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Sridhar Babu Blames Opposition for Stalling Road Expansion Works In Chevella

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19 killed, 20 injured in lorry-bus collision near Chevella

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Nineteen people, including 13 women and a girl child, were killed and 22 others suffered injuries when a tipper lorry carrying gravel collided head-on with a public transport bus in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana on Monday, officials said. The tipper collided with the Telangana Road Transport Corporation (RTC) vehicle near Chevella, about 50 kms from Hyderabad, on Monday morning, resulting in the gravel falling on the bus. A district official said 22 people suffered injuries in the mishap. Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty said the drivers of both vehicles died in the accident. Noting that a head-on collision occurs when one of the vehicles is on the wrong side, he said the cause of the accident would be known after the inquiry. With the gravel falling on the bus, several passengers got trapped inside the vehicle and officials carried out relief measures using earthmovers. The passengers of the bus were brought out of it, a police official said. Telangana Transport Minister Ponnamb



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Prabhakar, who visited the government hospital at Chevella, where the accident victims were admitted, said, "19 people were killed in the accident". He said 72 people were in the ill-fated bus, which was proceeding to Hyderabad from Tandur in Ranga Reddy district early Monday morning. Recalling the horrific incident, a survivor said he was dozing in the bus when a loud thud jolted him awake, leaving him half-buried in gravel. "Several people were

buried under the gravel. The tipper lorry came from the opposite direction. I was seated on the left side of the bus. We managed to climb out, but those who were sitting behind the driver couldn't make it — some of them died. I was seated three rows behind the conductor," he told mediapersons.

He further said he opened a window and escaped, with six others following. Later, another person broke the window panes to free more

passengers. A doctor at the government hospital in Chevella said the accident victims suffered fractures, facial, abdominal and leg injuries. The injured were undergoing treatment, including administration of IV fluid, TT injections and referred to major state-run hospitals in Hyderabad. According to visuals,

half the bus was filled with gravel, trapping passengers inside. The authorities deployed heavy earth-moving equipment to clear the wreckage of the ill-fated bus. Chevella Inspector Sridhar sustained minor injuries during a rescue operation after an excavator ran over his leg, a police official said.

PM Modi Announces 2L Ex-Gratia; State Extends 7 Lakh Aid

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 Hyderabad:

A devastating head-on collision between a public transport bus and a gravel-laden tipper lorry in Ranga Reddy district resulted in the tragic death of 19 people, including 13 women and a girl child, and left 22 others injured. The incident occurred on Monday morning as the ill-fated bus, carrying 72 people from Tandur, was proceeding to Hyderabad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his gr

ief over the loss of lives and announced a compensation of 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the families of the deceased, and 50,000 for the injured. Telangana Transport Minister Ponnamb Prabhakar, who visited the injured at Chevella hospital, announced immediate relief from the State Government. The government will offer 5 lakh to the kin of the deceased, in addition to 2 lakh from the TGSRTC, bringing the total ex-gratia to 7 lakh per family.

State Orders Probe Into Chevella Accident

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 Hyderabad:

The Telangana government has officially ordered an investigation into the horrific road accident that claimed the lives of 20 people and injured many others. Transport Minister Ponnamb Prabhakar, who rushed to the government hospital in Chevella, confirmed that a probe has been initiated into the collision between the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus and a tipper lorry.

Minister Prabhakar stated that the government's immediate priority is to ensure the best possible treatment for



the injured and provide all necessary support, including the assignment of an official to assist each bereaved family with the transport of bodies and the conducting of last rites. The bus, which was coming to Hyderabad from Tandur, had 72 people aboard when the gravel-laden tipper truck rammed into it on the Hyderabad-Bijapur highway near Mirzaguda in Chevella

mandal. Hinting that the tipper driver's negligence was a primary cause, the Minister assured that firm action would be taken following the investigation. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy also held a video conference with top officials, directing immediate relief efforts. Prabhakar asserted that despite the unfortunate and painful nature of the tragedy, it is "not the time for politics," emphasizing that road safety is the government's top-most priority. He called for public cooperation to prevent accidents, noting the department's continuous efforts to remove danger spots on highways and take serious action on vehicle fitness and other issues.

Family loses Three Daughters In Crash

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 Hyderabad:

The devastating bus accident in the Ranga Reddy district resulted in a heartbreaking loss for one family, with three sisters from Tandur among the deceased. The victims were identified as the daughters of Yellayya Goud from Tandur: Nandini (Degree First Year), Sai Priya (Degree Third Year), and Tanusha (MBA student). The three young women were residing in Hyderabad to pursue their education. They had recently returned to their native village to attend a relative's wedding. In the early hours of Mon



day morning, they were traveling back to Hyderabad to resume their studies when the tragic collision occurred. The RTC bus, traveling from Tandur to Hyderabad, collided head-on with a gravel-laden tipper lorry on the Hyderabad-Bijapur highway near Ch

evella. The immense force of the collision and the subsequent impact of the gravel led to a high number of fatalities, including the three sisters, who reportedly died on the spot. Their untimely death has cast a pall of gloom over their family and the Tandur community.

Conductor Side Passengers Survived, Driver Side Killed, Recalls Survivor

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 Hyderabad:

A survivor of the deadly bus accident near Chevella, which claimed 19 lives, recounted the horrific scene, noting a grim pattern in the fatalities: most passengers seated on the driver's side of the bus were killed, while those behind the conductor's side managed to survive. The survivor, who was dozing in the bus, was jolted awake by a loud thud and found himself half-buried in the gravel that had poured in from the colliding tipper lor

ry. He recalled that the tipper had come from the opposite direction and that many people were trapped and crushed under the gravel. Seated three rows behind the conductor, he was on the left side and managed to climb out through a window. He was followed by six others, and subsequently, another person broke the window panes to free more passengers. Another survivor, a teenager named Ashok, who sustained minor injuries, recounted the terrifying moment he witnessed his father, Hanumantha (45), perish. They had boarded the bus

at Kodangal to travel to Hyderabad for his ear treatment. Ashok described how, after the collision, several people and a huge quantity of gravel fell onto his father, burying him. A doctor at the government hospital in Chevella confirmed that the accident victims suffered serious injuries, including fractures, facial, abdominal, and leg injuries. The injured were immediately administered first aid and TT injections before being referred to major state-run hospitals in Hyderabad for advanced treatment.



CM Launches Aerial Survey for SLBC Tunnel, Blames BRS for Delays

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 Hyderabad:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the Aerial Electromagnetic Survey for the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel works at Mannevari Palli in Nagarkurnool district, affirming it is government's commitment to complete the 40 km world's longest tunnel project. The project is designed to provide irrigation facilities to 3 lakh acres by utilizing 30 TMC of Krishna River water.

The CM strongly criticized the previous BRS government, accusing it of intentionally stalling the prestigious project for political reasons during its 10-year rule. He pointed out that the SLBC project, sanctioned in 1983, had its Tunnel-1 and Tunnel-2 works started by the YS Rajasekhara Reddy government in 2004 at a cost of 1,968 crore. Revanth Reddy alleged that after KCR became CM in 2014, the works were put on hold, stating that the project could have been completed for 2,000 crore, but the delay has now escalated the

cost to 4,600 crore. He contrasted this neglect with the BRS government's alleged spending of 1.86 lakh crore on contractors in 10 years, with 1.05 lakh crore alone on the Kaleshwaram project, while failing to start a single new project on the Krishna River. The CM stated that the people dethroned the BRS partly for this neglect, and the current Congress government is working on a war footing to avoid a similar fate. Revanth Reddy also accused the former Irrigation Minister T.8 Harish Rao of compromising the

state's interests by signing an agreement with Andhra Pradesh to utilize only 299 TMC of Krishna water. He assured the public that the Congress government is making strong arguments before the Tribunal to protect Telangana's rightful share and warned Harish Rao to stop making "cheap comments" and creating "nonsense" on water issues. The CM also announced that the government will provide compensation and address the grievances of residents in submerged habitations like Marlapadu, Keshya Tanda, and Nakkalagandi.



Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Orders Strict Enforcement to Curb Road Accidents

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held a crucial Zoom meeting with key Transport Department officials, including Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj and Transport Commissioner Ilamarthi, along with JTCs and DTCs, to address the alarming rise in road accidents across the state. The Minister underscored the urgency of the situation, noting that a recent severe accident, despite both vehicles having fitness certificates, was caused by a narrow road lacking a divider.

Prabhakar instructed officials to implement stringent safety measures immediately. He demanded strict enforcement of vehicle speed limits and speed locks, mandating that any violation must be met with a triple penalty. He emphasized that the Transport Department's enforcement wing must be seriously and continuously active, moving beyond mere reactive raids after an incident. He called for a robust, uninterrupted action plan to be in place.

The Minister stressed that employees must work effectively to enhance the department's reputation among the public and the government. He warned that negligence would not be tolerated and would result in disciplinary action. He directed officials to formulate a special action plan for each district, stating that only strict enforcement can control road accidents.

Furthermore, Prabhakar issued specific directives: Tipper trucks carrying sand and dust must use tarpaulin covers. DTCs, RTOs, and other officials must form three teams in each district for continuous monitoring. He strictly cautioned officials against harassing farmers transporting paddy in rural areas. However, he ordered severe action, including hefty penalties, against commercial vehicles, passenger transport vehicles, and vehicles transporting mines and minerals that violate regulations. He also mandated strict measures against non-compliant sleeper buses and those found carrying cargo illegally. The department was tasked with preparing an action plan focused on the fitness and permits of school buses, hired buses, trucks, tippers, and lorries. Finally, he emphasized the need to implement the action plan immediately, ahead of the upcoming Road Safety Month, to raise public awareness and ensure compliance.



Sridhar Babu Blames Opposition for Stalling Road Expansion Works In Chevella



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Minister Sridhar Babu, speaking to the media at the tragic Chevella bus accident site, expressed his dismay over the opposition's tendency to politicize every issue, even a devastating tragedy like the road accident. He firmly stated that such attempts to turn the accident into a political controversy are neither appropriate nor ethical, leaving the public to judge the opposition's wisdom.

Minister Babu refuted claims of government negligence regarding the road expansion works, stating that it is "unfair to comment without understanding the facts." He revealed that the road expansion works, which could have potentially prevented such accidents, had been stalled for several months due to petitions filed by "certain individuals" with the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The Minister implied that the opposition, despite being aware of these legal hurdles and obstructions they allegedly created, is now deliberately attempting to blame the current government for the delay. He confirmed that the State Government presented its arguments effectively before the Tribunal and, as a result, the NGT recently delivered a favorable decision, clearing the way for the project.

Minister Babu committed that the road expansion works have now been initiated and will be completed within 18 months, making the road safe and accessible to the public. His address served as both a response to the tragic incident and a strong defense of the government's efforts against political sabotage, asserting the state's sincere commitment to improving road infrastructure.

