



**BUZZ POINTS**

Jubilee Hills  
By-poll: GHMC  
Commissioner  
Lists 12  
Alternative  
Photo IDs for  
Voting

Electors on the Voter List can display any one of the 12 alternative Photo ID apart from EPIC to vote

1. Aadhaar Card

2. PAN Card

3. Passport with photograph

4. Health Insurance Card

5. Possessor with photograph

6. Driving License

7. Smart Card issued by Government

8. Voter ID Card

9. Service Identity Card with photograph

10. Official Identity Card issued by Government

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# CM REVANTH REDDY SLAMS MODI-KCR NEXUS, DEFENDS AZHARUDDIN'S CABINET POST

Hyderabad, Nov 5

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy delivered a fiery speech at Paramount Colony in the Shaikpet Division, forcefully addressing criticism, asserting his secular credentials, and launching a sharp attack on both the BJP and the BRS leadership. He began by clarifying that his recent remarks in Rahmat Nagar had been "distorted" by opponents. Reaffirming his core belief, he stated, "I have been secular from the beginning." Reddy emphasized the Congress party's deep-rooted commitment to the minority community, stating that the party has historically provided them with numerous opportunities and high positions. He passionately declared the sentiment, "Congress means Muslim, and Muslim means Congress," and credited minority community support for his three electoral victories in Kodangal. He also assured the gathering that the minority community has faced no issues during the 20 months of Congress rule in the state. The Chief Minister then turned his attention to the BJP and its leaders, specifically targeting Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy. Defending the appointment of Mohammed Azharuddin to a cabinet post, Revanth Reddy challenged Kishan Reddy with a rhetorical question: "Why shouldn't Azharuddin be a minister? Is it your father's property?" He questioned the BJP leader's opposition, asking what personal inconvenience Azharuddin's ministerial role caused him. He went on to assert that Prime Minister Modi and former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) are united, alleging that KCR has consistently supported Modi at the Central level. Reddy framed the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election as a clear political battle: "KCR and Modi are on one side, and Rahul Gandhi and Revanth Reddy are on the other." Revanth Reddy further alleged that the BRS is attempting to deceive the Muslim community and that the BJP is indirectly campaigning for votes in Jubilee Hills in the name of the BRS. He accused PM Modi of protecting KCR, pointing out that the Central government has ignored the request for a CBI investigation into the alleged 1 lakh crore corruption in the Kaleshwaram project. In a significant accusation, he claimed that the Governor is deliberately delaying permission for the arrest of KCR's son, K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), in the alleged Car Race case, stating the relevant documents have been with the Governor for two months. He noted the hypocrisy that while Modi's agencies (ED, Income Tax, CBI) harass others, they avoid taking action against KCR and KTR. Finally, Revanth Reddy alleged that attempts are underway to merge the BRS into the BJP and challenged Kishan Reddy to at least secure the deposit for his candidature in the Jubilee Hills by-election, claiming the BJP has no actual presence on the ground.



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# MAN BOOKED FOR DRUNK DRIVING IMMOLATES SELF OUTSIDE POLICE STATION

Hyderabad, Nov 5

In a deeply tragic and shocking incident, a 32-year-old man allegedly died by suicide outside the Kusaiguda Traffic Police Station in Moulali during the early hours of Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Singireddy Meen Reddy, a resident of Dammaiguda, who was booked under the jurisdiction of the Malkajgiri Police Station. According to initial reports from police sources, Meen Reddy had been apprehended and booked for drunk driving earlier



the same night. The incident took a tragic turn around 2:00 AM when, in a sudden act, he is reported to have poured petrol on himself and set himself ablaze directly

in front of the traffic police station. The police personnel on duty immediately rushed out and attempted desperately to douse the flames. Despite their swift efforts, Meen Reddy sustained severe, extensive burn injuries. He was quickly transported to Gandhi Hospital for emergency medical treatment. Upon arrival at the hospital, doctors examined the critically injured man and unfortunately declared him dead. The body of the deceased has since been sent for a postmortem examination to confirm the exact

cause and circumstances of his death. The Malkajgiri Police have registered a case in connection with the incident, which has sent shockwaves through the local police force and the community. The investigation is underway to fully understand the motive behind the extreme step taken by the deceased following his detention for the drunk driving offense. The incident brings to light the severe psychological distress that legal consequences can sometimes trigger, resulting in unforeseen tragic consequences.



# BEAVER SUPER MOON DAZZLES ON KARTHIKA POURNAMI

New Delhi, Nov 5

The skies offered a spectacular celestial show on Wednesday, November 5, coinciding with the auspicious day of Karthika Pournami, as a Super Moon illuminated the night sky. The phenomenon, officially known as the Beaver Super Moon, was prominently visible at exactly 6:49 PM on Wednesday evening, captivating sky-gazers across the region. During this event, the Moon appeared significantly larger and brighter than it does during a regular full moon. Specifically, the Super Moon was visible at an enhanced size, appearing 13 per cent larger and shining 30 per cent more brightly than an average full moon. This awe-inspiring spectacle occurs when the Moon, while orbiting the Earth, reaches the point in its path that is closest to our planet. The Moon's orbit around the Earth is not perfectly circular but elliptical (oval-shaped). When the Moon reaches the nearest point to Earth in this elliptical orbit—a point known as perigee—and this alignment occurs during the full moon phase, it

results in a Super Moon. On this occasion, the Moon was approximately 3,57,000 kilometers away from the Earth, which is much closer than its average distance, thus making it appear larger. This particular Super Moon was noted as the second one to occur this year, making it a special astronomical event for the public to witness on the religiously significant day of Kartika Pournami. The confluence of the astronomical wonder with the sacred full moon day added an extra layer of spiritual and visual beauty to the night.



