people granted him the position and warned him against acting like a "King" instead of a public servant. KTR accused the Congress of destroying the real estate sector and perpetrating violence against the poor by demolishing their homes under the name of "Indiramma Rajyam" using Hydra and Bulldozer tactics.5 He called on the Jubilee Hills public to "cut the Congress's tail" in the Nov 11th bypoll. KTR defended BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha, whose husband's death necessitated the poll, against Congress leaders who allegedly called her mourning a "drama." He concluded by rallying the party faithful, asserting that a BRS victory in Jubilee Hills is the necessary start to the "Jaitra Yatra" (victory procession) to bring KCR back as Chief Minister with the blessings of women.

Minister Jupally Krishna Rao Highlights Congress Achievements

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—Minister Jupally Krishna Rao vigorously campaigned for the Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-election, focusing on urban and educated voters by attending a "Walkers' Meet" at the Brigade Citadel apartments in the Erragadda division. The Minister interacted casually with the apartment residents, engaging in games like shuttle and table tennis and spending time in the gym before holding a formal meeting. Minister Rao detailed the progress made by the "Praja Prabhavam" (People's Government) under CM Revanth Reddy in its two-year term, focusing heavily on the implementation of the Six Guarantees. He highlighted key schemes such as free bus travel for women, the 500 gas cylinder, expanded Aarogyasri coverage, and the Indiramma housing program, ensuring these benefits are reaching the bene-



ficiaries. He also outlined the government's plans for Hyderabad's expansion and development as a future city, demonstrating a focus on infrastructure and modernity.8 Appealing directly to the audience of highly educated professionals, employees, and businessmen, he requested their vote for the Congress's "Hand" symbol. He promised that with their cooperation, the Congress candidate would win by a huge majority and would ensure the area is developed further with improved roads, drainage, parks, CC cameras, and Wi-Fi zones. The Minister sharply criticized the previous administra-

Mahesh Kumar Goud Attacks BRS-BJP Nexus, Demands Action Against KTR

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud utilized a media meeting to fiercely attack the BRS leadership, asserting that KTR's commentary fits the title "Aha Naa Pellanta." Goud accused the BRS of showing false hope to unemployed youth, likened to "dangling a chicken and offering rice morsels," and pointed to the BRS's "vile history" of running the government for five years without a single woman minister in the cabinet. Goud then escalated the political rivalry by directly alleging a secret understanding between the BRS and BJP in the



Jubilee Hills by-election. He claimed that a vote for the BRS party is equivalent to a vote for the BJP, suggesting the BJP fielded a non-serious candidate as a strategic move. According to Goud, this was done to repay the BRS for its support, which he claimed

enabled the BJP to win 8 seats in the last parliamentary elections. He cited KCR's consistent support for the BJP/NDA on major national issues, from the Presidential election to Triple Talaq, as evidence of their nexus. Furthermore, Goud demanded

that the Election Commission immediately file a case against KTR for his "unethical act that undermines democracy," referring to KTR's alleged advice to the public to "take \$5,000 and vote for BRS." He contrasted the opposition's drama with the Congress government's performance, stating that the Congress has implemented the majority of its election promises and is now confidently seeking votes based on actual delivery. He concluded by asserting that the BRS's legacy is one of betraying the unemployed youth and enriching only the KCR family.

BJP Releases Charge Sheet Against Congress Government's 'Bhsmasura Hasta'

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) intensified its attack on the ruling Congress government in Telangana by officially releasing a "Charge Sheet on Congress Failures" at the state BJP office. This move comes as the Congress government completes 23 months in power, during which time the BJP claims the government has demonstrated a "severe failure" in fulfilling its electoral promises. Addressing the media, BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao highlighted the massive disparity between the promises made and the actions delivered. Rao recalled that the Congress party, in its 60-page manifesto for the 2023 elections, gave 420 assurances, 13 key promises, and guaranteed the implementation of its Six Guarantees within the first 100 days. Rao pointed out that after nearly 1,000 days (23 months) in office, the

government has failed to implement even a single significant promise. Rao went on to deliver a sharp political metaphor, stating that the Congress's hand symbol, which was presented to the poor of Telangana as a symbol of protection (Abhaya Hasta), has instead become the "Bhsmasura Hasta"—the mythical demon's hand that destroys anything it touches. The Charge Sheet aims to publicly expose the government's lack of commitment and its inability to keep its word to the people who voted it into power. The press conference saw the presence of several senior BJP leaders, signifying the party's united effort to corner the Congress on governance issues. Attendees included BJLP leader Yeleti Maheswar Reddy, MPs Konda Vishveswar Reddy and Raghunandan Rao, MLA Payal Shankar, and State General Secretary Gautam Rao, among others.



Minister Ponguleti Challenges BRS and BJP in Jubilee Hills Campaign

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy (Congress) vigorously campaigned for the Jubilee Hills by-election, starting by formally welcoming over a hundred minority youth from the BRS into the Congress fold at the S.P.R. Hills area. Minister Reddy strongly asserted that the BRS, which he accused of looting the state and the constituency for a decade, has no moral standing to ask for votes in the upcoming poll. He alleged that the BRS and BJP are not distinct parties but rather "two pieces of the same cloth," confirming their covert alliance has been active since the previous parliamentary elections. He also demanded that BRS's former ministers stop their inflammatory and uncivil language. Addressing the constituency, Minister Reddy made a clear commitment to the voters,

promising to return immediately after the election to resolve all pending issues in the area. He specifically guaranteed the swift completion of development works worth 1 crore at the Ambedkar Study Circle, ensuring the facility is accessible to all communities. The Minister's core message was a defense of the Congress's sincerity against the opportunistic politics of the opposition, who he claims are colluding to obstruct the welfare of the people. He sought to reassure the public that the Congress government is dedicated to comprehensive development and fulfilling its promises, making the case that a vote for the Congress candidate is a vote for continued progress and accountable governance, directly contrasting it with the perceived corruption and mismanagement of the previous TRS/BRS regime.

Ponnam Demands PM Modi Apologize for Comments on Nehru

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—Minister Ponnam Prabhakar strongly demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately withdraw his derogatory comments made against former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, particularly concerning the issue of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoJK). Prabhakar criticized the Prime Minister for speaking ill of Nehru while demonstrating a profound lack of understanding regarding the history of the Indian freedom struggle and the nation's integrity.



Minister urged PM Modi to "know the history," clarifying the complex historical contexts of two key integration events handled under Nehru's leadership. Prabhakar noted that in Hyderabad, the Muslim Nizam desired to join Pakistan, whereas the majority of the populace (Muslims and Hindus) wanted to be part of India. Conversely, in the Jammu and Kashmir region, the Hindu ruler Hari Singh wished to join India, while a significant portion of the pop-

ulation, who were Muslim, desired to join Pakistan.6 He stressed that it was due to the vision of Nehru and the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel that these two contrasting situations were successfully navigated and the regions were integrated into India. Prabhakar vehemently condemned PM Modi, whose political lineage was absent from the Independence movement and who never contributed to the framing of the Indian Constitution, for stooping to the level of criticizing Nehru. He accused the Prime Minister of speaking out of a

Bandi Sanjay Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over India-Pakistan Remarks

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar strongly condemned Telangana CM Revanth Reddy for making "below-the-belt" and "derogatory" remarks regarding India's military response to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. Bandi Sanjay asserted that the CM's statement, suggesting "Pakistan kicked us, and India didn't retaliate," was a severe insult to the armed forces who courageously destroyed terror camps in Pakistan and PoJK.11 He highlighted that Operation Sindoor, launched in

May 2025 following the Pahalgam terror attack, was globally recognized as a symbol of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisive strike against terrorism.12 The operation involved seamless synergy between the Army, Air Force (which delivered precision strikes on bases like Nur Khan), and Navy. Bandi Sanjay demanded that the Chief Minister immediately issue an unconditional apology to the people and the brave soldiers who risked their lives for the nation's security during the high-impact air operations.

Safety will only return with KCR's return: Satyavathi Rathod

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—Former Minister Satyavathi Rathod (BRS) held a press meet, expressing deep concern over the deteriorating state of women's safety in Telangana, highlighting the recent rape of a Dalit woman in Jubilee Hills' Rahmat Nagar. She placed direct blame on CM Revanth Reddy, who also holds the Home portfolio, for his failure to conduct proper reviews and control the rising crime rate. Rathod accused the police of being subservient to the ruling party, contributing to the lawlessness, and questioned the attention of the women ministers, suggesting they are preoccupied with "personal earnings." She contrasted the current situation with the previous BRS regime, which implemented protective measures like She Teams and installed a record number of CCTV cameras (now allegedly non-functional). Rathod demanded that the Con-

gress candidate for Jubilee Hills, Naveen Yadav, cease intimidating BRS workers and instead focus on consoling the rape victim and ensuring stringent punishment for the perpetrators. Rathod criticized the government's approach to women's welfare, stating that the free bus scheme is merely taking money with one hand (by increasing male fares) and giving with the other. She claimed that Revanth Reddy has betrayed all sections of society, including women. She urged the CM to consult with senior IAS/IPS officials to formulate a plan to protect women and demanded that the women ministers take the Rahmat Nagar incident seriously. Rathod concluded that women believe safety will only return with KCR's return, condemning the current rule as that of an "ignorant and wicked person" and demanding immediate compensation for the victim.

KTR Warns Revanth Reddy, Predicts Congress Defeat in Jubilee Hills

TPN BUREAU, HYD, Oct 9th—BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) issued a press note asserting that the people are ready to "cut the Congress's tail," accusing CM Revanth Reddy of intimidating the public out of fear of defeat.9 KTR lambasted the CM for acting like a "King" after forgetting that the people granted him the position, and for allegedly running the state into ruin in just two years. KTR ridiculed the Congress for showing people "heaven in the palm" with their guarantees, only to stop all welfare schemes implemented by the previous BRS government. He highlighted schemes that were "bundh" (stopped), including the KCR Kit, Nutrition Kit, Ramzan Tofa, Bathukamma Sarees, and Christmas gifts. He reiterated that instead of giving the promised 'Tula Gold,' the government is now "snatching the chains" from women and unfairly imposing double bus charges on men to

subsidize free bus travel for women. KTR questioned why the public should vote for Congress, listing the destruction of the real estate sector and the use of Hydra and Bulldozer tactics to demolish poor people's homes under the name of "Indiramma Rajyam" as reasons for public anger. He accused the CM of issuing over 420 promises and declarations for BCs and SCs without any intention of implementation.10 KTR warned Revanth Reddy, stating he is merely a "trustee of the people's money," and that the public would teach him a lesson if he speaks arbitrarily. He called on women to strongly rebuke the Congress for insulting BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha by calling her genuine grief over her husband's death a "drama." KTR concluded by calling for a huge victory for Maganti Sunitha on November 11th, marking the start of the BRS's "Jaitra Yatra" to restore KCR as Chief Minister.