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CM Revanth Reddy Orders Emergency Response to Chevella Accident

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy expressed profound shock and grief upon learning about the devastating road accident that occurred today in Chevella mandal in Rangareddy district. The CM immediately took command of the relief efforts, issuing clear and urgent instructions to officials to ensure an effective and swift response. The Chief Minister instructed officials to immediately reach the accident spot and initiate necessary relief measures without delay. He ordered them to gather complete details of the road accident and provide him with continuous updates on the situation.

CM Revanth Reddy specifically instructed Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and DGP Shivadhar Reddy to prioritize the transfer of all injured persons to Hyderabad for specialized and better medical treatment. Furthermore, the top officials were instructed to visit the accident spot immediately, accompanied by available ministers, to personally oversee the rescue operations. The District Collector was also directed to intensify relief measures on a war footing.

Emphasizing the saving of lives as the highest priority, the Chief Minister ordered that emergency medical assistance be provided immediately, ensuring sufficient ambulance services and medical personnel were dispatched. He ordered special arrangements at Gandhi and Osmania hospitals in Hyderabad to provide adequate, comprehensive treatment to all those injured. Medical teams were instructed to be made available to provide the highest priority care to those in critical condition, treating the situation as an urgent health emergency.



SC Rejects Plea for Appointment as Telangana HC Judge, Calls It 'Mockery'

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — The Supreme Court, on Monday, refused to entertain a petition that sought a direction to the Union government and the judiciary to appoint the petitioner as a judge of the Telangana High Court. The Supreme Court bench, led by Chief Justice B. R. Gavai and also comprising Justice K. Vinod Chandran, strongly criticized the plea, terming the matter an abuse of the judicial process and a "mockery of the system."

Chief Justice Gavai, visibly irked by the nature of the application, questioned the petitioner's counsel, stating, "Where have you heard of making a representation and application for appointment as a high court judge? This is a mockery of the system!" The CJI further indicated the gravity of the matter by stating, "I will do one thing, I will constitute a bench of the three senior-most [SC] judges for a collegium meeting here..." sarcastically highlighting the procedural absurdity of the plea.

The bench admonished the petitioner's lawyer, emphasizing that such a plea should never have been brought before the highest court. Faced with the court's severe admonishment, the lawyer expressed immediate regret and sought to withdraw the petition. The petition, filed by one G. V. Sarvan Kumar, was subsequently dismissed as withdrawn.

The unusual plea had named numerous high-ranking entities as parties, including the Registrar General of the High Court, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, and the Registrar General of the Supreme Court. The court's decision firmly reaffirmed that appointments to the High Courts and Supreme Court are governed by the established collegium system, which relies on judicial and professional credentials, not personal representations or court directives.

Ponguleti: BRS Using Kaleshwaram Corruption Money for Election Plot

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and I&PR, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, who is the Congress in-charge for the Rahmat Nagar Division in Jubilee Hills, launched a scathing attack on the BRS, accusing the party of funding its by-election campaign with “Kaleshwaram commission money.”

During a widespread padayatra through S.P.R. Hills, Janda Kat-ta, Karmika Nagar, and Vinayaka Nagar, Minister Ponguleti alleged that the BRS is using its ill-gotten wealth from the Kaleshwaram Project to engage in “unrestrained campaigning” and is conspiring to defeat the Congress in the Jubilee Hills by-election. He directly addressed BRS Working President KTR’s recent statement that “anything can happen in 500 days,” questioning how the BRS plans to over-



throw the less-than-two-year-old Congress government and form a new one in that short period. He suggested that KTR’s statement hints at a conspiracy fueled by corruption money.

The Minister accused BRS leaders of making “nonsensical” statements out of fear of defeat, as their ill-gotten money is “flowing like a river” in the constituency. He urged the wise voters to reflect on the lack of development during the past decade of BRS rule and sup-

port the Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, emphasizing the welfare schemes like the free bus scheme. Ponguleti guaranteed that the Congress government will remain in power for the next three years and the subsequent five years, resting only after wiping the tears of the poor. He also promised that the Indiramma housing scheme, initially focused on rural areas, will soon be extended to the urban poor.

The padayatra was marked by significant defections, with over 200 youth from BRS and 10 women from BJP joining the Congress. Additionally, 200 auto drivers from Karmika Nagar, led by Auto Union President Satish, joined the Congress. Minister Ponguleti even took a short ride in Satish’s auto to acknowledge the support of the auto workers.

MP Eatala Rajender Demands Government Action to Prevent Road Accidents



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — MP Eatala Rajender expressed profound grief and shock over the tragic collision between an RTC bus and a gravel tipper near Mirzaguda in Chevella mandal, which resulted in the death of 19 people. He asserted that the incident is deeply disturbing and a reflection of the

state government’s negligence.

Rajender highlighted that West Hyderabad is rapidly developing, leading to significant traffic growth. He stressed that the particular road where the accident occurred should have been developed as a National Highway back in 2015-16. He accused the gov-

ernment of allowing the project to be stalled due to bureaucratic negligence and pending legal cases, leading to ordinary citizens becoming victims.

The MP issued a strong demand for the government to “open its eyes” and immediately complete the pending road works. He

emphasized that the government’s responsibility extends beyond collecting taxes; it must proactively identify frequent accident spots and implement preventative measures.

Rajender lamented the increasing number of lives lost in road accidents, referencing recent tragedies in Rajasthan and Kurnool, stating that

such fatalities in the modern age are a disgrace to a civilized society. He called on the government to abandon its neglectful approach, conduct an immediate review of all state highways, take swift action to complete necessary works, and fulfill its primary responsibility of protecting the lives of the people.

TPCC President Stresses Flawless Campaign Strategy



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud convened a meeting with party leaders, expressing high confidence that the Congress party’s victory in the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election is already secured. However, he strongly cautioned party leaders against any com-

placency, demanding that no one show “negligence” in the final stages of the campaign.

Goud emphasized the need for impeccable election strategies. He highlighted the government’s performance over the last two years under CM Revanth Reddy, stating that the adminis-

tration has already delivered development and welfare to all sections of the state. He stressed that a massive publicity campaign focusing on these achievements is crucial, asserting that if the party effectively communicates its work, “no one can stop our victory.”

The TPCC President

declared that the next seven days are critical. He instructed all leaders in charge of election responsibilities to execute their duties without any lapse. He called for a deeper, more intensive grassroots-level campaign, including door-to-door and street-level canvassing. Goud reminded

the experienced leaders present that they know well how to guide voters towards the Congress. He galvanized the workers, urging every leader to work with the mindset that “he himself is the candidate” with the ultimate goal of achieving a victory with a significant majority.

Jupally Intensifies Jubilee Hills Campaign, Touts Congress Guarantees



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — As the Jubilee Hills by-election draws near, Minister for Tourism and Culture, Jupally Krishna Rao, has significantly escalated his campaign efforts. The Minister is actively touring slums, colonies, and gated communities, appealing to voters by highlighting the Six Guarantees and the welfare agenda of the Congress government.

Minister Jupally is making house-to-house visits, warmly greeting residents and inquiring about their well-being, often being met with a welcoming reception. A key focus of his

campaigning is to inform the public about the alleged “anarchy” and misconduct of the previous BRS regime, urging voters to use their ballot to teach the BRS a lesson for misgoverning the state. He is detailing the development and welfare programs planned for the Jubilee Hills constituency if Congress candidate Naveen Yadav is elected.

In the Sultan Nagar’s Kalpataru Residency, Jupally met with residents, seeking their support for Naveen Yadav. Demonstrating an energetic approach, he visited the Sports Lounge to exercise in the gym and played a

game of shuttle with the residents. He continued his campaign in the Erragadda division, covering Rajiv Nagar Colony, Jayanthi Nagar, and Kalyan Nagar Venture-3. In these areas, he conducted door-to-door campaigning, explaining the development and welfare initiatives implemented by the “Praja Prabhutvam” (People’s Government) under CM Revanth Reddy, and promised to accelerate development if the Congress candidate wins. He was accompanied by Dairy Development Corporation Chairman Gutta Amit Reddy and other Congress leaders and workers.

Koppula Eshwar Accuses Congress of Anti-Dalit Policies



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Former Minister Koppula Eshwar (BRS) held a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, strongly condemning the Revanth Reddy government for allegedly insulting and misleading Dalit communities. He accused the Congress of historically using Dalits as a mere “vote bank” since the ‘Gari-bi Hatao’ era and questioned if the CM and Deputy CM have ever held a review meeting on the promises made to Dalits.

Eshwar accused the government of breaking promises, including the assured 12 lakh for Dalit Bandhu and 6 lakh for Dalits under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, limiting the housing scheme instead to

Congress workers. He alleged that the government has been diverting SC Sub-Plan funds and failing to grant rights to Dalits over their assigned lands, as promised. He further stated that the Congress has dishonored the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, noting that the CM and ministers failed to pay tribute at the 125-foot Ambedkar statue on his Jayanti and have “bound” the statue. Eshwar deemed the Congress an “anti-Dalit government” and asserted that they have no right to ask for Dalit votes in the Jubilee Hills by-election, calling for a strong Dalit movement in the state.

Mahesh, President of the Dalit Bandhu

Sadhana Samithi, echoed these sentiments, condemning the Congress’s anti-Dalit policies. He praised KCR for introducing Dalit Bandhu to empower the community financially, benefiting 1.30 lakh Dalits across party lines. Mahesh expressed his committee’s full support for the BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha in Jubilee Hills, urging Dalits to vote for BRS to ensure justice and the implementation of the Chevella SC Declaration and Dalit Bandhu. He warned the public not to be fooled by the Congress party and announced plans for immediate protests to press for the implementation of these key promises.

Private College Classes Stalled Over Pending Fee

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Classes in private colleges across Telangana have been indefinitely suspended starting today, following a call for an indefinite bandh by the Telangana Private Colleges Association. This drastic measure was taken due to the State Government's alleged failure to release massive amounts of pending Fee Reimbursement dues. The strike has impacted several institutions in the Quthbullapur constituency, including Bhagyarathi Degree College (Chintal), Royal Degree College, and Capital Degree College, among others.

College administrators claimed that the State Government has accumulated approximately 10,000 crores in Fee Reimbursement arrears. They presented a firm set of demands: the government must immediately release at least 50% (5,000 crores) of the total



outstanding dues and commit to clearing the remaining 50% balance by March 31, 2026.

The college management expressed strong resentment over the government's response to their demands, stating that it is unacceptable to use Vigilance inspections as a form of intimidation instead of releasing the legitimate payments. They voiced their anguish, arguing that the government's negligent attitude is severely compromising educational standards and jeopardizing the future of thousands of students, teachers, and non-teaching staff.