# BRS CADRES PROTEST AT BJP MP'S HOUSE OVER COTTON PROCUREMENT RESTRICTIONS

Hyderabad, Nov 5

Tension escalated at the residence of BJP MP G. Nagesh in Adilabad after cadres of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) staged a vehement protest demanding that the central government immediately remove the stringent restrictions imposed on cotton procurement in the state. BRS leaders and workers organized the demonstration in front of the Adilabad MP's house, with protestors attempting to force their way into the premises, leading to a chaotic situation. Police personnel rushed to the scene to intervene, resulting in a scuffle between the officers and the protesting BRS workers. Subsequently, the police detained former minister Joga Ramanna and several other BRS leaders who were spearheading the agitation. The protest was specifically targeted

ed against the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for its recent imposition of procurement limits. The CCI has restricted the procurement limit to a mere seven quintals per acre from the farmers, a drastic reduction from the previous 13 quintals per acre. Joga Ramanna strongly criticized the Central government for introducing these new conditions and capping the total quantity to be procured. He also slammed the CCI for its refusal to grant exemptions for cotton with a higher moisture content, compounding the difficulties faced by farmers. Adilabad district, which shares a border with Maharashtra, is recognized as a major cotton production hub, and farmers at the local agricultural market yard have already been staging protests over the CCI's restrictive policies. The BRS leaders were demanding

ing that MP G. Nagesh exert immediate pressure on the Centre to lift these damaging restrictions. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has officially addressed the issue, writing a detailed letter to Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh and CCI Managing Director Lalit Kumar Gupta. The Minister highlighted reports from District Collectors indicating that the average cotton yield in Telangana is approximately 11.74 quintals per acre. He argued that reducing the procurement limit to just seven quintals per acre would inevitably cause heavy financial losses for the state's farmers. Minister Rao further urged the CCI to show leniency and procure cotton with up to 20 per cent moisture content, reasoning that farmers have already suffered significant losses due to recent heavy and unseasonal rainfall.

# HYDERABAD-BORN GHAZALA HASHMI SCRIPTS HISTORY, WINS VIRGINIA LT GOVERNOR RACE

Hyderabad, Nov 5

Hyderabad-born Democrat Ghazala Hashmi has created history by winning the race for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. She has become the first Muslim, the first South Asian American, and the first Indian-origin woman to ever hold the post. Six years after making history with her election as a Virginia state Senator, the 61-year-old politician set another record by defeating Republican John Reid. She is set to succeed Republican Winsome Earle-Sears, who was the first woman to hold the position. Ghazala Firdous Hashmi was born in Hyderabad



in 1964 and spent her early childhood at her maternal grandparents' home in the Malakpet area. Her maternal grandfather served in the Finance Department of the Andhra Pradesh government. At the age of four, she relocated to the United States with her mother and older brother to join her father, who was pursuing a PhD in Georgia. Growing up in a small college town during the desegregation of public schools, she witnessed firsthand the intentional efforts to bridge cultural and socioeconomic divides. Hashmi earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Georgia Southern University and a PhD in American literature from Emory University in Atlanta. After moving to the Richmond area in 1991 with her husband, Azhar, she dedicated nearly 30 years to academia, teaching first at the University of Richmond and then at Reynolds Community College, where she founded and led the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). Her decision to enter politics was significantly motivated by Donald Trump's travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries, driving her to advocate for inclusion and equality. In November 2019, she was elected to the Virginia state Senate, becoming the first Muslim-American woman and the first Indian-American to achieve the feat in that chamber. Her

legislative focus includes crucial Democratic priorities such as public education, reproductive freedom, voting rights, gun violence prevention, environmental protection, housing, and affordable healthcare. In 2024, she was named Chair of the powerful Senate Education and Health Committee. Meanwhile, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President and former Telangana minister K. T. Rama Rao hailed her victory, posting on X: "This is massive! From Malakpet to Virginia. Congratulations to Ghazala Hashmi on becoming the first Indian-American Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. There is nothing more beautiful when democracies celebrate diversity of the world."





# Jubilee Hills By-poll: GHMC Commissioner Lists 12 Alternative Photo IDs for Voting

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The list of approved alternative documents is extensive and designed to accommodate various forms of government-issued identification. It includes the Aadhaar Card; MGNREGA Job Card; Passbooks issued by Banks or Post Offices containing a photograph; the Health Insurance Smart

Card issued by the Ministry of Labour or Ayushman Bharat Health Card; Driving License; PAN Card; Smart Card issued by the Registrar General of India (RGI) under the National Population Register (NPR); Indian Passport; Photo-Affixed Pension Documents; official Employee ID Cards issued by Central/State Governments, PSUs, or Public Limited Companies; Official Identity Cards issued to sitting MPs, MLAs, or MLCs; and the Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Commissioner Karnan emphasized a crucial distinction: while Voter Information Slips have been distributed to inform voters of their polling station details, these slips are not valid as identity proof for casting a vote. He stressed that voters must present either the EPIC card or one of the 12 alternative photo ID cards to be permitted to vote, underscoring the Election Commission of India's commitment to a secure and accessible election.