HYDERABAD TO EMERGE AS INDIA’S ‘CREATIVITY HUB,’ SAYS MINISTER SRIDHAR BABU AT INDIAJOY 2025

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Telangana IT And Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu Inaugurated IndiaJoy 2025 On Friday, Declaring That The State Is Working To Position Hyderabad Not Just As An IT Capital But As The Country’s Emerging “Creativity Hub”. Speaking At The Event, Organized In Collaboration With The Telangana VFX, Animation And Gaming Association (TVAGA), The Minister Emphasized That Hyderabad Represents A Crucial Intersection Where Technology, Storytelling, And Design Blend, A Synergy Ex-

pected To Shape The City’s Next Growth Phase.
Mr. Sridhar Babu Issued A Key Invitation To Animation Studios, Gaming Developers, And Creative Entrepreneurs To Partner With The Government In Establishing A Creative Futures Fund, An Esports Academy, And Dedicated Initiatives To Support Women Creators And Startups Within The Digital Media Sector. He Stressed That The Government’s Role Will Evolve Beyond Being A Mere Regulator To Become A Co-Creator And Enabler For The Entire VFX, Animation, Gaming,



And Digital Content Ecosystem. Major Infrastructure Projects, Including The Image Tower (Expected To Be Operational Next Year With International Standard Facilities), The AI Innovation Hub, And The Proposed AI City, Will Be Instrumental In Reinforcing Hy-

derabad’s Global Standing In This Domain. The Minister Urged Young Artists And Developers To Ground Their Work In Empathy, Diversity, And Indian Identity. The Event’s Inaugural Session Saw The Presence Of Sanjay Jaju (Secretary, Ministry Of I&B), Dil Raju (Chairman, Telangana Film Development Corporation), Actor Teja Sajja, Cinematographer Senthil Kumar, TVAGA President Rajiv Chilaka, And Other Senior Industry Representatives, Signaling The Importance Of This Sector To The State’s Future Economy And Creative Output.



JEDIMETLA POLICE ORGANIZE SHRAMADAN, PLAN SPORTS COURT

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Law And Order Control Duties Are Always A Priority For The Police, But Locals Are Applauding The Jeedimetla Police For Taking The Initiative To Keep Their Surroundings Clean. All Staff Members Of The Jeedimetla Police Station Participated In ‘Shramadan’ (Voluntary Labour) To Remove Wild Vegetation From The Station Premises And Clean Up The Area. Jeedimetla CI Gaddam Malleshm Stated That As Part Of The Daily Exercise Routine For Police Personnel, The Newly Cleared Area Will Be Used To Establish A Tennis And Volleyball Court. The CI Further Highlighted That Such

Activities Promote Teamwork And Physical Fitness Among The Staff. The Participation Of The Entire Police Staff In This Community Service And Infrastructure Improvement Project Was A Commendable Effort. Locals Expressed Their Appreciation For The Police’s Role In Maintaining Not Only Public Order But Also The Cleanliness Of Their Own Environment, Setting A Positive Example For The Community. The Development Of Sports Facilities Is Expected To Boost Morale And Provide A Healthy Outlet For The Hardworking Police Personnel, Showcasing A Commitment To The Well-Being Of The Force.

9 TRANSGENDERS HELD, 76 CAUGHT IN DECOY OPERATIONS

TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
Deputy Commissioner Of Police, Women & Child Safety Wing, Cyberabad, K. Srujana, Released The Weekly Press Note Covering The Period From October 26, 2025, To October 31, 2025. The Cyberabad Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) Conducted Night Raids, Leading To The Apprehension Of 9 Transgenders During A Week-Long Special Drive. In Addition, Three Victims Were Rescued And 5 Accused Persons Were Apprehended In Two PITA (Prevention Of Immoral Trafficking Act) Cases. The Cyberabad SHE Teams Were Highly Active, Conducting 142 Decoy Operations In Public Places And Catching 76 Persons Red-Handed While Indulging In Indecent Acts. Petty



Cases Were Booked In 51 Instances, While The Remaining Persons Were Counselling To Deter Future Offences. The SHE Teams Also Registered 17 Complaints Received From Women Victims Through Various Modes Of Communication, Emphasizing The Trust Placed By Women In The System. Furthermore, Efforts Were Successfully Made To Reunite 29 Families Facing Wife And Husband Family Disputes At The Family Counselling Centres / CDEW Centres. As Part Of Their Preventive And Awareness Mandate, AHTU And SHE Team

s Conducted Awareness Programs Across Various Cyberabad Locations, With Around 223 Members Participating. Attendees Were Educated On Critical Topics Including Human Trafficking, Eve Teasing, Social Media Harassment, Child Marriages, Cyber Bullying, And The Importance Of Helplines Like 181 (Women), 1098 (Child), 100 (Emergency), And 1930 (Cyber Crimes). The Report Highlights The Multifaceted Approach Of The Women & Child Safety Wing In Enforcement, Rescue, Counselling, And Public Awareness.

BRS DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ARREST OF BABA FASIYUDDIN OVER SUICIDE ABETMENT

TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar, MLA KP Vivekananda Goud, BRS MLC Shambhipur Raju, And Local Leaders Met The Borabanda Police Station Inspector Along With The Family Members Of Sardar, Who Recently Committed Suicide By Jumping From A Building’s Third Floor Due To Alleged Harassment By Baba Fasiyuddin. The Leaders Demanded The Immediate Arrest Of Fasiyuddin, Highlighting That Five Months Have Passed Since Sardar’s Death, But The Police Investigation Is Still Incomplete, And The Accused Has Not Been Arrested Even After Recording Statements From The Parents And Family. They Accused Baba Fasiyuddin Of Influencing Voters By Campaigning With Minister Seethakka, MP Malu Ravi, And Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, And



Threatening Locals That They Would Face The Same Fate As Sardar If They Didn’t Vote For The Congress Party. They Also Alleged That Fasiyuddin Boasts About Being Untouchable Due To His Influence. The BRS Leaders Criticized The Government, Claiming That With Chief Minister Revanth Reddy (Who Has 83 Criminal Cases) In Power, Rowdies Are Becoming Uncontrollable, And Shockingly, The Government Has Provided Gunmen To The Accused. They Further Alleged That Fasiyuddin Is Harassing BRS Leaders To Join Congress And Threatening To File False Cases By Planting Ganja Buckets In Their

Homes. The Leaders Questioned Why The Police, Who Arrested Others For Tweeting About Farmers’ Justice (Like Nalla Balu, Dileep, Konatham, And Goutham), Have Failed To Arrest Fasiyuddin. Bind Over, Or Even Summon Him To The Police Station. They Asserted That Free And Fair Elections In Borabanda Are Impossible While Fasiyuddin Is At Large, Demanding That He Be Arrested, A Rowdy Sheet Opened, And PD Act Invoked. They Announced Plans To Meet The Election Commission And The Hyderabad Commissioner Of Police Regarding The Provision Of Gunmen To The Accused.

TWO HELD FOR PEDDLING NARCOTIC DRUGS IN HYDERABAD



TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
The Elite Action Group For Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Force Of Telangana, In Collaboration With Bollaram Police, Successfully Arrested Two Persons On October 30 For Allegedly Possessing And Selling Multiple Narcotic Drugs. The Arrest Was Made At The Bollaram Checkpost While The Duo, Both In Their Mid-20s, Were Attempting To Sell The Drugs. The Police Seized A Significant Cache Of Narcotics, Including 20 Grams Of MDMA, Two Grams Of Cocaine, 100 Grams Of OG (Possibly High-Grade Cannabis), And 12 LSD Blots. Additionally, Rs 48,000 In Cash, Two Mobile Phones, And A Car Were Confiscated. The Investigation Revealed That The Accused Procured The Drugs From Nandu, A Na-

tive Of Kerala Residing In Bengaluru. In A Separate Incident On October 31 Night, The Telangana EAGLE Force, Along With Film Nagar Police, Raided A Pub At Jubilee Hills Based On Credible Intelligence. The Raid Resulted In The Apprehension Of Three Persons (Consumers) Who Tested Positive For Drug Abuse. The Consumers Had Reportedly Consumed Opium, Meth (Methamphetamine), And THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol). These Three Individuals Were Subsequently Handed Over To The Film Nagar Police For Further Legal Action. These Cases Highlight The Intensified Efforts By The EAGLE Force To Curb Drug Trafficking And Consumption Across Hyderabad, Targeting Both Peddlers And Consumers In The City’s Nightlife And Supply Chain.

118 Stolen Mobiles Recovered

TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
Ms. Rashmi Perumal, IPS, Deputy Commissioner Of Police, North Zone, Hyderabad City, Along With Concerned ACsP, Inspectors, And Crime Staff, Briefed The Media Today (01.11.2025) On The Successful Recovery Of Over 118 Mobile Phones. This Significant Recovery Was Achieved Through The Use Of The Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) Portal, A Technology-Driven Initiative To Trace Lost Or Stolen Devices. A Total Of 111 Complainants From Various Police Sta-



tions Within The North Zone Limits Attended The Programme To Receive Their Mobile Phones. This Achievement Clearly Showcases The Dedicated Efforts Of The

North Zone Police In Combating Crime And Effectively Recovering Lost Cell Phones. The Recovered Mobile Phones Have Been Handed Over To Their Rightful Own-

ers And The Victims, Bringing Closure To Numerous Theft And Loss Cases. This Event Highlights The Effectiveness Of Integrating Technology Like The CEIR Portal Into Daily Police Operations, Significantly Improving The Police Department’s Success Rate In Property Recovery. The DCP Commended The Staff For Their Diligent Investigation And Use Of Modern Tools, Reaffirming The North Zone Police’s Commitment To Public Safety And Restoring Confidence In Law Enforcement.