The administration to protect the future of the state's education sector. The event saw the participation of key college directors and principals, including Nalla Jai Shankar Goud, Director of Bhagyarathi Degree College; Ramesh Babu, Director of Royal Degree College; and K. Naveen Raj, Principal of Bhagyarathi Degree College,

Feminaxcel Conclave 2.0 at IBS Hyderabad Promotes Women's Leadership



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — The Centre for Women Development (CWD), in collaboration with Club Aaina of IBS Hyderabad, successfully hosted the Feminaxcel Conclave 2.0 at the IBS Hyderabad campus. The event was a dynamic platform dedicated to promoting women's empowerment, leadership, and entrepreneurship, aiming to inspire students and professionals by engaging industry leaders in discussions on women's role in driving sustainable and inclusive growth.

The conclave began with Panel Discussion 1 titled "Empowering Women for a Sustainable Future: The Role of MNCs." Distinguished panelists, including Ms. Kajal Baraik (Pepsico), Mr. Madhu Murthy (Qualizeal), and Ms. Rekha Narendra (Realpage), shared valuable insights on how multinational corporations are fostering inclusivity through progressive policies and sustainable initiatives.

The session was skillfully moderated by Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar of IFHE.

This was followed by Guest Lecture 1, where Ms. Madhurima Agarwal (Managing Director, Microsoft Startups India) spoke on "Inclusive Innovation: How MNCs Are Supporting Women Founders." She emphasized that inclusivity is a key driver of innovation and detailed corporate efforts to support women founders with essential resources like funding, mentorship, and technology access.

After a lunch break, Guest Lecture 2 featured Ms. Midhula Devabhaktuni (Co-founder of MIVI), who shared her inspirational journey in "Building a Startup from Scratch - My Journey as a Woman Founder." She provided firsthand accounts of the challenges, critical learnings, and the perseverance required to build a successful brand in a highly competitive market.

The final session, Panel Discussion 2, focused on "The Hustle and the Hurdles: Overcoming Challenges as a Woman Entrepreneur." The diverse panel included Ms. Alka Mehta (PayAid), Ms. Reena Das (Keolis), Ms. Arushi Sana (Santerra Industries), and Ms. Arpita Soma (Gourmet Craftfoods), and was moderated by Dr. Sainath Manikonda (Executive Director, ICFAI Incubator). The panelists shared their personal experiences of navigating obstacles and offered practical advice to aspiring women entrepreneurs.

The conclave concluded with a formal vote of thanks, reaffirming IBS Hyderabad's commitment to fostering gender equality, innovation, and leadership, serving as a powerful reinforcement of the importance of creating inclusive ecosystems for women to thrive.

Massive Fire Erupts at Closed Chemical Factory in Patancheru



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — A major fire erupted at the Roopa Chemicals factory in the Patancheru industrial area of Sangareddy district. The intensity of the blaze was significant, with massive flames and thick smoke seen billowing high into the air from the facility, which was reportedly

shut down at the time. Fire Service personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene, deploying three fire engines to combat the uncontrolled fire and prevent it from spreading to adjacent industrial units. Patancheru Police also arrived quickly to secure the area, manage the situation,

and ensure the safety of onlookers and rescue teams. The incident has caused considerable alarm in the heavily industrialized region, prompting concerns about environmental contamination, given the nature of the chemical plant. While the firefighting operation

is underway and focused on bringing the blaze fully under control, the exact cause of the fire remains under investigation. Authorities will need to determine if the fire originated from residual chemicals, electrical faults, or any other source, especially since the unit was reportedly

non-operational. Further assessment is pending to ascertain the extent of the structural and material damage caused to the factory. Local residents have been advised to exercise caution and avoid the immediate vicinity until the area is deemed safe and the investigation concludes.

Samosa Making Unit Without License Sealed



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Acting on credible information, GHMC Food Inspector Pawan Kumar conducted a raid on the Maulana Samosa Karkhana located in Laxmi Nagar, within the Suraram Division of Gajularamaram Circle, Quthbullapur constituency. The raid resulted in the sealing of the

company due to severe violations of food safety regulations. The Food Inspector revealed that the Samosa Karkhana was operating solely with a basic GHMC Trade License but was missing the mandatory FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) License, which is es-

sential for running a food manufacturing center. During the inspection, the Food Inspector found that the premises of the samosa manufacturing unit were highly unsanitary and unclean. Furthermore, the workers preparing the samosas were observed working without proper hy-

giene gear, such as gloves and caps. The company was producing a large volume of samosas, estimated to be between 4,000 to 5,000 samosas daily, which were being supplied to various tea shops and hotels across the area. Due to the lack of proper hygiene and the absence of the neces-

sary Food License, Food Inspector Pawan Kumar confirmed that the Samosa Karkhana was immediately shut down. He appealed to the public to report any food businesses operating without a proper license or maintaining unhygienic conditions to the GHMC authorities.

Man Murdered in Nacharam Industrial Area



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — A brutal murder was reported in the Nacharam Police Station limits, where an unidentified man was found killed near an industry in the Nacharam industrial area. Local residents who discovered the body promptly informed

the police. Police officials arrived at the scene and identified the deceased as Muralikrishna of Uppal Kalyanpuri. Muralikrishna was a daily wage laborer, and his wife works as a caretaker in a house in Kalyanpuri.

Following preliminary investigations, the police registered a case and shifted the body to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem examination. Authorities have launched an investigation to ascertain the motive and circumstances surrounding the gruesome murder.

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Minister Thummala Urges Centre to Relax CCI Norms on Cotton Procurement



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao addressed a letter to Union Textile Minister Giriraj Singh and CCI Chairman and Managing Director Lalit Kumar Gupta, urging them to modify the stringent norms imposed by the Cotton

Corporation of India (CCI) on cotton procurement in Telangana. The Minister highlighted the new CCI rule limiting procurement to only 7 quintals of cotton per acre, which drastically contrasts with the previous norm of purchasing up to 12 quintals per acre.

He noted that the State Government's own declaration, based on reports from District Collectors, indicates that cotton yields are up to 11.74 quintals per acre. Minister Thummala pointed out that this year's excessive rainfall has already caused significant losses to cotton

farmers, and the new CCI rule is detrimental to their interests. He specifically demanded that the moisture content limit be relaxed to allow the CCI to procure cotton with up to 20% moisture. Furthermore, he noted that farmers are facing difficulties due to a lack of

awareness regarding the 'Kapas Kisan App'. Considering the welfare of the farming community, Minister Thummala requested the immediate lifting of the 7 quintal limit and a return to the old procurement system. He also urged the CCI to

procure cotton with up to 20% moisture and to resolve the issues faced by ginning millers immediately. Minister Thummala reviewed these concerns with officials, including Director of Agriculture Gopi (IAS) and Director of Marketing Smt. Lakshmi Bai.

Thummala Slams Centre's 'Double Standards' on Cotton Procurement

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao sharply criticized the Central Government's cotton procurement policies, stating that they are becoming a "curse" for cotton farmers. He accused the Centre of succumbing to US pressure by waiving import duties on cotton, which has caused market prices to plummet to as low as 6,000, denying farmers a profitable price in the open market. Minister Thummala pointed out the multiple hurdles farmers face when trying to sell their produce at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) through the central agency, CCI (Cotton Corporation of India):

- 1.Mandatory Kisan Kapas App registration
- 2.Complex allocation to L1/L2 ginning mills, creating uncertainty.
- 3.Strict and challenging moisture content limit of 8-12%.

Now, the introduction of a new limit of only 7 quintals per acre is seen as the final blow, exposing the Centre's "double stand

ards." The Minister highlighted that while official estimates suggest an average yield of 7 quintals, actual yields vary greatly, with rainfed lands yielding 4-5 quintals and black soil farms yielding up to 15 quintals per acre. Imposing a flat 7-quintal limit is unfair, especially after heavy rains and cyclones have already damaged crops and forced farmers to struggle to meet the low moisture requirement. Drawing an analogy, the Minister said the Central government is like a mother who "neither feeds her child nor allows it to beg" (Amma petta pettadu, adukonivvadu), by simultaneously crashing open market prices through duty waivers and imposing a plethora of restrictions through the CCI. He urgently demanded that the Central Government immediately remove the 7-quintal per acre limit, allow CCI to procure cotton with up to 20% moisture, and reconsider its decision to waive import duties on cotton.

Konda Surekha Vows Comprehensive Development for Dharmapuri Temple



TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — State Endowments Minister Konda Surekha announced a commitment to the comprehensive development of the historic Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Dharmapuri, Jagtial district. She also instructed officials to make complete arrangements for the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams.

Minister Surekha chaired a review meeting on the Dharmapuri Temple Master Plan, attended by Minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar, Endowments Principal

Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer, Endowment Director Harish, and other high-ranking officials. The Minister directed that the renovation and development of the centuries-old temple must adhere strictly to Agama Shastra, the advice of Vedic scholars, and the sentiments of local devotees and the public. She emphasized that development must be undertaken keeping in mind that the deity is a self-manifested form (Swayambhu Murti) and the area is a sacred place frequented by sages and

deities. The Minister also directed officials to make advance preparations to celebrate the Godavari Pushkarams in July 2027 grandly, calling it the 'Kumbh Mela of South India.' She emphasized creating a permanent plan to ensure seamless facilities for the lakhs of devotees expected for the sacred dips. The development of key temples along the Godavari Riverbank in Dharmapuri was prioritized. Minister Surekha inquired about the land acquisition details necessary for the 50 crore Master Plan and directed officials not to compromise on the quality of construction.

Minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar (SC, ST, Minorities Welfare) specially thanked Minister Surekha for dedicating time and effort to develop the temple in his home constituency, assuring his personal initiative to facilitate the necessary land acquisition for the project. The proposed Master Plan development includes:

Temple expansion (Vaikuntha Dwara, queue complex, tin sheds). Construction of Vrata and Kalakshapa Mandapams. Prasadam counters, Kalyana Mandapam, Ratha Shala, and drinking water facilities. Developments along the Godavari riverbank, including large dormitory halls, dress changing rooms for women, Sulabh complexes, showers, and a Nitya Annadana Bhavan (Free Meal Hall).

The end of November, while noting that the previous government's fish seed distribution program was marred by irregularities. He mandated that signboards displaying the details of fish seed distribution must be installed at every tank, and the process must be uploaded onto the 'T Matsya App' in accordance with government regulations.