## CISF Seizes 22 High-End Drones Worth 26.7 Lakh at Hyd Airport

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) successfully seized 22 high-end drones valued at approximately 26.7 lakh at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad. The major seizure occurred on Tuesday after personnel from the CISF's specialized Crime and Intelligence Wing (CIW) identified and intercepted a suspicious passenger based on advanced profiling and behavioral indicators. The passenger had arrived from Singapore, and the CISF team noted a highly suspicious exchange of two bags with another individual in the airport's arrival area, which immediately raised red flags. Given the sensitive nature of the airport environment and the potential security risks associated with unverified equipment, the CISF acted swiftly. The luggage was immediately escorted and subjected to screening at a city-side X-BIS point, where the CISF personnel recovered the en-

tire consignment. The seized items included 22 DJI mini 5 pro drones, along with their 22 remote controllers and related accessories. The DJI Mini series is known for its compact size yet high-end features, making it a valuable target for illegal smuggling to evade customs duties and taxes. The estimated value of the recovered items is a significant 26.7 lakh. The items, strongly suspected to be part of a commercial smuggling operation, were subsequently handed over to the Customs Department for the necessary legal action under import and customs laws. The CISF reiterated its firm commitment to maintaining stringent security protocols, preventing the illegal smuggling of high-value and potentially sensitive technology, and safeguarding the nation's aviation gateways against both economic and security threats. The use of behavioral analytics by the CIW proved critical in disrupting this substantial smuggling attempt.



## Minister Srihari and Dairy Corp Chairman Congratulate Principal Advisor Sudarshan Reddy

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Minister Vakanti Srihari extended his congratulations to Sudarshan Reddy, who recently assumed charge as the Principal Advisor to the State Government. Minister Srihari, accompanied by Gutta Amit Reddy, the Chairman of the Dairy Development Corporation, paid a courtesy visit to the Principal Advisor at his office in the State Secretariat. This meeting served as a formal congratulation on Sudarshan Reddy's assumption of the high-ranking post and was an affirmation of continued cooperation between the Minister, the

Corporation Chairman, and the Principal Advisor's office. The appointment of a Principal Advisor is a strategic move by the state leadership, signaling the government's intent to rely on seasoned expertise for policy formulation and administrative oversight, especially in complex inter-departmental matters. The Principal Advisor's role is crucial, often serving as a bridge between political leadership and the bureaucratic machinery, helping to streamline decision-making and ensure the effective implementation of the government's flagship schemes. Minister Sri-

hari, who holds significant portfolios, and Gutta Amit Reddy, leading the Dairy Development Corporation, utilized this opportunity to ensure that the new advisor is fully briefed on the challenges and opportunities within their respective sectors, particularly those related to rural development, animal husbandry, and boosting the state's dairy economy. Ensuring seamless coordination is critical, as the success of the corporation's initiatives—like improving cattle breed quality, enhancing milk production, and supporting local farmers—often hinges on swift clear-

ance and policy support from the Secretariat. Such courtesy visits are customary to establish a strong working relationship among key government functionaries, facilitating the smooth execution of the state administration's agenda. The Minister expressed his best wishes for the Principal Advisor's tenure, emphasizing the public's high expectations for expert guidance on crucial state policy matters. This proactive engagement underscores the government's focus on efficient governance and delivery of welfare schemes across the state.

## 192 Bottles Illegally Imported Liquor Worth 5.76 Lakh Seized



TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Ranga Reddy Enforcement Team successfully intercepted and seized a consignment of illegally imported liquor, valued at approximately 5.76 lakh, as part of a targeted special enforcement drive. Acting on specific intelligence reports indicating that individuals were attempting to smuggle liquor into Telangana from other regions for illegal sale and tax evasion, the enforcement team set up strategic vehicle checks near Sharif Pahad. The intelligence suggested that smugglers were capitalizing on the signifi-

cant price difference of alcohol between states like Telangana and regions with lower excise duties, such as Delhi, Goa, and Puducherry. This difference makes it profitable for illicit trade, with high-end brands often being transported by air before being channeled into the state's black market.

During the inspections, the enforcement team intercepted multiple vehicles and found a total of 192 liquor bottles being transported illegally, a quantity that significantly exceeds the personal consumption limits permitted by the

state's excise rules. This scale of smuggling clearly indicated commercial intent rather than personal use. The Enforcement Team, led by AES Jeevan Kiran, promptly issued notices to the 20 individuals involved in transporting the illicit consignment. The Director of Excise Enforcement, Shanwas Qasim, and the Ranga Reddy Enforcement Assistant Commissioner, R. Kishan, publicly commended the enforcement team for their vigilance and successful action. This seizure, which falls under the ongoing special drive, underscores the

Excise Department's proactive stance against the illegal sale and distribution of non-duty-paid liquor in Telangana. The department is intensifying its surveillance to clamp down on the organized networks that attempt to exploit tax differentials, ensuring state revenue protection and regulatory compliance within the liquor market. Such continuous special drives are essential to disrupt the supply chain of smuggled alcohol and maintain strict control over excise goods.