ENCROACHMENTS PERSIST DESPITE HYDA DEMOLITIONS AT PARIKI CHERUVU

TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
The Pariki Cheruvu Conservation Committee Has Raised An Alarm Over The Unabated Encroachment Of The Pariki Cheruvu (Lake), Which Spreads Across Jagatgirigutta, Ellamma Banda, Kukatpally, And Alwyn Colony In The Quthbullapur Mandal. Committee Members Held A Meeting In Jagatgirigutta On Saturday And Demanded Immediate Government Intervention. They Noted That Although A Petition To The Hyderabad Development Authority (HYDA) In February Led To The Identification And Demolition Of Illegal Structures,



new constructions are now erupting in the same spots and expanding further. The committee warned that if this trend continues,

the traces of Pariki Cheruvu will vanish. They demanded that HYDA focus on the lake again, demolish all new illegal structures,

and protect the remaining lake. The committee also demanded that Pariki Cheruvu be developed by HYDA, similar to other lakes, and that boundaries be demarcated. They called for the implementation of the PD Act against land grabbers who are illegally occupying and selling the lake land. The committee has threatened to submit another petition to HYDA and launch a public protest if the government fails to respond to their demands, underscoring the urgency of protecting this vital water body from relentless land grabbing.



TPN Bureau, HYD, NOV 1ST
Director General Of Police (DGP) Sri B. Sivadar Reddy, IPS, Announced A New State-wide Awareness Program On Road Safety Named “Arrive Alive” At A Meeting Held In The DGP’s Office, Attended By Senior Police Officials, NGO Representatives, And Road Safety Experts. The DGP Noted That Road Accident Fatalities Are Ten Times Higher Than The Number Of People Killed In Various Homicide Incidents Annually, Urging That Road Safety Be Taken As A Public Priority Issue. The “Arrive Alive” Campaign Will Be Conducted For 15 Days In December, With The Plan Being Formulated Around World Day Of Remembrance For Road Traffic Victims On November 16. The Core Objectives Are To Increase Awareness, Ensure Strict Compliance With Rules, Promote Responsible Driving (Especially Defensive Driving), And Reduce Accidents. The DGP Called For The Campaign To Be Taken Up As A Mass Movement, Requiring Mutual Coordination Among The Police, Transport De-

partment, Corporate Entities, Educational Institutions, And NGOs. He Instructed NGO Representatives To Prepare A Comprehensive Action Plan For Discussion In The Next Meeting On November 9 Or 10. Police Officials Were Directed To Study Best Practices In Road Safety Implemented Elsewhere And Formulate Applicable Strategies For Telangana. NGO Representatives Proposed Measures Such As Mandatory Driver Education Training Before Issuing Permanent Licenses, Including Road Safety Education In School Curricula, And Launching Road Safety Parks. They Also Suggested Using An AI-Based App Called ‘Safety Connect’ To Monitor Driving Behavior And Utilizing Social Media With Hashtags like #ArriveAliveTG For Wider Outreach. The DGP Assured The Full Cooperation Of The Police Department In Implementing The Joint Action Plans, Emphasizing That Public Participation, Awareness, Enforcement, And Defensive Driving Are Key To Reducing Road Accidents.

MONTHA CYCLONE: SAND DEPOSITS AND DAMAGED ROADS TROUBLE FARMERS AND URBAN RESIDENTS

TPN Bureau, WARANGAL/KHAMMAM, NOV 1ST

Even After The Montha Cyclone Rains Subsid, Farmers And Residents In The Affected Districts Are Facing Significant Hardships Due To Sand Deposits In Fields And Soggy Grain On The Roads. Reports From Warangal And Khammam Indicate That The Damage To Infrastructure And Farmland Is Extensive. Farmers In Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, And Jangaon Districts Suffered Severe Crop Losses As Fields Remained Submerged. Simultaneously, Residents Of Flood-Hit Colonies In Warangal And Hanumakonda Cities Are Struggling With Mud-Caked Homes And Severely Damaged Roads. Specifically, Colonies Like Amaravathi Nagar, Navvuga Colony, TV Towers Colony, Gokul Nagar, Vidya Nagar, And Sammalah Nagar In Hanumakonda Were Inundated. Residents Lost Groceries, Household Items, Students' Books,



And Certificates Which Were Completely Soaked By The Floodwater. Following The Recession Of The Floods On Friday, Residents Were Seen

Drying Their Belongings And Documents On Main Roads. Furthermore, Many Major Roads In The Cities Were Completely Ruined And Un-

recognizable, Hindering Normal Commute And Requiring Massive Reconstruction Efforts. The Situation Requires Swift Government Inter-

vention To Provide Relief, Clear Sand From Farmlands, And Restore Essential Urban Infrastructure.

MINISTER TUMMALA REVIEWS AGRICULTURE CORPORATIONS, ORDERS ACTION PLAN FOR REVIVAL

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Minister For Agriculture Tummala Nageswara Rao Conducted A Review Of The Status Of Subsidiary Corporations Under The Agriculture Department At The Secretariat On Saturday. The Minister Noted That Many Corporations, Over Time, Have Become Ineffective Due To Changing Circumstances Or Administrative Issues. He Observed That While The Workload Increased For Some Corporations, Others Became Completely Non-Functional, Reaching A Point Where They Could Not Even Pay Salaries To Their Employees. Furthermore, Issues Such As Multiple Corporations Performing The Same Task (E.g., Supplying Fertilizers And Seeds) And Corporations Engaging In Activities Beyond Their Scope Were Identified. Minister Tummala Informed Officials That The Government Is Taking Sev-



eral Measures To Streamline These Corporations From The First Year Itself. During The Review, He Inquired About Their Functioning, Whether They Were Exceeding Their Jurisdiction, And Their Workload Mechanisms. The Minister Directed Officials To Immediately Submit A Comprehensive Report To The Government Detailing The Corporations' Financial Status, Debts, And Assets. He Instructed Officials To Prepare An Action Plan To Revive Agroes,

Which Has Been Defunct For Some Time, And Ensure That All Agriculture-Affiliated Corporations Work Efficiently To Serve The Farming Community. The Goal Is To Ensure That All Corporations Function Effectively By Preparing A Robust Strategy. The Meeting Was Attended By Agriculture Department Director Gopi IAS, Oilfield MD Smt. Yasmin Basha IAS, Marketing Director Lakshmi Bai, Agroes MD Sri Ramulu, And Other Senior Officials.

Excise SIs Training Begins



TPN Bureau, REGIONAL, NOV 1ST

The First Phase Of Six-Month Training For Newly Selected Excise Assistant Superintendents And Excise Sub-Inspectors (SI) Began At The Excise Academy On Saturday. A Total Of 115 Candidates Reported To The Academy After Receiving Their Appointment Letters From Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Following The Completion Of Certificate Verification. The Trainees Include 31 AES Candidates Selected Through Group 1, And 84 Excise SI Candidates Selected Through Group 2 (54 From Warangal Zone And 30 From Hyderabad Zone). Prohibition And Excise Commissioner C. Hari Kiran Instructed The Academy To Conduct The Six-Month Training Program. Acade-

my Director Syed Yasin Qureshi And Joint Director Sashidhar Reddy Confirmed The Commencement Of The Training. During The Course, Prohibition And Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Along With The Principal Secretary And Commissioner, Are Scheduled To Meet And Address The Trainees. The 31 AES Trainees Comprise 8 Women And 23 Men, While The 84 SI Trainees Include 24 Women And 60 Men. This Extensive Training Program Is Designed To Equip The New Officers With The Necessary Skills And Knowledge In Excise Law Enforcement, Drug Control, And Administrative Procedures, Aiming To Strengthen The Department's Field Operations And Enforcement Capabilities Across The State.



MAN ATTACKS THREE WOMEN WITH BLADE IN BHADRACHALAM OVER ALCOHOL DISPUTE

TPN Bureau, BHADRACHALAM, NOV 1ST

A Disturbing Incident Occurred In Bhadrachalam, Bhadrachalam District, Where A Man, Identified As Qasim, Attacked Three Women With A Blade While Under The Influence Of Alcohol. According To Police Sources, Qasim Resides In Sundarayya Nagar Colony With His Wife, Jasmine. Qasim, Who Is Reportedly Addicted To Alcohol, Gambling, And Debt, Frequently Quarreled

With His Wife. On Saturday, Qasim Returned Home Drunk And Started An Argument With Jasmine. When Jasmine's Mother, Hamida, And Aunt, Fatima, Intervened To Stop The Fight, Qasim Attacked All Three With A Blade. Following The Attack, Qasim Slit His Wife's Throat Before Fleeing The Scene. The Locals Rushed The Severely Injured Women To A Nearby Private Hospital For Immediate Treatment. The Incident Is Attributed To Qasim's Vices

And Alcohol Addiction, Which Led To The Violent Assault. Local Police Have Launched A Manhunt For Qasim And Are Investigating The Case Under Relevant Sections Of The Law, Focusing On Domestic Violence And Attempted Homicide. The Incident Has Sent Shockwaves Through The Colony, Highlighting The Dangers Of Substance Abuse And Uncontrolled Domestic Violence.

BRS MINORITY CELL DEMANDS ACTION ON WAQF BOARD FILE THEFT



TPN Bureau, HYDERABAD, NOV 1ST

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) State Minority Cell Has Raised Serious Concerns Over The Recent Theft Of Crucial Documents From The Telangana State Waqf Board Office, As Referenced In FIR No. 261/2025. In A Letter Addressed To The Chief Executive Officer Of The Waqf Board, BRS Minority Cell President M.K. Mujeebuddin, Along With Former Waqf Board Chairman Md. Masiullah Khan And Senior Leader Khaja Badruddin, Demanded An Immediate And

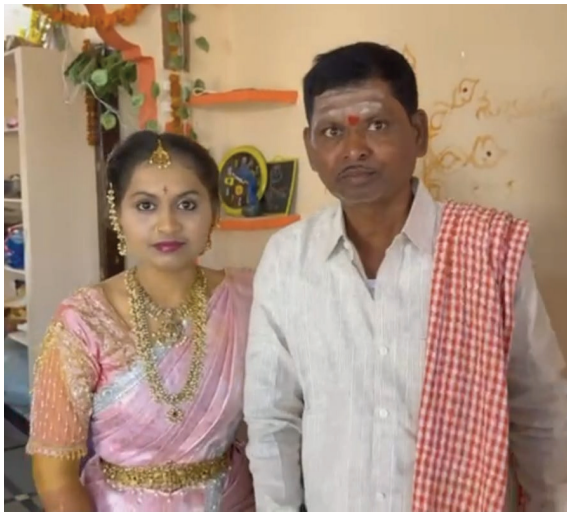
Transparent Inquiry. The Leaders Stated That The Theft Of Official Waqf Records Is A Grave Public Concern Because It Directly Impacts The Security And Accountability Of Waqf Properties Across Telangana. They Insisted That The Waqf Board Must Release An Official Statement Clarifying Which Files Were Stolen And Outlining The Measures Being Taken To Recover Them. The BRS Minority Cell Issued A Stern Warning: If The Waqf Board Fails To Act Swiftly And Uphold Transparency, They Will Stage A Pro-

test (Dharna) In Front Of The Office To Hold Officials Accountable For Negligence. The Leaders Emphasized, "The Government Must Ensure That Such Incidents Are Not Covered Up. The Integrity Of The Waqf System Must Be Protected At All Costs." They Urged The Board To Take Decisive Steps To Restore Public Trust In The Protection Of Community Assets And Records, Highlighting The Need For Enhanced Security Protocols To Prevent Future Breaches.