Minister Srihari pointed out that while Telangana ranks high in meat consumption, it lags in fish consumption. He instructed officials to devise extensive publicity plans focused on the health benefits of including fish in the diet. He also mentioned that the government is examining the implementation of fish dishes in the mid-day meal scheme for students in various states and will discuss its potential implementation in Telangana with CM Revanth Reddy. The Minister stressed the need to increase fish seed production in the state, which is rich in rivers (Krishna, Godavari) and cascade tanks. Finally, he ordered Collectors to allocate government land in every constituency for establishing Fish Retail Outlet Markets to facilitate better marketing facilities. (350 words)



MLA Sri Ganesh Inspects Cracks in East Marredpally Hillocks

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh rushed to the East Marredpally Addukatta area in the Monda Division after being informed by local residents about dangerously cracked boulders on a large hillock. The locals expressed extreme fear that the rocks could collapse at any moment.

The MLA, accompanied by local Congress leaders and residents, inspected the area and the precarious hillocks. Recognizing the immediate danger, he immediately contacted GHMC officials from the site and instructed them to take action on a war footing. He demanded that the dangerous boulders be removed immediately to prevent any harm to the residents living in the

surrounding area. MLA Sri Ganesh personally reassured the worried residents, urging them not to panic and promising that he would take all necessary measures to ensure their safety and prevent any untoward incidents. The MLA was accompanied by local leaders Dhanalakshmi, Venkata Swamy, Shankar, Mutyalu, and Ramulu, among others.

Srihari Focuses on Promoting Fish Consumption in Telangana

TPN Bureau | Nov 3 — Minister Vakiti Srihari chaired a video conference from the Secretariat with District Collectors and Fisheries Department officials from 32 districts to review the fish seed distribution program and strategize on promoting fish consumption in the state. Special Chief Secretary Sabyasachi Ghosh and Fisheries Director Nikhila were among the officials present.

The Minister highlighted the government's unprecedented budget allocation of 123 crores for the Fisheries Department. He stressed that fish seed must reach all tanks and reservoirs by

ing fish in the diet. He also mentioned that the government is examining the implementation of fish dishes in the mid-day meal scheme for students in various states and will discuss its potential implementation in Telangana with CM Revanth Reddy. The Minister stressed the need to increase fish seed production in the state, which is rich in rivers (Krishna, Godavari) and cascade tanks. Finally, he ordered Collectors to allocate government land in every constituency for establishing Fish Retail Outlet Markets to facilitate better marketing facilities. (350 words)

From Purdah to IPS: Shaik Shereen Begum's Journey of Courage

(First Muslim Woman IPS Officer in Andhra Pradesh)



Visit of DPTC, Srikakulam by the D.I.G., Visakhapatnam Range on.13-9-2017



Q1: Please introduce yourself and share your early life background.

A: I am Shaik Shereen Begum, born on 1 July 1972 in One-Town, Wynchipet, Vijayawada—a Muslim-majority area in Andhra Pradesh. As the eldest of three daughters in a lower-middle-class family, I grew up amidst illiteracy and rigid conservative ideologies where education, especially for girls, was rarely a priority. Yet, my mother recognized its transformative power, and my father championed our pursuit of higher studies and careers despite fierce societal resistance.

Q2: What specific societal barriers did you face while pursuing education?

A: The challenges were relentless—enforced purdah, home confinement, and constant discouragement from relatives and neighbors: “Why send her to school? Who will marry educated girls? Where will you find qualified grooms? Too much freedom will make them elope.” Even attending university felt like a transgression. These restrictions, however, only fueled my inner fire, transforming obstacles into unyielding determination.

Q3: How did you manage to prepare for competitive exams with limited resources?

A: Financial constraints left me unable to buy books or magazines. I turned to second-hand markets—Ber Sarai and Munirka in Delhi, Koti and Sultan Bazaar in Hyderabad—scouring footpaths on Sundays. The libraries of Andhra University, Osmania University, and JNU became my sanctuaries. With these, I cleared the State Group-I services in my very first attempt, despite falling short in UPSC initially.

Q4: You faced an unjust allocation after selection—what happened, and how did you respond?

A: The APPSC wrongly allotted me and a few others to the Department of Employment and Training, far from my calling. Driven by an unshakable desire to serve the public, I fought a 10-year legal battle across all forums, culminating in victory at the Supreme Court. Justice prevailed, and I entered the Police Services as Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.S.P.).

Q5: How was your training experience, and

what recognition did you earn?

A: My enthusiasm doubled upon joining. I completed probationary training with utmost determination, discipline, and dedication, earning the titles of Best All-Rounder, Best Indoor, and Best Firer in my batch of Dy.S.P.s. Though not assigned a sub-division initially, I excelled across CID, ACB, Crimes, Administration, and Intelligence.

Q6: Walk us through your professional journey and current role.

A: I began as Dy.S.P. in CID (Rajahmundry, 2015), served as Addl. S.P. in Srikakulam (2007–), DCP (Crimes) in Vijayawada, Joint Director in ACB, and Superintendent of Police in the Intelligence Security Wing (2020–). I also held key roles as Competent Authority / Special Officer for A.P. State Waqf Board and VC & MD of A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation. Currently, I serve as Survey Commissioner of Waqfs (on deputation to Minorities Welfare Department), working to uplift minority communities—especially protection of waqf properties for the welfare & development of the Muslim community.

Q7: What are your academic and professional milestones?

A: I hold an M.Sc. in Geophysics with Hydrology Specialization (University First Rank, Andhra University). I joined Group-I Services in 2001 and was conferred IPS in 2017. In 2023, I became the first Muslim woman IPS officer in Andhra Pradesh—and earlier, the first Muslim woman Group-I officer in the combined state. I also pioneered water rappelling as the first woman police officer at Khatika Waterfalls, Araku.

Q8: What awards have you received in recognition of your journey?

A: Pratibha Award (8 March 2018) from the Government of A.P. for overcoming hardships as a Muslim woman.

Best All-Rounder, Best Indoor, Best Firer during police training.

University First Rank in M.Sc. (Geophysics).

Q9: How does your current work reflect your personal mission?

A: In the Minorities Welfare Department, I focus on breaking cycles of backwardness—especially among minority girls. By inspiring

parents to prioritize education, I aim to empower the next generation, just as my parents did for me. My journey—from purdah to police service—is proof that determination can redefine destiny.

Q10: What message do you have for young women, especially from minority communities?

A: Never let circumstances define your limits. Education is your strongest weapon, resilience your shield, and service your purpose. The path may be tough, but every step forward inspires a thousand others. From a girl in purdah to the first Muslim woman IPS officer in Andhra Pradesh—I stand as living proof: dream fiercely, fight wisely, and rise proudly.

Q11: Civil services—especially uniformed services—are largely male-dominated. Coming from a Muslim community with numerous restrictions, why did you choose this path? What inspired you?

A: Becoming a civil servant, particularly a police officer, was my childhood dream—and my father's as well. The first movie I ever watched with him in a theater was Karthavyam. Its powerful portrayal of a woman in uniform left an indelible impact on me. That moment ignited my resolve to join the IPS and serve with honor, breaking barriers in a field dominated by men.

Q12: Who has been your greatest pillar of support throughout this journey?

A: Undoubtedly, both my father and mother. They held a steadfast vision: education alone can transform lives, bring dignity, and command respect. Despite societal pressures, they championed my studies and aspirations, standing firmly by me at every step.

Q13: Preparation and coaching for civil services are often expensive. Given your lower-middle-class background, how did you manage?

A: With my father working in the railways and the responsibility of educating my siblings, resources were extremely limited. I moved to Hyderabad, lived in a modest ₹300 rented room, and attended coaching under tough conditions. Every sacrifice was fueled by determination—nothing could deter me from my goal.



PM Modi Launches ₹1 Lakh Crore RDI Fund to Boost Private R&D



TPN Bureau | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, November 3, 2025, launched the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund to spur private sector investment in research and development across India. The launch took place at the inaugural Emerging Science, Technology and In-

novation Conclave (ESTIC) 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, which brought together policymakers, innovators, and global experts. The RDI Fund, to be operated under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), will follow a two-tiered funding structure. The initiative aims to encourage collaboration

between industry, academia, and startups, ensuring that India's private sector actively participates in cutting-edge research while advancing the government's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the importance of private sector engagement in research, stating that innovation-driven

growth is essential to achieving global leadership in science and technology. The RDI Fund is designed to support high-impact projects, provide financial incentives, and create an ecosystem where private enterprises can contribute meaningfully to India's research landscape. Union Minister of State

(Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, emphasized that the fund would enable strategic partnerships and resource-sharing, helping Indian innovators compete on a global scale. The two-tier structure of the fund will include grants for exploratory research and matched funding to leverage private capital for large-scale R&D projects. The ESTIC 2025 conclave, where the fund was unveiled, aims to serve as a platform for dialogue between government bodies, private enterprises, and international stakeholders to strengthen India's innovation ecosystem. The initiative aligns with India's broader strategy of fostering a knowledge-driven economy, strengthening scientific research, and creating new avenues for technological leadership. Experts say the RDI Fund has the potential to transform India's research landscape by unlocking private investment, promoting collaborative innovation, and accelerating the country's march toward a globally competitive science and technology ecosystem.

Yogi Adityanath's 'Pappu', 'Tappu', 'Akku' Jab At Opposition Leaders In Bihar

TPN Correspondent | Patna

As Bihar gears up for its two-phase assembly elections on November 6 and 11, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched sharp attacks on the opposition INDIA alliance, targeting Congress, RJD, and Samajwadi Party leaders. Addressing a rally in Keoti, Darbhanga, Yogi mockingly referred to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav as "Pappu", "Tappu", and "Appu", calling them "three monkeys" in a jab at Mahatma Gandhi's famous proverb. He alleged that the opposition embraces criminals, compromises state security, and divides people on caste lines. "With guns and pistols, they tainted Bihar's system... these people hug and mingle with family mafias and disrupt security," he said. Yogi further

described them as "blatant Hindu traitors" and accused them of undermining faith and national security. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi held a massive roadshow in Patna on Sunday, urging voters to support the NDA. Modi slammed Congress over its response to Operation Sindoor, saying the party and its allies opposed India's success while Pakistan celebrated. He also highlighted internal conflicts within the opposition, claiming that Congress and RJD clashed over seat-sharing, with the RJD allegedly forcing its candidate as the Chief Ministerial nominee. The remarks come amid intense campaigning in the 243-member Bihar Assembly elections, where constituencies like Keoti are witnessing multi-cornered battles involving the BJP, RJD, AIMIM, and Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj party. Both leaders emphasized the NDA's de-



velopment agenda and accused opposition parties of obstructing governance and security. With polling days ap-

proaching, the political discourse in Bihar has intensified, featuring sharp personal attacks, allegations of corruption and

criminal links, and claims of undermining national security, setting the stage for a highly charged electoral contest.