## Ponnam Prabhakar Inaugurates UNICEF Training for RTA Members

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Transport Department, in collaboration with UNICEF, organized a crucial training program at Hotel Mercure for RTA (Regional Transport Authority) Non-Official Members to enhance their understanding of road safety measures and public awareness strategies. Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, addressing the gathering, highlighted the alarming rise in road accidents and related fatalities, stressing the urgent need for the RTA members to coordinate effectively with ground-



level transport officials to curb the trend. He emphasized the importance

of utilizing the upcoming Road Safety Month to conduct widespread

awareness campaigns across the state. The Minister specifically

called for special programs in schools, colleges, and educational insti-

tutions, including essay competitions on road rules with prizes for winners, distribution of pamphlets, and organizing rallies in villages to instill better road behavior from a young age and foster a culture of compliance.

Minister Prabhakar also raised awareness about the Central Government's initiative to provide cashless treatment for road accident victims, covering up to 1.5 lakh for treatment within eight days, and instructed the RTA members to ensure the public is widely informed about this facility to help vic-

tims access timely care. The recent tragic bus accidents in Kurnool and Chevella were cited by the Minister as stark reminders of the immediate need for preemptive action. Dr. Sridhar, a UNICEF representative, shared alarming statistics, citing the Global Burden of Disease Report which notes that road accidents are a leading cause of death for individuals aged 10-19. He informed the members that UNICEF, in its global outreach, selected Hyderabad, along with Ahmedabad and Mumbai, for concentrated awareness efforts, given

that India records an average of 1,317 road accidents and 477 deaths daily. Dr. Shailaja, Dean of the Indian Institute of Public Health, stressed the necessity of starting road safety education in schools and colleges, suggesting the implementation of "Active Bleeding Control Programs" to foster safe and responsible behavior among students. The training session, attended by RTA Non-Official Members from across all districts of the state, signals a high-priority, multi-sectoral effort to curb road fatalities through coordinated public action and education.



# KTR Dares CM Revanth to Public Debate on Hyderabad’s Development Record

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) escalated the political heat in the Jubilee Hills by-election by issuing a direct and blunt challenge to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy: a public debate on the development of Hyderabad. KTR, speaking at a Jubilee Hills event to release the BRS's progress report, accused the Congress government of having utterly failed the city during its two-year rule. He dared the Chief Minister to choose the date, time, and venue—be it the Command Control Center, Gandhi Bhavan, or the State Assembly—and promised the BRS would be ready to compare its 10-year record in power with the Congress's recent performance. "Let the people decide whose record is genuine," KTR challenged, framing the by-election as a referendum on urban governance.

KTR meticulously contrasted the achievements of the BRS era with the alleged inaction of the current government. He



proudly listed BRS-era infrastructure triumphs, including the construction of 42 flyovers and multiple underpasses, significant advancements in sanitation under Swachh Hyderabad and SNDP, a robust solid-waste collection system managing 7.5 metric tonnes daily, and the large-scale delivery of double-bedroom houses. He then accused the Congress administration of effectively halting or reversing many projects,

leading to a visible deterioration of civic life, citing growing problems like pervasive potholes, increased dependence on water tankers, and a rise in crime rates. He challenged the Congress to identify a single new major infrastructure project—be it a road, an LED lighting installation, a nursery, or a metro expansion—that they had successfully completed in the past two years.

Furthermore, KTR dismissed the various pro

bes and notices initiated by the state government, including those related to the Formula E event, as mere "diversionary tactics" and reiterated his dramatic offer to undergo a live lie-detector test to resolve all accusations of wrongdoing, stating that this would expose the real "thief." He also condemned the CM's rhetoric, accusing the Congress and BJP of forming an "unprincipled alliance" and demanding an apology

from Revanth Reddy for recent remarks he claimed were insulting to minorities. KTR concluded by urging the Jubilee Hills voters to ignore the rhetoric and judge the parties based on their verifiable records. He emphasized that if the Congress could not demonstrate any substantive achievement in two years, the people should deliver their verdict against them on November 11.