VIKARABAD FARMER BUILDS ROAD AND CULVERT FOR DAUGHTER'S WEDDING PROCESSION

TPN Bureau, VIKARABAD, NOV 1ST

In A Heartwarming Yet Troubling Display Of Public Initiative, A Common Farmer Named Kamari Veeresham From Nagasamandar Village, Dharur Mandal, Vikarabad District, Constructed A Road And A Culvert On His Own Expense To Ensure Guests Could Attend His Daughter's Wedding. The Road Leading To The Village Was Washed Away Due To The Heavy Rains Caused By The Montha Cyclone, Severing Connectivity. The



Farmer's Daughter, Sindhu Priya, Was Scheduled To Get Married On Friday At A Function Hall In Vikarabad, And The Washed-Out Road Was The Only Access Route From The Village. Recognizing The Imminent Difficulty For Villagers To Reach The Wedding Venue, Veeresham Took The Decision To Rebuild The Collapsed Bridge Section Using His Personal Funds. The Construction Of The Culvert Has Brought Relief And Joy To The Local People Who Use The Road For Com-

muting. While Expressing Happiness For The Farmer's Generous Act, The Locals Are Now Urging Government Officials To Wake Up, Acknowledge The People's Difficulties, And Take Permanent Measures To Repair The Infrastructure Damaged By The Recent Cyclonic Rains. They Stressed That Public Safety And Accessibility Should Be A Priority, Not An Afterthought, Especially Given The Severity Of The Damages Caused By The Overflow Of The Kotpalli Project Weir.

GST Reform 2.0: Turning Compliance Into Empowerment

Since its rollout in 2017, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India has been both a compliance challenge and an unintentional digital revolution. What began as a complex tax system has evolved into a live, verifiable digital ledger of the economy, enabling businesses and authorities alike to leverage real-time data. Mandatory e-invoicing and the GST Network (GSTN) turned every invoice into a trusted financial footprint, creating a foundation for credit access, financial inclusion, and data-driven governance.

For small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), GST filings became a financial passport. Lenders could now assess a firm's health instantly, unlocking loans and invoice financing. Yet, this digital advantage is uneven. Only 12% of MSMEs are fully digitalised, leaving many reliant on paper records or outsourced accounting. This digital divide risks creating a two-



speed economy, where businesses in digitally advanced states like Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu thrive, while those in less-connected regions lag behind.

GST Reform 2.0 aims to bridge this gap. The 56th GST Council meeting introduced people-centric reforms, including a simplified two-rate tax structure and reduced levies on daily es-

entials. For businesses, the changes are transformative: provisional, risk-based refunds cover 90% of claims, easing cash-flow constraints, while a streamlined, automated

GST registration scheme promises onboarding of low-risk entrepreneurs in just three days. The establishment of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) by December

2025 adds a credible, rules-based enforcement layer. The convergence of the initial digital engine and these deliberate reforms creates a powerful synergy. Real-

time GST data not only empowers businesses with financial tools but also enables authorities to detect fraud efficiently. However, for the system to achieve its full potential, digital litera-

cy and access must improve. Experts advocate a three-pronged approach: scaling practical digital training, promoting affordable tech platforms for micro-enterprises, and using policy incentives to encourage adoption.

Looking ahead, GST is poised to become more than a tax mechanism—it could emerge as a cornerstone of India's economic strategy. Recognising the GST data infrastructure as a national public good, similar to UPI, could stimulate private innovation in finance and supply-chain management. The next phase will test whether GST 2.0 can drive inclusive growth, ensuring that every MSME, regardless of location or size, benefits from this digital transformation.

GST's journey—from chaotic rollout to digital backbone and now to a tool of empowerment—could redefine India's economic landscape, shaping competitiveness and inclusivity for the decade ahead.

India Pushes for Globalised Rupee Ecosystem



India is taking significant steps to reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar and strengthen its financial sovereignty amid an increasingly uncertain global trade environment. Geopolitical tensions, sanctions threats on Russian oil, and inconsistent U.S. tariff policies have accelerated efforts to develop a rupee-led international settlement system.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has spearheaded key initiatives to promote rupee internationalisation. In October, the RBI allowed authorised dealer (AD) banks and their overseas branches to extend rupee-denominated loans to residents, businesses, and financial institutions in Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. This is facilitated through Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs), which now

number around 200, up from 156 in February. The expansion allows bilateral trade settlements in rupees, bypassing the U.S. dollar, reducing conversion costs, and limiting exposure to dollar volatility. Surplus SRVA balances can also be invested in corporate bonds and commercial papers, enhancing liquidity and attracting foreign participation.

In parallel, the RBI has launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or Digital Rupee (₹e), a blockchain-based, fully regulated digital token. The digital rupee supports atomic settlements via Delivery vs Payment (DvP) protocols, ensuring efficiency, privacy, and transparency. The RBI will also publish reference exchange rates for major trading partners' currencies, starting

with UAE dirhams and Indonesian rupees, to streamline INR-based trade settlements.

GIFT City in Gujarat has emerged as a hub for these developments. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Foreign Currency Settlement System in October, enabling faster and safer transactions in major currencies, starting with the U.S. dollar and expanding to the euro, yen, and pound. Meanwhile, BRICS countries are exploring integration of their digital currency systems, aiming to reduce intermediary costs and promote de-dollarisation. The New Development Bank plans its first INR-denominated bond issuance to encourage local currency financing.

India is also planning onshore rupee bonds worth \$400–

500 million with three- to five-year maturities by March 2026. These moves could expand investment opportunities in masala bonds and reinforce India's role in global financial markets. Future plans include linking SRVAs with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for international settlements and integrating with central bank digital currencies, potentially enabling GIFT City to operate as a 24x7 global financial hub.

Analysts say these steps mark a strategic shift from a globalised outlook to transactional diplomacy, prioritising national financial sovereignty. By reducing dependence on offshore financial centres, India aims to enhance regional stability, attract investment, and strengthen the rupee's global presence.

Trump's Trade Power, India's Missed Opportunity



U.S. President Donald Trump's recent Asia tour has highlighted the growing influence of trade as a tool of geopolitical power—an area where India appears to have missed the memo. Analysts note that while China has leveraged both its seller and buyer power, India has yet to fully exploit its potential in global trade.

Trump, who often emphasizes the U.S. as the world's largest importer, has used this economic leverage to shape relationships with exporting nations. During his interactions with China, he demonstrated how import dependence can translate into bargaining power, particularly in commodities like soybeans and corn, vital for Chinese agriculture. By contrast, India's imports of U.S. soybeans, corn, and edible oils—totaling over \$18 billion annually—remain underutilized in diplomatic strategy.

China's success, experts say, stems from a mix of forward

planning, technological adoption, and strategic patience. The nation has invested in genetically modified crops, improved yields, and diversified import sources, ensuring it can negotiate from a position of strength. India, meanwhile, continues to rely heavily on trade protectionism and domestic lobbying pressures, limiting its ability to wield similar influence.

The recent events underscore the shift in global power dynamics: reputation, moral authority, or political history no longer determine leverage—economic power does. Trump reportedly showed condescension toward India's leadership, emphasizing that hard power is measured by what nations can offer rather than what they expect. Analysts argue that India's hesitancy to strategically use its import capacity has cost it potential influence in bilateral negotiations.

Experts point to lessons from history: like Deng Xiaoping's dictum to “bide your time, hide your power,” nations must exercise patience and deploy strategic leverage rather than celebrate economic size prematurely. India, while the world's fifth-largest economy, has yet to convert its market size into tangible diplomatic influence.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has urged Indian entrepreneurs to adapt, innovate, and move beyond tariff protections. Observers say this moment resembles India's 1991 balance-of-payments crisis, signaling that reform may now be necessary, driven not by financial collapse but by geopolitical imperatives.

As global trade reshapes power structures, India's challenge will be to align domestic policy with strategic opportunity, ensuring its buying power becomes a currency in international diplomacy rather than a missed chance.

Amazon Layoffs Highlight AI Transition Challenges

Global tech industry trembled last week as Amazon announced the layoff of 14,000 employees, part of a broader wave that has seen over 1,72,000 jobs cut across American tech giants, including Meta, Microsoft, Salesforce, and Google. These reductions have sparked concerns about the human cost of automation, especially as artificial intelligence continues to transform workplaces worldwide.

The layoffs contrast sharply with the soaring market value of AI hardware and software leaders. Nvidia, whose chips power AI data centers, recently reached a staggering \$5 trillion market capitalization, while OpenAI, in partnership with Microsoft, plans to

develop 30 gigawatts of computing resources at a cost of \$1.4 trillion. Such figures underscore a growing divide between AI-driven wealth creation and workforce instability.

Jensen Huang, Nvidia's CEO, recently highlighted the future demand for skilled trades like electricians and plumbers as AI infrastructure expands. His comments illustrate the duality of the AI revolution: while some jobs are replaced by automation, new roles emerge that require technical, adaptive, and hybrid skill sets. Analysts emphasize that long-term success depends on the ability of workers to reinvent themselves, adapt to new tools, and blend core skills with technological fluency.