Mamata Banerjee Cheers For Women In Blue, Then BJP's "Be Home By 8" Jab



TPN Correspondent | Srinagar

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's congratulatory post on India's historic Women's World Cup win drew a sharp response from the BJP, which referenced her controversial remarks about women being out late at night. Minutes after Harmanpreet Kaur-led Team In-

dia lifted the trophy with a 52-run victory over South Africa, Banerjee tweeted her pride in the "Women in Blue," praising their courage, skill, and inspirational journey. "The fight they showed and the command they displayed throughout the tournament will inspire generations of young girls. You are our

heroes. Many bigger victories await you in the future," she wrote. However, BJP Bengal quickly invoked Banerjee's earlier comments on the October gang-rape of a 23-year-old MBBS student in Durgapur. Banerjee had questioned how the student managed to leave her campus late at night, suggesting that private medi-

cal colleges should ensure students' safety and control their movements after dark. Her remarks were widely criticized as victim-blaming. Responding to her World Cup post, BJP Bengal quipped, "OMG, they were playing till 12! But you had told them to be home by 8." Party spokespersons Gaurav Bhatia and She-

hzad Poonawalla accused Banerjee of defending perpetrators while blaming victims in multiple sexual assault cases in the state. The Durgapur case involved a second-year medical student from Odisha who was allegedly gang-raped on October 10 in a forested area. The survivor's friend reportedly misled her to the secluded location. The main accused, Firdous Sheikh, along with five co-accused, have been arrested. The incident has reignited debates on women's safety in West Bengal, with critics highlighting perceived lapses in governance and accountability. Banerjee's World Cup praise, intended to celebrate women achievers, thus sparked a political backlash due to the lingering controversy over her past remarks on the Durgapur case. This episode underscores the continuing tension in West Bengal politics over gender issues and leadership accountability.

"Nothing Else To Ask?" Siddaramaiah Snaps At Reporter Over Chief Minister Question



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday dismissed media speculation about a potential leadership change in the state, snapping at a reporter over questions about Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar possibly taking over the top post. With the Congress government reaching the halfway mark of its five-year term later this month, rumors of a so-called "November revolution" have fueled discussions about a change in leadership. Supporters of Shivakumar have reportedly called for him to become Chief Minister, prompting media attention. "Don't you have anything else to ask? Let people talk whatever they want, but who is the high command? Have Sonia Gandhi, Rahul

Gandhi, or Mallikarjun Kharge spoken about this?" Siddaramaiah said, referring to senior Congress leaders. He added, "Why are you always talking about it? Other than the high command, others talking about this has no significance." The Chief Minister clarified that any decisions regarding a cabinet reshuffle would be discussed with the Congress high command after the Bihar assembly elections, scheduled for November 6 and 11. Siddaramaiah reaffirmed his intention to complete the full five-year term, subject to the party's leadership decision. The speculation traces back to the post-May 2023 Karnataka assembly elections, when Shivakumar was persuaded to accept the Deputy Chief Minister role after a tough contest with Sid-

daramaiah for the top post. Earlier reports had suggested a "rotational chief minister formula," under which Shivakumar would assume office halfway through the term, but both leaders and party members rejected these claims. Shivakumar, who also heads Congress' Karnataka unit, echoed Siddaramaiah's stance, stating last week that the state government is united. "Only what the Chief Minister and I have spoken matters. Apart from that, no one else's words carry any value," he said, emphasizing that there is no need for speculation about leadership changes. The remarks come amid ongoing political chatter, but both senior leaders appear intent on projecting unity and deflecting media-driven narratives.

SC to Set Norms for Feeding Stray Dogs in Government Premises



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday, November 3, 2025, said it would soon issue directions to regulate the feeding of stray dogs within government buildings and institutional premises. The move comes amid concerns about unregulated feeding of dogs in office and institutional areas, which the court noted could affect hygiene and safety. A bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and N.V. Anjaria said the guidelines would clarify how government employees and officials should interact with stray animals within institutional premises. "We will issue an order in a few days regarding government institutions where employees are supporting and encouraging dogs in that area," the bench observed during

the hearing. The case pertains to broader issues of stray dog management across the country, balancing animal welfare with public safety. While authorities have often faced challenges in controlling stray dog populations in urban spaces, unregulated feeding in government areas has been highlighted as a concern by the petitioners. The Supreme Court's forthcoming directions are expected to provide a uniform framework, guiding government offices, schools, and other public institutions on responsible practices regarding stray animals. This could include specifying designated feeding zones, timings, and responsibilities to ensure that employees' compassion for animals does not compromise cleanliness, safety, or the functioning of government

premises. Animal welfare activists have welcomed the court's attention to the issue but stressed that any order should also ensure humane treatment of dogs, including regular vaccination drives, sterilisation programs, and the creation of community feeding facilities outside institutional areas. The bench, headed by Justice Vikram Nath, is set to issue the detailed guidelines on November 7, 2025, offering a clear framework for government institutions to manage stray dog interactions responsibly while maintaining public safety and institutional discipline. The case reflects the growing focus on coexistence between humans and stray animals in urban spaces, seeking a balance between compassion for animals and practical governance.

Displaced Palestinians Shelter in Gaza Cemeteries



TPN Correspondent | Florida

In the southern Gaza Strip, cemeteries have become makeshift homes for displaced Palestinians fleeing ongoing conflict. Families are living among gravestones, using them as seats, tables, and walls for their temporary shelters, as war and destruction have left them with few alternatives.

In Khan Younis, Maisa Brikah and her children have spent the past five months in a dusty, sun-baked cemetery. Around 30 families now reside in the same area, turning solemn resting places into crowded, improvised living spaces. "We have nowhere else to go," Brikah said, highlighting the stark realities of life in a conflict zone.

The situation reflects the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where intense fighting and displacement have overwhelmed official shelters. Cemeteries, normally places of mourning, have become refuges for survival. Residents face extreme challenges, including limited access to food, clean water, and medical care, as well as exposure to the elements in open-air surroundings.

Aid organizations have struggled to provide assistance amid ongoing hostilities, leaving many families to rely on community networks and improvised solutions. The makeshift camps highlight both the desperation of displaced civilians and the lack of safe alternatives amid continued violence.

Despite the grim conditions, residents like Brikah strive to maintain some semblance of daily life. Gravestones double as dining tables, shaded spots serve as resting areas, and children play in narrow paths between burial plots. The unusual setting underscores the resilience of those forced into impossible circumstances.

As the conflict continues, families living in cemeteries are a stark reminder of the human toll of war. Their plight calls attention to the urgent need for humanitarian support and long-term solutions for displaced populations in Gaza, where safety and normalcy remain distant hopes. The cemetery shelters in Khan Younis are now a symbol of both tragedy and perseverance in a region where the line between life and death has blurred for countless civilians.

Erika Kirk Speaks Out Amid Hug Controversy With JD Vance



TPN Correspondent | Busan

Erika Kirk, widow of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and newly appointed CEO of Turning Point USA, has broken her silence following criticism over a viral video showing her hugging US Vice President JD Vance at a recent event. In an emotional interview with Fox News at Turning Point USA headquarters, Erika addressed both the controversy and the ongoing investigation into her husband's murder. "There were cameras all over my husband when he was murdered. There have been cameras all over my friends and family, mourning. There have been cameras all over me—analysing my every move, my every smile, my every tear," she said. Erika emphasized the need for transparency in the Tyler Robinson case, the man accused of killing her husband. "Why not be transparent? There's nothing to hide. Let everyone see what true evil is. This is something that could impact generations to come," she added.

The controversy over her public appearances intensified after footage emerged of Erika introducing Vice President Vance in Mississippi. During the event,

the two shared a close embrace, prompting scrutiny from commentators questioning the timing and appropriateness of the gesture. Erika acknowledged the similarities she sees between her late husband and Vance, stating, "No one will ever replace Charlie, but I do see some similarities of my husband in JD, Vice President JD Vance."

The interview also revealed deeply personal moments, including Erika breaking down while watching a video of Charlie. "Sorry, guys. Just give me a second," she tearfully told the interviewer, describing it as the longest video she had watched of her late husband.

Reflecting on her late husband's mission to "save Western civilization," Erika said, "I didn't sign up for anything. I just married the love of my life." At Charlie Kirk's memorial on September 21, she delivered an emotional eulogy, expressing forgiveness toward the accused. "He wanted to save young men just like the one who took his life. That man, that young man, I forgive him," she said tearfully, underscoring her commitment to her husband's values even in grief.

China Refutes Trump's Nuke Testing Charge: "Beijing Abides By Commitment"

TPN Bureau | Washington

China has firmly rejected former US President Donald Trump's claims that it has been conducting secret nuclear tests, emphasizing that Beijing continues to honor its commitments under international agreements. Speaking at a regular press briefing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said, "As a responsible nuclear-weapons state, China has always adhered to the path of peaceful development, pursued a policy of no first use of nuclear weapons, upheld a self-defence nuclear strategy, and abided by its commitment to suspend nuclear testing."

Mao added that China hopes the United States will take "concrete actions to safeguard the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime and maintain global strategic balance and stability."

Trump, in a recent interview with CBS's 60 Minutes, claimed that China, Russia, North Korea, and Pakistan have conducted underground nuclear tests



unknown to the public, suggesting that the US should follow suit. He stated, "Russia's testing, and

China's testing, but they don't talk about it... They test way underground, where people don't know

exactly what's happening with the test. You feel a little bit of a vibration." His comments sparked

confusion about whether the US intends to conduct its first nuclear explosion since 1992. Trump indicated

plans for nuclear testing akin to other nations, while his Energy Secretary, Chris Wright, clarified on Fox News that any upcoming tests would be "system tests" or "non-critical explosions," which do not involve nuclear detonations but instead assess other components of nuclear weapons.

Experts note that no country besides North Korea is known to have conducted nuclear detonations in recent decades. Russia and China have not tested nuclear weapons since 1990 and 1996, respectively. Both nations remain signatories to the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which prohibits all nuclear explosions for military or civilian purposes.

China's response underscores its continued commitment to global non-proliferation, countering Trump's unverified allegations and highlighting tensions over nuclear policy discussions amid US-Russia-China strategic rivalry.

Khawaja Asif Blames India for 'Two-Front War' With Pakistan

TPN Correspondent | Buenos Aires

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has once again accused India of orchestrating tensions along Pakistan's eastern and western borders, claiming New Delhi is keeping Islamabad occupied on "two fronts." Speaking to Geo News, Asif linked India to the recent clashes with Taliban forces along the Durand Line and airstrikes on Kabul, suggesting that Afghanistan was acting as a "proxy" for India.

"If there is a need for evidence, then we have it about what involvement India has in terrorism [in Pakistan] and how it wants to keep us busy on two fronts: the eastern and western," Asif said. However, he did not provide any verifiable proof to substantiate his claims, drawing skepticism from observers.