## Ministers Rajanarsimha, Jupally Revive SHGs, Blame BRS for Women’s Neglect

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha and Jupally Krishna Rao jointly addressed a crucial meeting with Women’s Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at Majestic Garden in the Erragadda Division, using the platform to strongly advocate for Congress candidate Navin Yadav and highlight the government’s dedicated focus on women’s empowerment. Minister Rajanarsimha, addressing the large gathering, explicitly stated that the core goal of the Congress government is women’s empowerment, crediting the party with the visionary establishment of SHGs and the introduction of interest-free loans for these groups, recalling that the late leader Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy’s administration had pioneered the "Paavala

Vaddi" (25 paise interest) scheme. In a critical appraisal of the previous regime, Rajanarsimha pointed out that the Erragadda Division has over 230 SHGs, but tragically, over 50 of these groups had become defunct or non-operational during the 10 years of BRS rule due to consistent neglect and lack of financial support. He sharply contrasted this with the current administration’s proactive policy, noting that the encouragement provided by the new Congress government has already led to the successful formation of over 50 new SHGs in the division, demonstrating a powerful revitalization of the movement. The Minister highlighted tangible empowerment initiatives, including the establishment of the state’s first petrol

pump operated by the Women’s Federation in Sangareddy, as well as the policy of allotting canteens in government hospitals and offices exclusively to Women’s Federations, thereby ensuring a steady source of income and economic dignity for thousands of women. The campaign received a significant boost when Ramu Yadav, the BRS Erragadda Ward President, along with 100 of his followers, formally defected and joined the Congress party in the presence of the two Ministers, signaling a shift in local political loyalty. The Ministers appealed to the women voters—a crucial demographic in the by-election—to support the Congress, which they argued is the true champion of women’s financial independence and social standing.

## BRS FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST CM REVANTH REDDY FOR 'OBSCENE' ATTACKS ON KTR

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) party took formal action against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, filing a complaint with the Jubilee Hills Returning Officer over what they termed as the CM’s "extremely obscene, slanderous, and personally abusive remarks" directed at BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) during recent campaign rallies for the by-election. A delegation of BRS leaders, including former MLA Balka Suman, R S Praveen Kumar, and Gellu Srinivas Yadav, met with the official to register their grievance, arguing that the CM’s rhetoric represents a profound violation of electoral conduct and democratic propriety. The BRS asserted that an individual holding the

high constitutional office of Chief Minister must adhere to the highest standards of public discourse, especially during an electoral period. The complaint accuses CM Revanth Reddy of openly defying the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by engaging in personal, derogatory attacks against an opposition leader. The BRS leaders argued that such politically charged, inflammatory language not only compromises the dignity of public office but is also explicitly designed to prejudice the electoral process and incite hatred or negative emotions among the voters of the Jubilee Hills constituency, which constitutes a clear and severe violation of the election code. They specifically referred to remarks where the CM

questioned the propriety of KTR’s family property and publicly linked him to ongoing investigations. The BRS delegation demanded that the Returning Officer take strict and immediate action against the Chief Minister. Their request included issuing a formal notice to Revanth Reddy and implementing appropriate measures to ensure the peaceful, clean, and impartial conduct of the crucial by-election. This formal complaint underscores the escalating political hostilities and the increasingly personal nature of the campaign narrative in Jubilee Hills, with the BRS attempting to leverage institutional mechanisms to check the CM’s aggressive campaign rhetoric and safeguard the integrity of the election environment.

## MINISTERS SLAM BRS NEGLECT, HIGHLIGHT 200 CRORE BORABANDA DEVELOPMENT

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and Na garkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, who also serves as the TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman, led an intensive, ground-level campaign in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency in support of Congress candidate Navin Yadav. They were joined by MLAs Vamshikrishna, Yashaswini Reddy, and Balram Naik. The campaign focused on door-to-door interactions in the Borabanda Division, where MP Mallu Ravi symbolically connected with the public by serving tea (Chai), underscoring the party’s focus on grassroots engagement. The central theme of their messaging was a sharp critique of the former ruling BRS party, which MP Mallu Ravi accused of neglecting the Jubilee Hills constituency for the entire 10 years it was in power, thereby abandoning the welfare of its residents.

The Congress leaders highlighted the immediate and concen-



trated efforts of the new government to address this long-standing neglect. MP Ravi specifically pointed out that within just two years of coming to power, the Congress government has sanctioned and initiated development works worth 200 crore solely for the Borabanda Division, specifically targeting crucial infrastructure improvements such as roads and the drainage system. This rapid allocation of funds was presented as a clear contrast to the BRS’s decade of inaction. The leaders assured the local populace that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is personally committed and working relentlessly

for the overall development of the Jubilee Hills constituency. They appealed to the voters to recognize the change in priorities and the rapid pace of development achieved by the Congress administration. The campaign’s strategy was clearly focused on mobilizing support by juxtaposing the visible progress under the current government—evidenced by the significant financial allocation to Borabanda—with the stagnation experienced during the BRS tenure. They urged the public to ensure a massive victory for Navin Yadav, thereby empowering the Chief Minister’s vision for a fully developed Jubilee Hills and reinforcing the popular mandate for the Congress party’s welfare-centric governance model. The sustained presence of key ministers and state leaders like Jupally Krishna Rao on the ground emphasized the high political stakes of the by-election for the ruling party.