The rapid rise of AI has also amplified demand for cybersecurity, data management, and AI-specific roles, as automation tools proliferate. “Agentic AI,” which integrates intermediate technologies to enhance automation, demonstrates the need for professionals who can combine coding, industry knowledge, and problem-solving skills. As AI-generated content grows, so does the need for human oversight to manage misuse, maintain trust, and ensure quality. Historical parallels offer lessons for today. The late Sitaram Kesri, former Congress treasurer, was known for his impeccable trustworthiness—a quality still vital in the AI era. Similarly, past technological revolutions, such as electrification or

industrial mechanization, created fears of job losses but ultimately gave rise to new roles. Roy Amara's law, which notes that people overestimate short-term impacts and underestimate long-term change, remains relevant: AI may disrupt now, but it also generates opportunities for those prepared to adapt.

Experts advise tech professionals to focus on continuous learning, cultivate human-centric skills like trust and teamwork, and maintain financial prudence to navigate this transition. While AI is reshaping the workplace, the combination of human judgment, adaptability, and resilience will remain indispensable in the new digital economy.



PM Modi Criticizes Nehru Over Kashmir on Sardar Patel’s 150th Birth Anniversary



TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a strong critique of India’s first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, during the national celebrations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s 150th birth anniversary at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar.

Addressing the gathering, Modi claimed that Nehru had obstructed Patel from fully integrating Kashmir into the Indian Union, calling it a historic “mistake” that triggered

decades of conflict in the region. “The decisions taken during those crucial years created challenges that led to bloodshed and unrest in Kashmir for generations,” the Prime Minister said. Modi praised Sardar Patel, known as the Iron Man of India, for his vision and commitment to national unity. “Patel’s dedication ensured that the foundation of a united India remained strong,” he said, highlighting the relevance of Patel’s leadership and principles in contemporary India.

The Prime Minister’s remarks drew attention amid ongoing discussions about India’s historical integration of princely states, with Kashmir being a particularly sensitive topic. By revisiting Nehru’s role, Modi emphasized the significance of Patel’s contributions in shaping the nation’s unity and stability.

The 150th birth anniversary celebrations included various programs at the Statue of Unity, where political leaders, officials, and citizens paid tribute to Patel’s legacy. The event underscored the enduring influence of Patel’s efforts in India’s nation-building and the continued debate over historical decisions that shaped modern India.

Amit Shah Warns of ‘Jungle Raj’ if RJD Returns in Bihar



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday warned that “jungle raj” could return to Bihar if the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) comes back to power, highlighting concerns over law and order in the

state ahead of the assembly elections. Shah, who was scheduled to address an election rally in Gopalganj district, spoke virtually as bad weather prevented him from reaching the venue. He invoked the controver-

sial actions of Sadhu Yadav, former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi’s estranged brother, as an example of high-handedness during the RJD’s earlier rule. “The people of Bihar should remember the days

when lawlessness and disorder were rampant under the RJD government,” Shah said. “If RJD returns to power, we could once again witness the consequences of misgovernance and lack of law enforcement.”

The Union Home Minister’s remarks come at a time when political campaigning in the state has intensified, with major parties trying to consolidate voter support ahead of the polls. Shah emphasized that the current government has worked to strengthen law and order and improve governance, positioning his party as the safer alternative.

Kejriwal Targets BJP in Gujarat, Honors Sardar Patel

TPN Correspondent | Patna

AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal launched a sharp attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Gujarat, calling it a “burden” on the state and urging voters to unite against it in the upcoming elections.

Addressing a Mahapanchayat, Kejriwal linked the occasion to the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of India’s most prominent leaders. “One hundred and fifty years ago, on 31 October, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was born on this sacred soil of Gujarat. Today, we celebrate his legacy,” he said.

Kejriwal highlighted Patel’s role in championing farmers’ rights and leading historic movements against British colonial rule. “Sardar Patel is known as the Lion of Gujarat and India. In 1918, he led the Kheda movement against the British, and in 1928, he led the Bardoli satyagraha. The British had to accept all the demands of the farmers,” he



said, praising Patel’s leadership and commitment to justice. The AAP leader emphasized that Patel’s values of courage and dedication to public welfare are relevant today, particularly in addressing local governance

issues. He criticized the BJP for failing to meet public expectations in Gujarat, asserting that the upcoming elections offer an opportunity for citizens to “bring a government that truly serves the people.” Kejriwal’s remarks

come amid heightened political activity in Gujarat as parties gear up for assembly elections. By invoking Patel’s legacy, he sought to connect with voters emotionally while positioning AAP as a credible alternative to the

ruling party. Party sources indicated that Kejriwal would continue his campaign across key constituencies in the state, emphasizing governance, development, and public welfare as central election

India To Launch Heaviest Satellite for Naval Ops



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The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch its heaviest Bahubali rocket, technically known as Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3), tomorrow at 5:26 pm from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The mission will deploy CMS-03, a satellite dedicated to enhancing the Indian Navy’s communication and maritime defence capabilities.

This will be the eighth launch of the LVM-3, which has maintained a 100% success record in its previous seven missions. The rocket stands 43.5 metres tall, equivalent to a 15-floor building, and weighs 642 tonnes at

liftoff, comparable to 150 fully grown Asian elephants. Its 16-minute flight will employ India’s homegrown cryogenic engine. CMS-03, weighing 4,400 kg, is India’s heaviest communications satellite sent to a geosynchronous transfer orbit. It will replace the GSAT-7 (Rukmini) satellite, which has served the Navy since 2013. CMS-03 will provide secure communication links within 2,000 km of India’s coastline, connecting naval vessels and assets across multiple frequency bands, strengthening network-centric operations.

Each LVM-3 launch costs around Rs 500 crore, reflecting the high-tech capabilities and strategic importance of the mission.

During previous naval operations, such as Operation Sindoor, satellites like Rukmini helped maintain maritime security and keep adversary navies at bay. Additionally, the human-rated version of LVM-3 is designed to support India’s crewed space missions, including the upcoming Gaganyaan Mission. The CMS-03 launch underscores India’s growing prowess in defence and space technology, combining heavy-lift capabilities with strategic maritime communications.

launch is expected to boost India’s naval operational efficiency and further strengthen its position in regional maritime security.

Mamata Banerjee to Protest SIR in Kolkata on Nov 4



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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will take to the streets of Kolkata on November 4 to protest against the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. The protest rally will see Banerjee joined by Trinamool Congress (TMC) general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, with the march set from Red Road to Jorasanko.

The TMC has clarified that while it is no longer opposing SIR outright, the party is committed to ensuring that no legitimate voter is removed from electoral rolls. The rally is being

seen as an effort to maintain pressure on the Election Commission of India (ECI), which is conducting SIR in 12 states, including West Bengal. The door-to-door enumeration under SIR is scheduled to begin on November 4 and will continue until December 4, with officials visiting households to update voter lists. Ahead of the rally, the TMC has also lodged a complaint with the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal, alleging that the Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari issued threats to Booth Level Officers (BLOs) involved in the process. The SIR aims to update and verify the electoral rolls to ensure transparency and accuracy ahead of upcoming elections. The TMC’s protest highlights the ongoing political tensions surrounding the voter list revision in the state, with parties keen to ensure fair representation while also leveraging the issue for political mobilization. The November 4 rally is expected to draw significant attention in Kolkata and across West Bengal, with political analysts noting that it could set the tone for the ECI’s approach and public sentiment during the month-long enumeration process.

Billionaires Surprise Diners With Fried Chicken Treat



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Seoul diners got an unforgettable surprise Thursday when three global billionaires walked into Kkanbu Chicken, one of the city’s most popular spots for chimaek—the Korean pairing of fried chicken and beer.

The trio included Jensen Huang, CEO of AI chip giant Nvidia; Lee Jae-yong, chairman of Samsung Electronics; and Chung Eui-sun, executive chair of Hyundai Motor Group. Before attending the APEC summit in Gyeongju, the billionaires stopped at the casual eatery to enjoy a relaxed evening together.

Huang, livestreaming his arrival, said, “I love fried chicken and beer with my friends, so Kkanbu is a perfect place, right?” The restaurant’s name, meaning “close friend” in Korean slang, seemed fitting for the informal gathering. The three tucked into cheese balls, cheese sticks, boneless chicken, and fried chicken, washing it down with Terra beer and soju.

Local media captured the billionaires linking arms in a traditional Korean drinking gesture and sharing food

with curious bystanders. Huang rang the restaurant’s “golden bell,” signaling he would cover everyone’s bill. Yonhap News reported that Lee paid the first round, while Chung generously covered a second.

The outing occurred against the backdrop of high-level diplomatic talks at the APEC summit, where Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump were also present. Access to advanced AI chips, like those produced by Nvidia, remains a key issue in ongoing US-China trade negotiations.

On Friday, Huang met South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and announced Nvidia will supply over 260,000 GPUs to South Korean companies, including those led by Samsung, Hyundai, Naver, and SK. The partnerships aim to advance “physical AI” technologies, integrating AI into real-world applications such as autonomous vehicles.

The informal dinner highlighted both the human side of global business leaders and the growing ties between technology, industry, and diplomacy in South Korea.

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 “horrific 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 continuing pattern 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.

“You’ll Find Out Very Soon”: Trump Keeps World Guessing On Nuclear Test Order

TPN Bureau | Washington

President Donald Trump has reignited global uncertainty by signaling plans to test U.S. nuclear weapons, without specifying whether the tests would involve live detonations. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump said, “You’ll find out very soon, but we’re going to do some testing... Other countries do it. If they’re going to do it, we’re going to do it.”

Trump first announced the move via social media Thursday, just before a summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea. The comments follow Russia’s recent tests of a nuclear-powered cruise missile and an underwater nuclear-capable drone.

The announcement drew immediate criticism internationally. Iran called the plan “regressive and irresponsible,” while Japan’s Nihon Hidankyo, a group of atomic bomb survivors, condemned it as contradicting global efforts for nuclear disarmament.

Domestically, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth defended the plan, calling it “a pretty responsible, very



responsible way” to maintain a credible nuclear deterrent. “We need to have a credible nuclear deterrent,” he said, suggesting that testing could reduce the risk of nuclear conflict.

China urged the United States to honor global nuclear testing bans, and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that nuclear tests “can never be permitted under any circumstances.” The U.S. has

been a signatory to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty since 1996, which bans all nuclear detonations.

Russia also pushed back, emphasizing that its recent weapons tests should

not be considered nuclear detonations. Moscow hinted that any U.S. return to live testing could prompt a similar response.