Asif also alleged that the Taliban leadership was being manipulated by New Delhi, asserting, "The people in Kabul pulling the strings and staging the puppet show are being controlled by

Delhi," in remarks to Dawn. His comments come amid ongoing ceasefire talks and mediation efforts by Qatar and Turkey, aimed at stabilizing relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On the ceasefire, Asif expressed cautious optimism, saying, "Everyone is onboard—politicians, the establishment, and the Pakistani nation—that an immediate solution to the Afghanistan

issue is very necessary, which is that terrorism from Afghan soil should be completely stopped."

Tensions between the two neighbors have escalated since October 9, when explosions in Kabul

killed over 70 people and injured hundreds. Taliban authorities blamed Islamabad for the violence, though Pakistan has neither confirmed nor denied involvement, instead pointing to groups like Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) using Afghan territory for attacks on Pakistani soil.

The Defence Minister's statements highlight Pakistan's continuing security concerns, particularly amid a surge in domestic terrorism and several fatalities among security personnel during intelligence-based operations. Analysts note that Asif's repeated claims linking India to Afghanistan may further strain relations in an already volatile regional landscape, even as efforts at dialogue continue to maintain the fragile ceasefire.

6.3-Magnitude Earthquake Kills 20, Injures Hundreds in Afghanistan

TPN Correspondent | Busan

In a major military development, Russia has launched its newest nuclear-powered submarine, Khabarovsk, designed to carry the 'Poseidon' nuclear drone — a weapon often described as a "doomsday missile" for its catastrophic potential. The submarine was launched at the Sevmash shipyards in Severodvinsk during a ceremony attended by Defence Minister Andrei Belousov, Naval Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev, and senior shipbuilding officials.

"This marks a significant event — the launch of the heavy nuclear-powered missile cruiser Khabarovsk," Belousov stated in his televised address, emphasizing that the vessel would enhance Russia's ability to secure its maritime borders and safeguard national interests across global waters. Developed by Rubin, the Central Design Bureau of Marine Engi-

neering, Khabarovsk is engineered to deploy advanced underwater weapons and robotic systems. It represents the next generation of Russia's strategic deterrent force, complementing its fleet of nuclear-capable submarines.

The submarine will serve as the primary carrier of the Poseidon underwater drone, a nuclear-powered unmanned weapon that can travel at high speeds, extreme depths, and intercontinental ranges — surpassing the capabilities of conventional submarines and torpedoes.

Russian media outlet Kommersant noted that the launch follows last week's successful test of the Poseidon drone, confirmed by President Vladimir Putin, who revealed that the weapon is powered by a compact nuclear reactor "100 times smaller than that of a strategic submarine."

Deputy Security Council Chairman Dmitry Medvedev has called Po-



seidon the "Doomsday missile," while Duma Defence Committee Chairman Andrei Kartapolov

said it is "capable of wiping out entire coastal nations." The launch of

Khabarovsk marks another escalation in Russia's nuclear deterrence capabilities, signaling its

commitment to maintaining strategic superiority in underwater warfare.

HCLTech Reports Flat Q2 Net Profit, Revenue Grows 11% Amid Workforce Expansion

HCL Technologies (HCLTech), the IT services giant promoted by Shiv Nadar, reported a flat net profit of ₹4,235 crore for the second quarter (July-September) of fiscal year 2025-26. Despite the steady net profit, the company posted an impressive 11% year-on-year revenue growth, reaching ₹31,942 crore compared to ₹28,862 crore in the same quarter last year.

Sequentially, HCLTech's net profit and revenue grew by 10% and 5.2% respectively, signaling a steady business momentum amid a challenging global tech environment. The company's diversified portfolio, including digital transformation and AI services, continues to fuel growth and resilience.

In a surprising move that bucks the trend of layoffs in the technology sector, HCLTech reported a net addition of 3,489 employees during the quarter. This brought the total workforce count to a robust 2,26,640 employees, underscoring the company's confidence in expanding operations and talent acquisition despite uncertainties in the global IT market.

The company also announced an interim dividend of ₹12 per equity share for the financial year 2025-26, reflecting its strong cash flow position and commitment to shareholder returns.



Analysts view HCLTech's results positively, noting that the company's balanced growth in revenue and workforce, coupled with stable profitability, positions it well to capitalize on

emerging opportunities in AI and digital services. The ongoing investments in talent and technology underscore HCLTech's strategy to deepen client engagements and scale up

high-value services. With the IT sector facing headwinds globally, HCLTech's ability to sustain growth and expand its workforce highlights its robust business fundamentals and

strategic agility in a competitive landscape. Investors and market watchers will keenly watch the company's performance in the coming quarters as it navigates evolving industry dynamics.

GST Annual Return Filing for FY25 Begins: Key Rules, Turnover Limits, and Compliance Tips



The GST portal has officially opened the window for filing the GSTR-9 annual return and GSTR-9C reconciliation statement for the financial year 2024-25. These filings are mandatory for all taxpayers registered under GST and provide a compre-

hensive summary of the year's tax transactions, including outward and inward supplies, tax paid, and input tax credit claimed.

GSTR-9 must be filed annually, consolidating all monthly or quarterly GST returns filed dur-

ing the year. GSTR-9C, applicable to taxpayers whose turnover exceeds the prescribed limit, serves as a reconciliation statement and requires certification by a Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant.

According to Prabhat Ranjan,

Senior Director at Nexdigm, while most taxpayers are familiar with GSTR-9 and 9C filings, this year's filing comes with new disclosure requirements and stricter validations on the GST portal. He urged taxpayers to be meticulous while filing to avoid

errors and potential penalties.

Important Points to Note:
• **Deadline:** The last date for filing GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for FY25 is December 31, 2025. Taxpayers are advised not to wait for any extensions, as no grace period is expected this year; unlike previous years when extensions were sometimes granted due to technical glitches.
• **Turnover Limits:** GSTR-9C filing is mandatory for taxpayers with a turnover exceeding the threshold specified by the government, usually above ₹5 crore.
• **Compliance Tips:** Early preparation, accurate reconciliation of data with annual financial statements, and cross-verification of input tax credit claims are essential for smooth filing.

The GST portal now enforces stricter validations to minimize discrepancies and improve compliance. Taxpayers should ensure their returns for the entire financial year are correctly filed before attempting the annual return. With the financial year-end approaching, businesses are urged to prioritize GST annual return filing to avoid last-minute rush and penalties.

WPI Inflation Eases to 0.13% in September on Lower Food and Fuel Prices

India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation cooled to 0.13% in September 2025, marking a steady decline from 0.52% in August and a significant drop compared to 1.91% in September 2024, according to data released by the government on Tuesday.

The moderation in wholesale inflation was primarily driven by a decline in prices of food articles, fuel, and manufactured goods, offering some relief amid persistent concerns over inflationary pressures in the economy.

Analysts noted that softening prices in key segments — including vegetables, cereals, and cooking gas — played a major role in easing WPI inflation for the month. Crude petroleum prices also remained relatively stable, further contributing to the lower overall index.

The data suggests that supply-side pressures have started to ease, especially in the food and energy sectors, after months of volatility caused by global disruptions and erratic monsoon patterns.

"The decline in WPI inflation reflects improving supply chains and a drop in global commodity



prices. This is a positive sign for producers and industries dependent on wholesale inputs," said an economist with a leading financial services firm.

The continued moderation in WPI also bodes well for overall inflation management, as it may

eventually translate into lower retail inflation (CPI) in the coming months. However, experts caution that external risks, including global oil price fluctuations and geopolitical tensions, remain potential challenges.

WPI inflation had been vola-

tile over the past year, touching negative territory for several months before turning positive in recent readings. The September figure reinforces a trend of moderation, which may provide additional space for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to maintain

a balanced monetary policy approach.

Further data on sector-wise WPI trends is expected in the detailed release later this week.

Tata Motors Shares Fall 40% After Demerger



Shares of Tata Motors opened nearly 40% lower on Tuesday, triggering concern among investors. However, the company clarified that the sharp fall is a technical adjustment following the demerger of its commercial vehicle business.

The stock opened at ₹399, significantly down from Monday's close of ₹660.90, bringing the company's market capitalisation to around ₹1.45 lakh crore. Despite the steep fall, the move does not reflect any erosion in investor wealth, but rather a realignment due to the demerger.

As part of the restructuring, shareholders as of the record date (October 14) will receive one share of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Limited (TMLCV) for every share they held in Tata Motors. This adjustment explains the price drop in Tata Motors' existing stock, which now represents only the passenger vehicle (EV), and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) businesses.

The company's re-

structured entity is now listed as Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPVL). Meanwhile, the commercial vehicle arm, TMLCV, will be re-named Tata Motors Limited after completing regulatory approvals.

TMLCV shares are not yet available for trading and will be listed separately in the coming 45-60 days, pending exchange approval. Also, derivative contracts for the old Tata Motors expired on Monday. New F&O contracts for TMPVL began trading on Tuesday, while TMLCV will not be available for F&O trading for now.

No Loss to Investors

For those holding Tata Motors shares as of the record date, the allocation is clear:

- 100 shares of TMPVL (passenger vehicle business)
- 100 shares of TMLCV (commercial vehicle business)

Investors are advised not to panic, as the perceived drop is simply a restructuring formality, not a decline in actual value.

Markets Dip as Trump's New Tariffs on China Rattle Global Sentiment



Indian equity markets ended lower on Monday, dragged down by IT and FMCG stocks, as global markets reacted negatively to fresh trade tensions between the US and China. The downturn followed US President Donald Trump's announcement of a 100% tariff on Chinese imports starting November 1.

The BSE Sensex slipped 173.77 points, or 0.21%, to close at 82,327.05, snapping its two-day winning streak. Earlier in the session, it plunged as much as 457.68 points to a low of 82,043.14, reflecting investor caution amid global uncertainty.

The broader NSE Nifty fell 58 points, or 0.23%, to settle at 25,227.35. Among the 50 constituents, 30 ended in the red, 19 in green, while one remained unchanged.

Sectorally, IT and FMCG stocks bore the brunt of the sell-off. Major laggards included Tata Motors, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, Bharat Electronics, ITC, and UltraTech Cement. The renewed tar-

iff threat has sparked fears of a further slowdown in global trade, dampening investor sentiment across Asian and European markets.

"With Trump's announcement of additional tariffs on Chinese exports, markets globally have turned risk-averse," said a market analyst at a domestic brokerage. "Investors are also booking profits ahead of key US economic data and corporate earnings reports due later this week."

The imposition of new tariffs threatens to disrupt fragile global supply chains already dealing with inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainties.

On the domestic front, concerns also linger over the impact of high gold and commodity prices on inflation and consumption, especially ahead of the festive season.

Going forward, investors will closely watch developments around US-China trade talks, inflation data, and commentary from central banks for further cues.