### SRIDHAR BABU VOWS TO FULFILL ALL POLL GUARANTEES

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Minister for IT and Industries Duddala Sridhar Babu mounted an intensive campaign in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, strongly reiterating the Congress government’s commitment to fulfilling every single assurance made to the public before the elections. Campaigning actively for Congress candidate Navin Yadav, Sridhar Babu engaged with voters through door-to-door visits and public meetings across various residential areas, including Ellareddyguda, Kamalapuri Colony, Imanguda, Jayaprakash Nagar, Tawakkal Nagar, and Ali Nagar. His central message was an appeal to the citizens not to be

swayed by what he characterized as the Opposition’s "misleading and anxiety-driven narratives," which he argued were designed to generate confusion and detract from the government’s progress. The Minister emphasized that the Congress government’s primary agenda revolves around inclusive welfare and comprehensive development, positioning the party as the only entity that has consistently worked for the betterment of all sections of society. He asserted that the government is ensuring the benefits of its various schemes and initiatives are reaching every single household without prejudice or discrimination.

## HABBIR ALI ACCUSES BRS OF BETRAYAL, DETAILS CONGRESS’S TRANSFORMATIVE MINORITY WELFARE RECORD

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Senior Congress leader and Advisor to the Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir, flanked by Minister for Minorities Welfare Md Azharuddin and other key leaders at Gandhi Bhavan, launched a blistering counterattack on the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), vehemently rejecting claims that the Congress had neglected minority welfare. Shabbir Ali declared that the BRS, after a decade of discrimination and neglect, had no moral right to lecture on Muslim welfare. He exposed the BRS’s failures, particularly its broken promise of 12% Muslim reservation within four months of assuming power in 2014, and further accused them of deliberately neglecting the defense of the existing 4% reservation case in the Supreme Court. He accused BRS chief KCR of political opportunism and deep-seated prejudice, citing his decision



to contest from Kamareddy in 2023 to defeat a Muslim leader and his actions to strip him and Dalit leader Bhatti Vikramarka of the Leader of the Opposition posts by engineering party defections. Shabbir Ali enumerated the detrimental effects of BRS rule, noting that over 80% of minority colleges had been shut down and no Muslim held a key administrative position, such as Vice-Chancellor in any of the eleven state universities or a position on the TSPSC or Information Commission. He also accused the BRS of neglecting Urdu education and failing to recover even an inch of encroached Waqf lands, despite making promises. In stark contrast, he showcased the transformative work of the

Congress government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, emphasizing that welfare is now inclusive and data-driven. Key achievements highlighted include the sanctioning of 2,200 additional engineering seats for minority students, alongside new law and pharmacy colleges. The government has launched the ambitious Young India Integrated Residential Schools initiative, allocating 225 crore for 76 new schools on 25 acres each, with minorities now being treated on par with SC, ST, and BC students. Furthermore, the government has significantly increased diet charges (40%) and allowances for girl students (200%), distributed fine rice to all households, and issued thousands of new ration cards (including 40,000 in Jubilee Hills).

# Congress Itself Is Electricity: Deputy CM Hails ₹1.6 Lakh Cr Welfare Push

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, speaking at a public meeting in the Parigi constituency, equated the Congress party with reliable energy, declaring, "Congress itself is electricity, and electricity itself is Congress." He challenged opposition leaders who had falsely claimed that power supply would cease if the Congress assumed office, asserting that they would now "realise the truth when they experience both Congress and current." The Deputy CM leveraged the address to provide a comprehensive report on the government’s welfare and development commitments across the state, with a specific fo-

cus on Parigi. He announced that a massive 1,000 crore worth of electricity development works have been sanctioned for the constituency, which includes the establishment of nine new substations, including 33/11 kV, 220 kV, and 400 kV substations, to support future industrial expansion.

Highlighting the success of the Gruha Jyothi scheme, Vikramarka noted that the government is providing 200 units of free electricity to 53 lakh families statewide, including 44,500 households in the Parigi constituency alone. He revealed that the state government is currently remitting 2,830 crore every month to the Electricity Department to



cover the costs of this scheme for poor households. Vikramarka also announced the launch of "Prajabatha" (public outreach), a dedicated program where Electricity Department officials will conduct door-to-door outreach three days a week

using specially equipped vehicles, promoting accessibility and responsiveness. The Deputy CM relentlessly criticized the previous BRS government for its 10 years of neglect, accusing them of letting systems collapse and neglecting key projects like the 3,000 crore Naivel project and the long-pending Manneguda-Bijapur road, which the Congress government swiftly secured NGT clearance for. He slammed the BRS for unfulfilled promises like the 3-acre land scheme, a job for every household, and the construction of double-bedroom houses. In contrast, he stated that the Congress government has already sanctioned 4.5 lakh Indiram-

ma houses statewide at 5 lakh each. Summarizing the administration’s commitment, Vikramarka disclosed that the government has already spent a colossal 1,60,310 crore exclusively on welfare initiatives, including Rythu Bharosa, loan waivers, crop bonuses, and fine rice distribution to 93 lakh families. Furthermore, he noted the sanctioning of 100 Integrated Schools across the state at a cost of 200 crore each—including one in Parigi—to provide world-class education. He concluded with a defiant message, stating, "No opposition can stop Telangana Rising," and reassured the public that the Congress government is working for them "every moment."