The U.S. last conducted a nuclear test in 1992, following which a moratorium

was maintained by successive administrations. Trump’s comments signal a potential shift, raising concerns about global nuclear stability and the future of international arms control.

“She Is Not Christian, Has No Plans To Convert”: JD Vance On Wife Amid Row

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US Vice President JD Vance addressed criticism over comments about his wife Usha’s religion, emphasizing that she is not Christian and has no plans to convert. The clarification came after backlash over his earlier statements suggesting he hoped his Indian-origin, Hindu-raised wife might one day embrace Christianity.

In an irate post on X, Vance called the criticism “disgusting” and said that, as a public figure, he could not avoid questions about his interfaith marriage. “First off, the question was from a person seemingly to my left, about my interfaith marriage. I’m a public figure, and people are curious, and I wasn’t going to avoid the question,” he wrote.

Vance explained that his wife played a role in



encouraging him to renege with his faith years ago. He said, “She is not a Christian and has no plans to convert, but like

many people in an interfaith marriage—or any interfaith relationship—I hope she may one day see things as I do.” He also

condemned social media posts criticizing his statements, saying they “wreaked of anti-Christian bigotry.”

At a Turning Point USA event in Mississippi, Vance noted that Usha joins him and their children at church. “Do I

hope, eventually, that she is somehow moved by the same thing that I was moved by in church? Yeah, I honestly do wish that because I believe in the Christian gospel,” he said. He added, however, that her personal choice is respected: “If she doesn’t, then God says everybody has free will, and so that doesn’t cause a problem for me. That’s something you work out with your friends, with your family, with the person that you love.”

Vance’s statements aim to clarify his earlier remarks and highlight the dynamics of their interfaith marriage. He stressed that expressing hope for a loved one’s spiritual journey is different from imposing beliefs, framing his comments within the context of faith, family, and personal choice.

Obama Rallies Democrats Ahead of Election Day

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Former US President Barack Obama is set to headline rallies in Virginia and New Jersey this weekend, energizing Democratic voters ahead of Tuesday’s elections. The campaign appearances come amid a high-stakes political climate, 10 months into Donald Trump’s second presidency and a year before the midterm elections.

Obama will appear first with Virginia Democratic gubernatorial nominee Abigail Spanberger in Norfolk, before traveling to Newark, New Jersey, to rally with Democratic candidate Mikie Sherrill. Both events target areas where Black voter turnout could be pivotal for Democratic victories. Virginia House Speaker Don Scott emphasized Obama’s broad appeal, saying, “Black folks and white folks are inspired by his leadership. They’re inspired by the way that he governed himself.”

Republicans are campaigning vigorously but lack national star power. Virginia GOP nominee

Winsome Earle-Sears and New Jersey’s Jack Ciattarelli are holding rallies across their states, focusing on local support and, in Ciattarelli’s case, highlighting his ties with Trump. Trump has endorsed both candidates and held a phone rally for Ciattarelli, though he has not appeared in person.

The gubernatorial contests are heavily influenced by economic concerns, rising costs, and federal issues such as the ongoing shutdown. Spanberger and Sherrill emphasize economic relief and criticize Trump’s policies, while Republicans argue Democrats bear responsibility for energy prices and federal gridlock. Social issues, including abortion and transgender policies, are also part of the campaigns.

Meanwhile, California voters are making a final push on a statewide referendum to redraw congressional maps in Democrats’ favor, directly countering Republican-led redistricting in states like Texas. The results of these elections



and initiatives could reshape the political landscape ahead of the 2026 midterms, influencing

control of Congress and the trajectory of Trump’s presidency. With high-profile ap-

pearances and strategic messaging, both parties are aiming to mobilize voters in these closely

watched states for what could be a defining prelude to the next national elections.

61,295 Units Sold in October, Tata Motors PV Sees 27% Growth

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (Tata Motors PV Ltd.) achieved record sales in October 2025, selling 61,295 units, marking a 27% year-on-year (YoY) growth compared to October 2024. The company announced the figures on Saturday, highlighting strong performance across both domestic and international markets.

The October sales milestone reflects robust demand for Tata's passenger vehicle portfolio, driven by popular models such as the Nexon, Punch, Altroz, and Safari. Analysts attribute the growth to a combination of attractive product offerings, competitive pricing, and expanding market reach.

Soumil Kamat, reporting on the development, noted that Tata Motors PV Ltd. has been focusing on strengthening its electric vehicle (EV) segment, which is showing increasing traction among Indian consumers. The Nexon EV continues to contribute significantly to the company's overall sales, reflecting growing interest in sustainable mobility solutions.

Domestic sales accounted for the majority of October's numbers, while exports also saw a notable uptick, emphasizing



Tata Motors PV Ltd.'s expanding presence in international markets. The company has been steadily increasing production capacity and enhancing its supply chain to meet rising demand and maintain delivery timelines.

Industry experts said that Tata Motors' sales performance in October demonstrates resilience amid global automotive challenges, including raw material fluctuations and logistics constraints. The strong YoY growth underscores the company's ability to capture market share and adapt to evolving consumer preferences.

Tata Motors PV Ltd.'s October record also sets a positive tone for the final quarter of 2025, with expectations of continued momentum in sales, particularly as new model launches and EV initiatives take shape.

The company's achievement not only strengthens its market position in India but also signals Tata Motors PV Ltd.'s growing influence in global passenger vehicle markets.

GST Collections in October Hit Rs 1.95 Lakh Crore



India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for October 2025 reached Rs 1.95 lakh crore, marking a 4.6% year-on-year (YoY) increase, according to official data released on Friday. The growth reflects continued economic activity and compliance across sectors despite global and domestic economic challenges.

After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue stood at Rs 1.69 lakh crore, registering a modest 0.6% increase compared to October 2024. The numbers underscore the government's efforts in streamlining tax administration and widening the taxpayer base.

Finance analysts said the rise in GST collections was largely driven by robust performance in fuel, telecom, and consumer goods sectors, alongside strong contributions from manufacturing and services. They noted that the collection trend indicates steady domestic consumption and business activity.

The government has been emphasizing the use of digital platforms and e-invoicing to improve compliance and reduce tax evasion, measures that appear to have positively influenced revenue growth. Additionally, refunds processed during the month were in line with previous years, ensuring liquidity for exporters and businesses.

GST revenue continues to play a key role in India's fiscal health, funding infrastructure projects, social welfare schemes, and state allocations. Officials noted that maintaining consistent growth in collections is critical as the government works to achieve its fiscal deficit targets.

Economic experts believe that the current trend reflects resilience in India's economy, with gradual recovery in sectors impacted by global supply chain disruptions. As the government continues to implement reforms and support domestic demand, GST collections are expected to remain stable in the coming months.

FPIs Net Buy ₹14,610 Crore in October After Three Months of Outflows



Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) made a strong return to Indian equities in October, net buying shares worth ₹14,610 crore, marking the first inflow after three consecutive months of heavy selling. This represents the largest monthly FPI inflow since July 2025, according to market data from the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Despite this positive trend in October, FPIs have sold a cumulative ₹1.39 lakh crore in Indian equities so far this year, making it the worst annual outflow in three years. Analysts point out that while the recent inflow is a relief for domestic markets, the broader trend indicates cautious sentiment among global investors due to economic uncertainties

and geopolitical factors.

Comparatively, FPIs sold about ₹1.68 lakh crore during the first 10 months of 2022, and in 2024, global funds still managed to net buy a marginal ₹6,593 crore. However, on a year-on-year basis, the situation has slightly improved: October 2025's inflow contrasts sharply with the same month last year, when FPIs sold a record ₹94,017 crore.

Market experts attribute the return of FPIs to a combination of factors, including attractive valuations in Indian equities, easing global interest rate concerns, and improved corporate earnings. They caution, however, that continued inflows will depend on sustained macroeconomic stability and investor confidence.

The inflows also provided a boost to key indices on the BSE and National Stock Exchange (NSE), reflecting renewed foreign interest and stabilizing market sentiment. Analysts believe that while short-term volatility may persist, October's FPI activity indicates that India remains an attractive destination for global investors seeking long-term growth.

Rupee Slips to 88.27 Against Dollar



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

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

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

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

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

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

Maruti Suzuki Q2 Profit Rises 7% to Rs 3,293 Crore

Maruti Suzuki India on Friday reported a 7% increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 3,293 crore for the September quarter, up from Rs 3,069 crore in the same period last year.

The company's revenue from operations grew 13% year-on-year, reaching Rs 42,101 crore, compared with Rs 37,203 crore in Q2 FY2024-25. Total income for the quarter rose to Rs 43,014 crore from Rs 38,678 crore in the corresponding period last year.

EBITDA for the quarter stood at Rs 4,434 crore, slightly higher than Rs 4,417 crore a year ago, while EBITDA margin softened to 10.53% from 11.87% YoY, reflecting higher input costs and operating expenses.

For the first half of FY2025-26 (April-September), Maruti Suzuki recorded total sales of 1,078,735 units, comprising 871,276 domestic sales and a record half-yearly exports of 207,459 units. The company's total volume grew 1.4% YoY, primarily driven by a 39.9% surge in exports.

The automaker also achieved its highest-ever half-yearly net sales of Rs 76,760.6 crore, up from Rs 69,464.4 crore during the same period last year, highlighting sustained demand across domestic and interna-



tional markets.

Industry experts noted that while domestic demand remains stable, strong export growth is emerging as a key driver for Maruti Suzuki's performance. The company's focus on new model launches, enhanced production efficiency, and expanded international presence is expected to further bolster revenue and profitability in the coming quarters.

Maruti Suzuki's Q2 results underscore the company's resilience amid challenging market conditions, reflecting consistent operational efficiency and strategic expansion into export markets.

Brazilian Creator Briefly Threatened by Pet Snake



A viral video from Brazil shows content creator Beatriz Lopes momentarily threatened by her pet Boa Constrictor, highlighting the importance of safe handling and understanding snake behavior in domestic settings.

In the clip, Lopes sits beside her large Boa Constrictor in her garden and reaches out to pet it. Suddenly, the snake raises its head in what appears to be an attack, prompting a brief moment of alarm. Lopes quickly moves away unharmed, and the video has since circulated widely on social media.

Boa Constrictors, native to Central and South America, are non-venomous constrictor snakes that can grow up to 13 feet. They give birth to live young and are generally considered non-threatening to humans. Experts note that many fears around these snakes stem from misunderstandings, particularly during skin shedding, known as ecdysis.