Bird Flu Found in Raw Milk Cheese



New research warns that raw milk cheeses may harbor the H5N1 avian influenza virus, even after extended ageing. The study, led by Cornell University and published in Nature Medicine, found that cheeses made from milk contaminated with H5N1 can retain infectious virus particles for up to 120 days—double the 60-day minimum ageing period required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Researchers tested cheeses with varying acidity levels and discovered that those with a pH between 5.8 and 6.6, such as camembert, allowed the virus to survive. Highly acidic cheeses, like feta with a pH of 4.6 or lower, showed no detectable virus, indicating that lower acidity may neutralize H5N1. “Our study focused on the persistence of highly pathogenic H5N1 in raw milk cheeses,” said Diego Diel, professor of virology at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine. “Previous work has shown that infected cows shed high levels of the virus in milk, which can survive re-

frigerated storage for long periods.” The findings raise concerns for consumers of unpasteurised dairy products and suggest that current ageing standards may be insufficient to eliminate avian influenza risks. Researchers recommend testing milk before use and applying mild heat treatments below pasteurisation levels. These steps could inactivate the virus while maintaining the characteristics of raw milk cheese. Nicole Martin, assistant research professor and director of the Milk Quality Improvement Program at Cornell, emphasized the study’s practical impact: “This research provides data-driven recommendations to help raw milk cheesemakers reduce risk during outbreaks affecting the milk supply.” The study highlights an overlooked pathway for avian influenza transmission and underscores the need for stricter safety measures in the production of raw milk cheeses, especially amid ongoing H5N1 outbreaks in livestock populations.

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 liter-

ary 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.

Toddler Dies After Choking on Bubble Tea in China

A three-year-old toddler in China tragically died after choking on tapioca bubbles in his milk tea while playing on a trampoline, according to the South China Morning Post (SCMP). The incident occurred on October 19 at a shopping mall in Zhejiang province. Eyewitnesses reported that the child collapsed suddenly while playing after consuming the drink. His parents rushed him to the hospital, where medical staff performed emergency treatment for over an hour. Despite their efforts, the toddler was pronounced dead. The cause of death was identified as tapioca bubbles, approximately 10 mm in size, which were too large for the child’s airway. The sticky texture of the bubbles also prevented successful removal, even when the mother attempted the Heimlich maneuver. The child’s father, identified as Li, shared security footage from the mall showing the mother giving the toddler the bubble tea before the incident. Li appealed to the milk tea shop and the shopping center to take responsibility for the tragedy. The milk tea shop issued condolences to the family and highlighted that its online ordering system included a warning advising that children and elderly individuals consume the drink only under supervision. The incident has sparked widespread discussion on Chinese social media about parental responsibility and child safety. Many commentators emphasized that young children should not consume sticky foods or beverages while playing. “Kids cannot eat tapioca bubbles, jelly, or sticky rice, nor can they eat or drink while playing,” one person wrote. Another added, “The parents are responsible for letting him play on a trampoline after drinking bubble tea.” This heartbreaking event has reignited conversations around food safety and supervision, with many urging caregivers to exercise extreme caution when children consume potentially hazardous foods.



Meta Denies Using Porn for AI, Blames Employee Downloads

Meta has rejected allegations that it used pornographic content to train its artificial intelligence models, claiming that any downloads of adult material were made by individual employees for personal use. The statement was made in a legal filing urging a US district court to dismiss a copyright infringement lawsuit filed by Strike 3 Holdings, a company producing adult films. The lawsuit accuses Meta of using Strike 3’s copyrighted videos to train an AI model that powers its video generator, Movie Gen. Meta countered that the lawsuit is based on “guesswork and innuendo,” and called Strike 3 a “copyright troll” filing extortionate claims. Meta stated that there is no evidence the company instructed employees to download the content or that it had knowledge of the alleged 2,400 downloads. The firm also noted that AI research on “Multimodal Models and Generative Video” began in 2022, four years after the reported downloads, making a connection to AI training “implausible.”



According to Meta, activity linked to corporate IP addresses amounted to roughly 22 downloads per year, suggesting “disparate individuals downloaded adult videos for personal use” rather than for AI purposes. Meta also emphasized that its user terms prohibit generating adult content with AI models, contradicting the claim that such material would be used for AI training. The lawsuit alleges that Meta used a “stealth network” of 2,500 hidden IP addresses to download the videos and is seeking \$350 million in damages. Meta’s filing argued that Strike 3 failed to identify the individuals allegedly involved, their roles at Meta, or whether any content was used in AI training. The case comes amid heightened scrutiny of Meta’s AI practices, following reports that internal AI rules allowed chatbots to engage in inappropriate conversations, spread false medical information, and assist in making racist arguments—issues the company has since addressed. Meta’s spokesperson reaffirmed, “We don’t want this type of content, and we take deliberate steps to avoid training on this kind of material.”

Death Industry Booms Amid Ageing, Lonely South Korea

In South Korea, a growing number of people are finding work in the “business of death” as the nation grapples with an ageing population and rising loneliness. With birth rates among the lowest globally and nearly half of the population aged 50 or older, the demand for funeral services and posthumous care is surging. At the Busan Institute of Science and Technology, students train as future funeral directors, practicing traditional rites on mannequins draped in funeral cloth. “With our society ageing, I thought the demand for this kind of work would only grow,” said Jang Jin-yeong, a 27-year-old student. Another, Im Sae-jin, was inspired by his grandmother’s funeral to pursue the profession. Single-person households now make up about 42 percent of South Korean homes, giving rise to specialized cleaners who manage the homes of those who die alone. Former classical musician Cho Eun-seok, 47, has handled several such cases, sometimes months after the person’s death. He described homes as “like their portraits,” often filled with neatly arranged belongings, soju bottles, and dusty gifts. South Korea also records the highest suicide rate among developed nations, and these “lonely deaths” often leave traces requiring sensitive handling. Cho has even started developing devices to detect unattended deaths, which can cause environmental hazards and pest infestations if left unaddressed. The work often goes beyond cleaning. Kim Seok-jung, another professional, turned a late lyricist’s unpublished songs into a tribute for the be-



reaved family. Cho recounted helping a teenage girl living alone in a tiny gosiwon, who later took her own life. He rescued her pet hamster, preserving a fragment of her life. Veterans like Kim Doo-nyeong note increasing recruitment of young people into funeral services. “When someone dies alone, everything must be cleared away,” he said. Despite the challenges, students like Im recognize the importance of this growing yet emotionally demanding profession.

BCCI Announces ₹51 Crore Reward for World Cup-Winning Indian Women’s Team

In a historic moment for Indian cricket, the national women’s team lifted their maiden ICC Women’s World Cup trophy after defeating South Africa in a thrilling final. The victory ended decades of near misses, including the heartbreaks of the 2005 and 2017 finals, marking a new era for women’s cricket in India.

To honor this monumental achievement, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a massive cash reward of ₹51 crore for the entire squad, including players, coaches, and support staff. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia made the announcement in Mumbai, lauding the team’s remarkable journey and historic win.

“In 1983, Kapil Dev inspired a new generation by winning India’s first World Cup. Today, Harmanpreet Kaur and her team have done the same for women’s cricket,” Saikia said. “They have not only brought the trophy home but also won the hearts of millions, inspiring the next generation



of cricketers.”

Saikia also praised the transformational efforts of former BCCI secretary Jay Shah, whose tenure from 2019 to 2024 saw major reforms in women’s cricket. “Pay parity was introduced under his leadership, and ICC prize money for women’s tournaments was increased by 300 percent — from \$2.88 million to \$14 million,” he noted.

The Indian women’s team’s World Cup triumph has been hailed as a defining moment for gender equality in sports, drawing parallels to the 1983 men’s World Cup win that revolutionized Indian cricket.

With the ₹51 crore reward and growing institutional support, the achievement is expected to further boost the popularity and participation of women in cricket, firmly establishing India as a powerhouse in the global women’s game.

Anirban Lahiri Shines with Consistent Play as McKibbin Wins Hong Kong Open



India’s Anirban Lahiri continued his fine form with yet another solid performance at the Link Hong Kong Open 2025, finishing as the top Indian golfer in the field. The LIV Golf star carded a two-under 68 in the final round on Sunday, marking his

fourth consecutive under-par round at the prestigious Asian Tour event.

Lahiri concluded the tournament with a total of 14-under, finishing 13 strokes behind Northern Ireland’s Tom McKibbin, who clinched the title in his maiden Asian Tour ap-

pearance. McKibbin delivered a commanding performance throughout the week, sealing victory with remarkable composure to secure his first-ever Asian Tour triumph at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Among the other Indian golfers, veteran SSP

Chawrasia also impressed with a steady two-under 68 on the final day, finishing at 10-under overall. Ajeetesh Sandhu matched their round of 68, ending just one shot behind Chawrasia at 9-under, ensuring a respectable showing for the Indian contingent in

the USD 2 million tournament.

Lahiri, representing Crushers GC in the LIV Golf circuit, once again demonstrated his consistency and experience, maintaining composure across all four rounds. His performance underlined his status as one of India’s most dependable golfers on the international stage.

While a victory eluded him this week, Lahiri’s string of under-par rounds will serve as a confidence booster ahead of his upcoming events. With his short game and putting in strong touch, the Indian ace continues to build momentum as he seeks to add another title to his international career.

For McKibbin, the Hong Kong Open marked a breakthrough performance, capping off a memorable debut on the Asian Tour and setting the stage for what promises to be a bright future in world golf.

Celtic Defeat 10-Man Rangers to Enter Scottish League Cup Final

Celtic booked their place in the Scottish League Cup final with a hard-fought 3-1 win over arch-rivals Rangers at Hampden Park on Sunday, extending interim manager Martin O’Neill’s perfect start since returning to the helm. The result sees Celtic advance to face St. Mirren in next month’s final.

In just his second match back in charge following Brendan Rodgers’ resignation earlier in the week, O’Neill guided the Hoops to victory in an emotionally charged Old Firm clash. Celtic took the lead midway through the first half when Jonny Kenny headed home from Arne Engels’ corner. Rangers’ troubles deepened shortly before halftime when Thelo Aasgaard was sent off for a dangerous challenge on Anthony Ralston, reducing them to 10 men.

Despite being a man down, Rangers showed spirit and were rewarded late in normal time when James Tavernier converted a penalty after Ralston was penalized for handball, forcing extra time.

Celtic regained control in the added period as Callum



McGregor’s long-range strike restored their lead, catching Rangers goalkeeper Jack Butland off guard. The victory was sealed when teenager Callum Osmund — making only his second appearance for the

senior side — slotted home Kieran Tierney’s cross for his first goal in green and white.

The win comes as both Glasgow giants adjust to new management following disappointing starts to the

season. Rangers’ new boss Danny Rohl, just two weeks into his tenure, faces a massive task with his side trailing leaders Hearts by 14 points in the Scottish Premiership and struggling in Europe.