Lopes explained that her snake was shedding its skin at the time of the incident. “Dur-

ing shedding, a snake’s eyes are covered by a protective layer that temporarily impairs vision,” she said. “Their body also becomes more opaque, which can make them feel vulnerable and defensive.” The clouded eyes and duller skin visible in the video were indicators of this natural process.

The content creator emphasized that the snake’s reaction was defensive, not aggressive. She also stressed the importance of regular, careful handling to acclimate snakes to human interaction. Supervision and proper safety measures are crucial during any close encounters, especially when snakes are shedding, feeding, or stressed.

Wildlife specialists advise that while snakes can coexist safely with humans under controlled conditions, owners must understand natural behaviors to prevent accidents. Lopes’ video serves as both an entertaining moment and an important reminder of the responsibilities involved in keeping large reptiles as pets.

Why We Don’t Feel the Earth Moving



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

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

unless we look outside.

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

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

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

Coldplay Kiss Cam Moment Gets Halloween Makeover

A viral Coldplay concert moment has taken on a spooky twist this Halloween. Back in July, former Astronomer CEO Andy Byron and ex-HR head Kristin Cabot were caught on the stadium Kiss Cam during a Coldplay show, sparking internet frenzy. Both were reportedly married to other people, adding fuel to the viral sensation as lead singer Chris Martin humorously commented on their awkward reaction.

Months later, the moment has been immortalized in Halloween decor. An individual recreated the scene using two skeletons dressed to resemble Andy and Kristin. The skeletons, posed outside a house, mimic the real-life duo’s positions on the Kiss Cam, with one wearing a blue T-shirt similar to Andy’s and the other in a black dress styled like Kristin. Unlike the original moment where the pair tried to hide their faces in embarrassment, the skeletons are confidently displayed, turning the awkward incident



into a humorous display.

The video of the skeletons has been widely shared on Instagram, showing how viral moments can inspire creative interpretations. Social media users appreciated the cleverness of the Halloween tribute, with some jokingly suggesting it deserved an award for best decor.

The original Kiss Cam clip became one of 2025’s most talked-about viral events, with viewers captivated by the awkward yet relatable human reactions. This latest iteration shows how pop culture moments continue to evolve in unexpected ways, blending humor with seasonal festivities.

Whether it’s a nostalgic nod or a playful Halloween joke, the skeleton tribute demonstrates how internet moments can find new life months after their initial popularity. Fans continue to engage with the clip, proving that even fleeting viral sensations can leave a lasting cultural footprint.

Is Earth Flat? Astrophysicist’s Video Forces People To Wonder What Is Real



Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson startled viewers this week by sharing a video that initially appeared to show him claiming the Earth is flat. Moments later, Tyson revealed that the first segment was an AI-generated deepfake, created to illustrate the growing ability of technology to blur the line between reality and fiction.

The video, titled “It’s Getting Harder to Know What’s Real,” demonstrates how convincingly deepfakes can mimic real people, even respected figures like Tyson. He used the example to raise awareness about the risks posed by AI-generated content, especially when it deceives audiences who cannot immediately tell the difference between fact and fabrication.

“I didn’t think much about deepfakes until I got deepfaked,” Tyson said. “The early stuff is fine if it’s parody and obvious as parody. But when the viewer does not know it’s fake, then you are crossing a line.” Tyson emphasized that many public figures have been deepfaked in ways that distort their words or harm their credibility.

Social media users were quick to react, with many admitting they could not tell the video was fake until Tyson revealed the truth. “Deepfakes are becoming too good. It’s getting harder to tell,” wrote one user, while another suggested that blockchain technology could help verify authentic content.

Deepfake technology uses AI to create realistic videos, images, or audio that portray people saying or doing things they never did. Tools like Sora, which gained over a million downloads in days, make creating such content increasingly accessible. Tyson’s demonstration highlights the urgent need for media literacy and caution in an era where seeing is no longer believing.

As AI-generated content grows more sophisticated, experts warn that distinguishing truth from fiction online will become ever more challenging, raising critical questions about the future of information and trust.

Two Indian Languages Among World’s Most Spoken



While English continues to dominate global communication, two Indian languages—Hindi and Bengali—feature prominently among the most spoken languages in the world.

English tops the list with around 1.5 billion speakers worldwide, though only 390 million are native speakers. The majority use it as a second language, making it the most universal medium of communication today.

Following English, Chinese (Mandarin) is the world’s most spoken native language, with an estimated 1.1 to 1.2 billion speakers, mainly in China and neighboring regions. Mandarin’s influence continues to grow globally, particularly in business and international diplomacy.

Among Indian languages, Hindi ranks high with roughly 609 million speakers. While most are based in India, the Indian diaspora has contributed to its global reach. Hindi remains the most widely spoken of India’s 22 official languages, reflecting its cultural and linguistic significance.

Bengali, the primary language of Bangladesh and India’s West Bengal state, has around 280 million speakers. Its rich literary and cultural heritage has helped it maintain prominence both in South Asia and abroad.

Other major languages

rounding out the global top list include Spanish, spoken by about 560 million people across Spain, Latin America, and the United States, and Arabic, with 330 to 420 million speakers across North Africa and the Middle East. Portuguese, with approximately 264 million speakers, is noted for its global cultural presence, particularly through Brazil’s music, film, and literature.

Experts highlight that these statistics not only reflect native speakers but also account for the growing number of people using these languages as a second or foreign language. As globalization increases, understanding and learning widely spoken languages becomes crucial for cross-cultural communication, trade, and diplomacy.

The prominence of Hindi and Bengali underscores India’s linguistic impact on the global stage, joining English, Mandarin, Spanish, and Arabic in shaping the world’s communication landscape.

India Aim for Historic Women’s World Cup Glory Against South Africa

The stage is set for a blockbuster finale at the DY Patil Stadium, where Harmanpreet Kaur’s India will battle Laura Wolvaardt’s South Africa in the Women’s World Cup final on Sunday. The 13th edition of the tournament will crown a new champion, with India eyeing its first ICC title and South Africa chasing its maiden global triumph.

For India, this is more than just a final — it’s a chance to script a moment as iconic as the men’s 1983 victory. A win could spark an unprecedented surge in women’s cricket, inspiring millions of young girls across the country.

India’s path to the final was nothing short of dramatic. After losing their first three matches, the hosts roared back with crucial wins over New Zealand and Australia. In the semifinal, Jemimah Rodrigues’ unbeaten 127 and Harmanpreet’s 89 led India to a thrilling win against the seven-time champions. However, the team must overcome past heart-



breaks, including the 2017 ODI final and the 2022 Commonwealth Games loss.

On a batting-friendly surface in Navi Mumbai, Deepti Sharma, the tournament’s leading wicket-taker with 17 scalps, will be vital alongside Renuka Singh Thakur and Kranti Gaud. India’s top order — featuring Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, and Rodrigues — must fire again to outscore the Proteas.

South Africa, led by the in-form Wolvaardt (470 runs), have shown resilience throughout the tournament. Veterans Mari- zanne Kapp, Nadine de Klerk, and spinner Nonku- luleko Mlaba will be key to their challenge.

Both teams have endured emotional highs and lows, but Sunday’s final promises an enthralling contest between two hungry sides chasing history. For Harmanpreet, victory would make her the first Indian woman to lift an ODI World Cup as captain.

Jannik Sinner Boosts Number One Bid In Paris Masters, To Face Alexander Zverev In Semifinals



Italy’s Jannik Sinner moved a step closer to reclaiming the world No. 1 ranking with a commanding 6-3, 6-3 victory over Ben Shelton in the quarterfinals of the Paris Masters on Friday. The 24-year-old extend-

ed his winning streak to 24 consecutive matches on indoor hard courts, setting up a thrilling semifinal clash with defending champion Alexander Zverev.

Sinner, who will overtake Carlos Alcaraz at the top of the ATP rankings if he wins the title, remained composed after the win. “At the moment, I’m not thinking about the ranking. It’s about focusing on my game and taking it day by day,” said the four-time Grand Slam champion.

The Italian dominated from the baseline, wrapping up the first set in just 34 minutes and maintaining control throughout the match. Despite a brief fight-back from Shelton in the

second set, Sinner broke serve again in the eighth game to seal victory on his first match point. This marked his seventh straight win over Shelton since their first meeting in 2023.

Meanwhile, third seed Alexander Zverev survived a tense battle against Daniil Medvedev, saving two match points before clinching a 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) victory. The German ended a five-match losing streak against Medvedev to stay on course for a successful title defense.

In other action, Alexander Bublik reached his first Masters 1000 semifinal, defeating Alex de Minaur 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 7-5. He will face Felix Auger-Aliassime, who outplayed Valentin Vach- erot 6-2, 6-2, to keep his ATP Finals hopes alive.

As Sinner chases his fifth title of the season, including earlier triumphs at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, all eyes will be on his semifinal showdown with Zverev at the La Défense Arena.

South Africa’s Grit and Glory: Journey to First-Ever Women’s World Cup Final

From a crushing opening defeat to a commanding semifinal triumph, South Africa’s road to their maiden Women’s World Cup final has been nothing short of extraordinary. Under Laura Wolvaardt’s leadership, the Proteas have showcased resilience, skill, and unyielding spirit to set up a historic summit clash with India, with both teams eyeing their first ODI crown.

Their campaign began disastrously, bowled out for just 69 against England in their opener. But the team bounced back in style, defeating New Zealand with Tazmin Brits’ century and Sune Luus’ 83 anchoring a comfortable chase. Against India, the Proteas pulled off a last-gasp win — Nadine de Klerk’s unbeaten 84 and Chloe Tryon’s all-round brilliance sealing a thrilling seven-ball victory.

They continued their momentum with a tense win over Bangladesh, where Marizanne Kapp (56) and Tryon (62) staged a rescue act before de Klerk guided them home. Rain played a role in their next two games, but South Africa made the most of shortened



contests, crushing Sri Lanka by 10 wickets and overwhelming Pakistan with a 312-run blitz powered by Wolvaardt, Luus, and Kapp.

Despite a setback against Australia, where they were skittled for 97, the Proteas regrouped magnificently for the semifinal — producing their most dominant performance of the tournament. Batting first, Wolvaardt’s majestic 169 led South Africa to 319/7. With the ball, Kapp’s fiery

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tion, experience, and new-found belief has inspired fans worldwide. From 69 all out to World Cup finalists, their journey embodies resilience and redemption — a true sporting fairytale.

Rohan Bopanna Retires After Two Glorious Decades in Tennis



Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna has officially announced his retirement from professional tennis, marking the end of an illustrious career that spanned over two decades on the global ATP Tour. The 45-year-old, known for his powerful serve and longevity in doubles tennis, played his final match earlier this week at the Paris Masters, where he partnered Kazakhstan’s Alexander Bublik but exited in the opening round.

Bopanna’s journey in tennis has been one of perseverance, adaptability, and excellence. He stands among the only four Indians to have won a Grand Slam title, etching his name in the nation’s sporting history. Over the years, he became a mainstay in India’s Davis Cup team and a respected figure on the ATP circuit, admired for his sportsman- ship and commitment.

The Coorg-born star enjoyed some of his finest moments in doubles and mixed doubles, in-

cluding his Grand Slam victory and several deep runs at major tournaments. His aggressive net play, strategic acumen, and calm temperament made him one of the most reliable partners in the game.

Bopanna’s career longevity was particularly remarkable, as he continued competing at the highest level well into his forties — a testament to his fitness and passion for the sport. Beyond his on-court success, he has been instrumental in promoting tennis in India, mentoring young players and representing the country with pride in countless international events.

As he bids farewell, tributes have poured in from across the tennis world, celebrating his achievements and his contribu- tion to Indian sports. Though his professional journey on the Tour has ended, Rohan Bopanna leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire generations of Indian tennis players.

East Bengal Holds Bagan to Goalless Draw, Secures Semifinal Berth



In a high-stakes Kolkata derby that lived up to its billing, East Bengal held its composure to earn a crucial goalless draw against archrival Mohun Bagan Super Giant, sealing a spot in the AIFF Super Cup semifinals at the P.J.N Stadium in Margao on Friday.

Both sides entered the contest level on points, but East Bengal’s superior goal difference meant they only needed a draw to advance, while Bagan had to win to stay alive. In a tense and tactical battle, East Bengal’s disciplined defense and resilience under pressure proved decisive.

Mohun Bagan began aggressively, pressing high and controlling possession for long stretches. However, East Bengal’s backline, marshaled efficiently by its experienced defenders, absorbed the pressure and denied the Mariners any clear scoring opportunities. Goalkeeper Prabhsukhan Gill was outstanding, making several key saves to keep his side in contention.

East Bengal, meanwhile, re-

lied on counterattacks, with Cleiton Silva and Nandhakumar Sekar testing the Bagan defense occasionally. Though the match lacked goals, it was rich in intensity, as both teams fought for every inch in midfield.

Bagan’s star forwards Jason Cummings and Liston Colaco found little space against East Bengal’s compact setup. Despite late attacking changes, Bagan couldn’t find the breakthrough they desperately needed.

At the final whistle, East Bengal’s players and fans erupted in celebration, knowing the result was enough to take them through to the last four. The team’s solid defensive display and tactical discipline underlined their growing maturity under pressure.

For Bagan, the result marked a disappointing exit, despite their attacking intent throughout the tournament. East Bengal now looks ahead with renewed confidence as it prepares for the semifinal clash, aiming to continue its strong run in the competition.

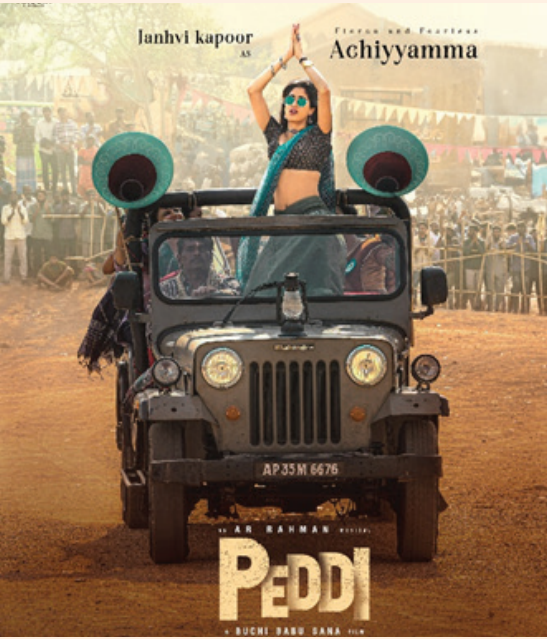
Prabhas Unveils Thrilling Trailer of Aadi Saikumar's Shambhala



Rebel Star Prabhas unveiled the intriguing trailer of Aadi Saikumar's upcoming mystery thriller Shambhala: A Mystical World, directed by Ugandhar Muni. The film, slated for a grand release on December 25, has instantly grabbed attention for its unique fusion of mythology, science, and suspense. The trailer opens with a gripping voiceover narrating an ancient cosmic battle between Lord Shiva and a fierce demon. During this divine war, Shiva's sweat falls to Earth, sparking a massive explosion and giving birth to a mysterious celestial phenomenon. The narrative draws inspiration from the Agni Purana, hinting at dark forces that can reawaken through nature and even animals. Aadi Saikumar plays Vikram, a rational geoscientist who arrives in a remote village to study this phenomenon. A man driven by logic and science, Vikram refuses to believe in divinity or miracles — until he fac-

es a string of chilling murders and supernatural events that challenge his beliefs. The story centers on how he unravels the ancient mystery behind these cosmic disturbances. The trailer promises a visually rich and intense cinematic experience, blending supernatural horror, science fiction, and action. Aadi Saikumar impresses in a new avatar, portraying the scientist's curiosity and determination with conviction. Adding gravitas, Sai Kumar's voiceover enhances the mythological segments, while Srircharan Pakala's background score deepens the film's eerie tone. Featuring Archana Iyer, Swasika, Ravi Varma, Madhunandan, and Siva Karthik, the film boasts a strong supporting cast. Produced by Rajasekhar Annabhimouju and Mahidhar Reddy under the Shining Pictures banner, Shambhala is mounted on a grand scale, promising a mystical and immersive theatrical experience this Christmas.

Janhvi Kapoor's First Look as 'Achiyamma' Unveiled from 'Peddhi'



The makers of the highly anticipated pan-India film 'Peddhi' have unveiled the first look of Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor in her upcoming role as Achiyamma. Produced by Vriddhi Cinemas, Sukumar Writings, and Mythri Movie Makers, the film marks a collaboration between Global Star Ram Charan and director Buchibabu Sana, known for the hit film Uppena. In the poster released by the team, Janhvi Kapoor appears in a deglamorous, rustic avatar, portraying a village girl with a fiery attitude. The makers described her character as "Achiyamma is a girl with a firebrand attitude who Peddhi loves," hinting that her role will be pivotal to the narrative. Fans are already praising her powerful and commanding look, which promises to add depth to the film's storyline. The film boasts a star-studded cast, including

Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, and Divyendu Sharma, each playing significant roles. Adding to the excitement, the music is composed by A.R. Rahman, while the cinematography is handled by Rathnavelu, raising expectations for a visually and musically rich cinematic experience. Set in a rural backdrop, Peddhi is described as a period action drama that blends strong character arcs with intense storytelling. The movie is generating significant buzz, especially among Mega fans and pan-India audiences eager to see Janhvi Kapoor in a role that departs from her usual glamorous portrayals. The makers have officially announced that Peddhi will be released worldwide on March 27, 2026, giving fans ample time to gear up for what promises to be a major cinematic event next year.

Mass Jathara Review: Action Delivers, Story Disappoints

Ravi Teja's latest outing Mass Jathara has arrived in theatres amid decent buzz, marking the directorial debut of writer-turned-filmmaker Bhanu Bhogavarapu. Co-starring Sreeleela, the film brings back the "Mass Maharaja" in a familiar yet slightly fresh avatar — this time as a Railway Police Officer. Set in the fictional town of Adavivaram, the story follows Lakshman Bheri (Ravi Teja), a dedicated railway cop who locks horns with drug lord Shivudu (Naveen Chandra). Though the setup promises high-voltage drama, the film struggles to maintain consistency in its narrative. Ravi Teja shines with his trademark energy, powerful screen presence, and well-choreographed fight sequences. His role as a Railway Police Officer lends some novelty, and the pre-interval and forest action blocks stand out. Rajendra Prasad provides some comic relief, while Naveen Chandra and Sreeleela fit their parts well. However, the movie falters when it comes to storytelling. The plot — a hero battling



drug mafia — feels overused and predictable. The screenplay remains flat for long stretches, relying heavily on action rather than emotion or depth. The second half, in particular,

runs on a single thread, and the climax fails to create any impact. Technically, Mass Jathara scores decently. Vidhu Ayyana's cinematography captures the action

well, and the production design is impressive, especially the railway and festival sets. Bheems Ceciroleo's background score works in parts, though the songs lack spark. Director

Bhanu Bhogavarapu manages a few good moments but struggles to elevate the conventional story. Verdict: Mass Jathara is a typical mass entertainer powered by Ravi

Teja's performance and solid action sequences. But the predictable plot and weak emotional connect make it a one-time watch. Rating: 2.75/5

Allu Arjun and Ram Charan Dazzle at Allu Sirish's Engagement



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.

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Roshan Meka Impresses in Grand and Gripping Champion Teaser

Young actor Roshan Meka, son of senior actor Srikanth, is set to make a strong impression with his upcoming sports-action drama Champion. Directed by National Award winner Pradeep Advaitam, the film is produced by Priyanka Dutt, GK Mohan, and Gemini Kiran under Swapna Cinema, Anandi Art Creations, and Concept Films, with Zee Studios presenting it. The much-awaited teaser of Champion was unveiled today, and it immediately caught everyone's attention for its grand visuals and impressive scale. Known for his romantic debut in Pelli Sanda, Roshan Meka steps into an entirely new zone, portraying a fierce and determined football player named Michael Williams. The teaser highlights his intense transformation — both physically and emotionally — showcasing his growth as an actor. Set against a visually striking backdrop, Champion combines the thrill of sports with the grit of action. The teaser offers glimpses of powerful football sequences intercut with gripping war visuals, creating intrigue around the film's storyline. Roshan's conviction and screen presence stand out, suggesting a layered character journey that balances passion, struggle, and heroism. Champion is set for a theatrical release on December 25, 2025, and the teaser has already raised expectations for Roshan Meka's biggest and most ambitious film yet.



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