For O’Neill and Celtic, the result offers a timely morale boost and a chance to secure silverware early in his second spell, reigniting belief among fans after a turbulent period under Rodgers.

Bengaluru, Punjab Set Up Winner-Takes-All Clash in Super Cup



Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC are set for a thrilling winner-takes-all clash in the AIFF Super Cup after registering emphatic victories in their respective Group C matches on Sunday in Margao.

At the PJN Stadium, Bengaluru FC produced a dominant performance to thrash Gokulam Kerala FC 4-0, with Australian midfielder Ryan Williams stealing the spotlight. Williams scored twice and assisted another in a commanding display that showcased his creativity and finishing prowess.

Bengaluru opened the scoring early through Vinith Venkatesh before Williams doubled the lead with a clinical strike. The Australian playmaker then turned provider, setting up Sunil Chhetri for Bengaluru’s third goal as the Blues tightened their grip on the contest. Williams capped off a stellar evening by scoring his second and Bengaluru’s fourth, sealing a comprehensive win that reflected the team’s attacking intent and

sharpness.

Meanwhile, in the other Group C fixture, Punjab FC cruised past Mohammedan Sporting with a confident 2-0 victory. The result means both Bengaluru and Punjab now sit level on points, setting up an exciting decider to determine who advances to the knockout stage.

For Bengaluru, the result marked a much-needed boost after an inconsistent run in domestic competitions. Under head coach Gerard Zaragoza, the Blues appeared organized and fluid in attack, with Williams orchestrating play in midfield and veterans like Chhetri providing leadership up front.

The final group-stage match between Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC promises to be an intense battle, with a semifinal berth on the line. Both sides have shown strong form, but only one will progress, making the upcoming encounter a true test of resilience, tactical discipline, and attacking flair in this year’s Super Cup.

Unnati Hooda’s Exit Ends India’s Run at Hylo Open



India’s campaign at the Hylo Open 2025 came to an end after young badminton sensation Unnati Hooda bowed out in the women’s singles semifinals. The 18-year-old rising star from Rohtak went down in straight games to Indonesia’s top seed Putri Kusuma Wardani on Saturday night, losing 7-21, 13-21 in a 35-minute encounter.

Despite the defeat, Unnati’s performance throughout the tournament drew praise from badminton fans and experts alike. Displaying confidence, composure, and remarkable agility, she showcased her potential against top international players. However, against the experienced Wardani, Unnati struggled to match her opponent’s pace and precision, leading to an early deficit that proved difficult to recover from.

The semifinal loss marked the end of India’s challenge at the USD 475,000 Super 300 event, held in Saarbrücken, Germany. While Unnati’s campaign ended

one step short of the final, her consistent showing reinforced her status as one of India’s most promising young shuttlers on the global stage.

Unnati’s impressive form follows her recent success as part of the Indian team that clinched its first-ever medal — a bronze — at the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships held in Guwahati last month. Her growing experience in both junior and senior international circuits has positioned her as a vital prospect for India’s badminton future.

With continued exposure and training, the teenage prodigy is expected to make deeper runs in upcoming BWF tournaments. Although the Hylo Open ended in disappointment, Unnati Hooda’s spirited performances have provided Indian badminton fans plenty of optimism for the years ahead, as she continues to mature and challenge the world’s best on the international stage.

Ramya Krishnan Joins RGV's Police Station Mein Bhoot in Bold New Look

Celebrated actress Ramya Krishnan has joined the cast of Ram Gopal Varma's upcoming horror thriller Police Station Mein Bhoot, marking an exciting addition to the much-anticipated project. The film, starring Manoj Bajpayee and Genelia Deshmukh in lead roles, brings RGV back to his favorite genre — horror — after nearly five years.

On Sunday night, the filmmaker shared a cryptic teaser on social media featuring a mysterious female figure, sparking widespread speculation among fans. Putting the rumors to rest, RGV officially revealed that the actress in question is none other than Ramya Krishnan. Her first-look image has taken the internet by storm, showcasing her in a strikingly bold and unconventional avatar.

Adorned with intricate jewelry, dramatic makeup, and unique facial markings, Ramya's intense upward gaze set against moody, golden-hued lighting creates an aura of mystique and power. Though the makers have kept details of her character under wraps, her appearance hints at a significant and possibly supernatural



role that promises to add depth and intrigue to the film's eerie narrative.

Police Station Mein Bhoot is jointly produced by Vauve Emirates Media Production and Karma Media and Entertainment. The film is currently being shot across various locations, with production progressing at a brisk pace.

While an official release date has yet to be announced, sources suggest that the film is eyeing a theatrical release sometime in 2026. With a stellar cast led by Manoj Bajpayee, Genelia Deshmukh, and now Ramya Krishnan — coupled with RGV's signature visual style — Police Station Mein Bhoot is shaping up to be a spine-chilling cinematic experience that fans of the genre won't want to miss.

Rashmika Mandanna's Mysaa Begins Shoot in Kerala



National crush Rashmika Mandanna, who continues to dominate the Indian film industry with her diverse roles, has commenced shooting for her upcoming pan-Indian film Mysaa. The film went on floors today in the lush forest regions of Athirappilly, Kerala.

Following her recent release Thamma and ahead of her much-awaited romantic drama The Girlfriend, slated for release on November 7, 2025, Rashmika is now stepping into an entirely different world with Mysaa. The movie marks the directorial debut of Rawindra Pulle and is described as an emotional action drama.

In Mysaa, Rashmika will be seen portraying a Gond tribal woman — a role that promises to showcase a raw, earthy, and intense side of the actress. Her first-look poster, released recently, already created a stir among fans, highlighting her fierce and pow-

erful transformation for the part.

Actor Tarak Ponnappa has been roped in to play a pivotal role, though the makers have chosen to keep further details about the cast and storyline under wraps for now.

Produced by Anil, Ajay Sayyapureddy, and Srikanth Sathi under the UnFormula Films banner, Mysaa also features music composed by Jakes Bejoy, known for his evocative soundtracks. With its unique premise, fresh directorial vision, and Rashmika's commanding presence, Mysaa is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated projects in her career.

The film's team is expected to continue shooting across multiple picturesque locations in Kerala and central India over the coming months, setting high expectations for a visually stunning and emotionally charged cinematic experience.

Balayya's NBK 111 Update Postponed After Tragic Accident

Natasimham Nandamuri Balakrishna, known for his unmatched energy and powerful screen presence even past 60, continues to entertain audiences with his signature mass style. After the massive success of Akhanda, Balayya teamed up once again with director Boyapati Srinu for Akhanda 2, which is set for a grand worldwide release on December 5. The film has already created huge buzz among fans, eager to witness the actor's fiery performance on the big screen.

Meanwhile, Balayya's next project, NBK 111, directed by Gopichand Malineni, has also been making headlines. Produced by Vriddhi Cinemas on a lavish scale, the film is expected to be a grand historical action drama. Recently, the team unveiled a striking poster carrying the tagline, "The battlefield of history is ready to



welcome its queen. The empire is watching her grand arrival..." This cryptic message fueled speculation that the team would officially reveal the heroine's name at 12:01 PM

today. However, in a gesture of respect, the film's makers postponed the announcement following a tragic bus accident near Chevella that claimed 24 lives. The

NBK 111 team expressed their heartfelt condolences to the victims' families, stating that it was not the right moment for celebrations. Fans, though disappointed by the delay,

appreciated the team's sensitivity during such a sorrowful time.

Reports suggest that Balakrishna will play a powerful historical role in NBK 111, which fea-

tures grand sets, intense war sequences, and emotionally charged moments. Rumors are also rife that actress Nayan-thara has been cast as the queen opposite Balayya. With music

by Thaman, NBK 111 is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects of Balakrishna's career, promising a majestic cinematic experience for fans worldwide.

Mohan Babu to Celebrate 50 Years in Cinema with Grand 'MB50' Event



Veteran actor and producer Mohan Babu, one of Telugu cinema's most respected figures, is set to mark a monumental milestone — completing 50 years in the film industry. To commemorate this remarkable journey, his family is organizing a grand celebration titled MB50 — A Pearl White Tribute on November 22, promising an evening of nostalgia, honor, and heartfelt tributes.

Announcing the event, Mohan Babu's son and actor-producer Manchu Vishnu shared that the celebrations will be a historic affair, reflecting not only his father's cinematic excellence but also his immense contributions to education and philanthropy. Elaborate ar-

rangements are underway to ensure that MB50 becomes a memorable occasion for fans, colleagues, and well-wishers alike.

Mohan Babu began his illustrious career in 1975 and has since appeared in over 600 films across diverse roles — as a hero, villain, and character artist. Fondly known as the "Collection King," his commanding dialogue delivery and disciplined approach to acting have left an indelible impact on Indian cinema. Rising from a non-filmy background, he carved a niche for himself through sheer talent and determination.

Beyond the silver screen, Mohan Babu has made significant

contributions to education through his institutions under the Sri Vidyankethan Educational Trust, which has provided quality learning opportunities to thousands. His humanitarian efforts and leadership have earned him deep respect both within and outside the industry.

Vishnu Manchu stated that MB50 will serve as a tribute to Mohan Babu's five-decade-long journey, celebrating his artistic legacy and his service to society. More details about the guest list and event highlights are expected to be announced soon. The MB50 celebration is poised to be a grand reflection of Mohan Babu's golden legacy in Indian cinema.



Nani's The Paradise Adds Sonali Kulkarni in Key Role

Tollywood's Natural Star Nani is back in the spotlight with his upcoming film The Paradise, directed by Dasara fame Srikanth Odela. The film, which has already generated buzz with its powerful first-look poster, features veteran actor Mohan Babu in a significant role. Now, the makers have officially confirmed that National Award-winning actress Sonali Kulkarni has joined the cast in a pivotal role.

On the occasion of her birthday, the production team extended their wishes while unveiling her character details. Sonali Kulkarni will be seen portraying Nani's mother in the emotional drama. Her impactful voiceover in the recently released glimpse has already created a sensation online, leaving fans eager to witness her full-fledged performance on screen.

The Paradise marks Sonali Kulkarni's debut in Telugu cinema. A celebrated actor across multiple languages —

Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati, English, and Italian — Sonali brings immense experience and depth to the project. It will be interesting to see how director Srikanth Odela showcases her in this intense, rustic world after his success with Dasara.

Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, the film is currently in the shooting phase. Adding to the excitement, Kill actor Raghava has been cast in a crucial role. Music for the film is being composed by Anirudh Ravichander, who is reuniting with Nani after Jersey and Gang Leader.

With a powerful combination of talent — Nani, Srikanth Odela, Anirudh, and Sonali Kulkarni — The Paradise is shaping up to be a major cinematic event. The film's intriguing cast, compelling theme, and high production values have already set soaring expectations among fans and movie enthusiasts alike.