# Dundigal’s Chemical Waste Threatens Groundwater

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — An escalating environmental crisis in the Quthbullapur area, specifically within the limits of the Dundigal Municipality, is fueling local residents' outrage as municipal authorities are being accused of actively turning a blind eye to illegal chemical waste cleaning operations. Local residents are expressing grave concerns that the unchecked dumping of chemical effluent is systematically destroying green fields and will imminently lead to the severe contamination of groundwater. Despite the local media highlighting the issue, the response



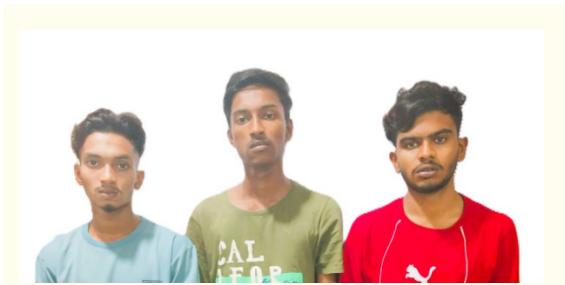
from officials has been condemned as a mere formality: the municipal authorities issue notices but reportedly fail to follow up with any substantive action, allowing the illegal activities to resume the very next day.

The chemical waste cleaning units, operating openly amidst agricultural land in the Baoo-rampet village limits, have been running their illegal activities with blatant disregard for the official notices.

Local critics are openly questioning the authority and effectiveness of the municipal administration, suggesting that the operators' brazen defiance of the notices—in effect, throwing down a challenge to the officials—indicates a severe breakdown in regulatory enforcement. While Subhash Naidu, the Dundigal Municipal Sanitation Officer, conducted a site inspection and subsequently issued notices following reports by True Point News, local residents note that 20 days have passed without any concrete punitive measures being taken. This prolonged

inaction has naturally led to suspicions regarding the potential involvement or complicity of local municipal officials in allowing the illegal operations to continue. Residents pointed out that the area, especially the nearby Jeedimetla Industrial Area, already suffers from widespread groundwater pollution, where all borewells yield only contaminated water. They warned that if the situation in Baoo-rampet is allowed to persist, their green fields will soon face the same fate, with all borewells yielding only polluted water instead of potable water. Furthermore, the

absence of Pollution Control Board (PCB) officials and the seemingly indifferent local Environment Department staff have compounded the situation, leaving the residents feeling abandoned. The community is demanding that the authorities immediately and effectively crack down on these chemical waste cleaning organizations and have publicly stated that if the Dundigal Municipal and PCB officials do not take swift action, they will escalate the matter to the attention of the Medchal Collector to ensure the protection of their environment and health.



## Labourer Killed After Asking For Lift, 4 Held

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Hyderabad Police have cracked the brutal murder case of a laborer that occurred within the Nacharam Police Station limits, revealing a shocking crime of extreme cruelty committed by a group of four inebriated youth. The victim, identified as Muralikrishna, had merely asked for a lift, which led to approximately four hours of horrific torture culminating in his violent death. According to Nacharam CI Dhanunjaya, the primary accused is Mohammed Junaid alias Zafar (18), a ninth-grade dropout from Raghavendra Nagar with a history of delinquent behavior, including a previous case registered against him under the POCSO Act at the same police station five months ago. Junaid had taken his father's shift car to drive around the city with his friends. The co-accused were identified as Shaik Saifuddin (18) from Indira Nagar, Ponna Manikantha (21) from Karthikeya Nagar, and a 16-year-old minor boy from K.L. Reddy Nagar, Mallapur. The incident began in the early hours of Sunday. The four accused, heavily intoxicated, reached L.B. Nagar at around 2:00 AM after leaving Nacharam at 1:00 AM. Muralikrishna, who was traveling from his brother's residence in Jillelaguda to his home in Chikanagar, asked the group for a lift near L.B. Nagar and got into their car. A minor quarrel quickly erupted between the victim and the inebriated, criminally-inclined youth. When Muralikrishna tried to seize the opportunity to escape, the four immediately overpowered him, forced him back into the vehicle, and locked him inside. They then drove to a desolate area near the Nacharam Industrial Area. The torture continued in the car for approximately four hours as Muralikrishna fiercely resisted the relentless assault. Finally, around 5:00 AM, the principal accused, Mohammed Junaid, retrieved a knife he had brought with him. He then perpetrated the final, fatal act of stabbing the victim multiple times in a "most barbaric and ruthless manner," leading to Muralikrishna's instantaneous death. The police have successfully arrested the four individuals, closing the case that highlights the alarming rise in youth-involved crimes and severe lack of empathy.

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## STF SEIZES 425 GRAMS OF GANJA AND OG KUSH IN TWO RAIDS

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Special Task Force (STF) Detention Team (DT), led by CI Nagaraju, has delivered a significant blow to narcotics distribution in Hyderabad by successfully seizing a total of 425 grams of Ganja in two separate, intelligence-led operations. These actions underscore the Hyderabad Police's ongoing, concerted anti-drug drive aimed at curbing the illegal peddling of contraband across the city. The first major operation targeted a gang near the DMR Mills under Lower Tank Bund, acting on specific intelligence regarding ongoing Ganja sales in the vicinity. The STF team conducted a swift raid, resulting in the apprehension of two individuals, identified as Arogya Rahul and Nandakishore. From their possession, the police confiscated a substantial quantity of 400 grams of Ganja. Both arrested individuals were subsequently handed over to the Mush-eerabad Police Station for the formal registration of a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psy-



chotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the commencement of further investigations. The same highly active STF DT team conducted a second successful raid in the western part of the city. This operation took place near the Botanical Garden on Road Number 3 in Kondapur. This area is known to be a hotspot for the sale of high-value and exotic cannabis varieties. The team intercepted an individual identified as Mylarishetty Sai Varma. In this instance, the police

seized 25 grams of a highly potent strain of cannabis known as OG Kush, which commands a significantly higher street value due to its quality and rarity. Sai Varma was promptly arrested and transferred to the Serilingampally Excise Station for the necessary legal processing under the relevant Excise laws pertaining to the possession and sale of controlled substances. The total value of the seized drugs is substantial, indicating that both arrests have disrupted key elements of the local narcotics supply chain. These back-to-back seizures highlight the police department's increased reliance on specialized intelligence units like the STF to combat the growing drug menace in educational and residential areas of Hyderabad. The police have also issued an appeal to the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to drug sales to law enforcement, reinforcing their commitment to maintaining a drug-free environment in the city.

## Citizens Rally Behind HYDRAA, Credit Agency for Flood Relief

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Citizens across Hyderabad have actively mobilized to counter a targeted smear campaign against the HYDRAA, which they widely credit with pivotal work in flood mitigation, land protection, and urban development. In massive rallies and demonstrations across several colonies, residents are openly expressing their gratitude and solidarity with HyDA, which they hail as a "voice for the poor, middle-class, and common citizens." The demonstrations began with morning walkers near Bathukamma Kunta in Amberpet and escalated with a major rally near the Marri Chettu (Banyan Tree) in Manikonda, organized by residents from approximately 15 colonies. These citizens proudly held placards proclaiming "HYDRAA Zindabad," emphasizing the body's critical role in rescuing over 1,000 crore worth of park lands in the Manikonda Municipality, thereby safeguarding the city's essential green spaces



and providing "life-giving air." The demonstrations continued in Khajaguda, where residents planted saplings in parks HYDRAA had protected in Prashanti Hills. In Kondapur, rallies were held in the Raghavendra Colony and the Osmania University Professors Colony, specifically praising HYDRAA for protecting a 4,300 square yard plot meant for public use and another 2,000 square yard parcel in Raghavendra Colony. Residents were vocal, with slogans challenging the idea that hundreds should suffer for the "selfish interests of one or two individuals." They passionately argued that HyDA's interventions have delivered justice to lakhs of people. They accused land grabbers, driven by avarice, of attempting to illegally ac-

quire public lands and declared that their schemes would no longer succeed due to HYDRAA vigilance. Furthermore, residents lauded HYDRAA for its decisive action in preventing major flood disasters this year. They recalled that the continuous rains would have caused immense suffering had HYDRAA not undertaken the desilting of the city's nalas (drains) that had been neglected for a decade. Residents witnessed firsthand how floodwaters smoothly traversed the cleared drains, directly crediting HYDRAA's staff for being on the roads during the downpours to alleviate the flood misery. They adamantly demanded that HYDRAA must be retained to ensure a "flood-free city" and to stop the "destruction by encroachers."

## Balanagar SOT Raids Illegal Nizampet Hookah Center, Seizes 1 Lakh Contraband

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — The Balanagar Special Operations Team (SOT) police executed a targeted raid on an illegal hookah center operating within the limits of the Bachupally Police Station, delivering a significant blow against the unauthorized sale and consumption of restricted substances. Acting on credible intelligence, the SOT team targeted the "DI Coffee Shop" in Nizampet, which was found to be operating as a full-fledged hookah center without the necessary legal permissions. The police investigation revealed that the establishment lacked all requisite documentation, including GST registration, a Labor Certificate, and crucially, any official permission from the High Court or related statutory bodies to legally run a hookah center. The owner's failure to secure these mandatory clearances—which are typically stringent due to the health and safety risks associated with hookah consumption, particularly among minors—prompted the decisive police action.



identified as Arivalli Chaitanya Kumar, the owner of the premises; Banavath Jay Singh Rathod, the manager responsible for daily operations; and MD. Bashu. The police registered a case and seized a substantial cache of materials used in the illegal trade, totaling an estimated value of 1,09,500. The confiscated items included 17 hookah pots valued at 50,000; 13 boxes of hookah flavors (containing both nicotine and herbal substances) valued at 8,500; 9 packets of specialized charcoal worth 2,100; silver foil, and three mobile phones used to facilitate the illegal business, valued at 30,000. Following the raid, the SOT police reiterated their commitment to public safety and warned that they would continue to intensify raids on all establishments found operating illegally or compromising the health of the public, particularly youth.

## HYDERABAD CP SAJJANAR MANDATES 'BASIC POLICING,' WARNS OF STRICT ACTION AGAINST DUTY NEGLIGENCE

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Hyderabad Police Commissioner (CP) V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, issued a stern directive to senior police officers and Station House Officers (SHOs), emphasizing the crucial role of Basic Policing and Core Policing in effective crime control and maintenance of law and order. Speaking at an extensive review meeting held at the TGICCC Auditorium in Banjara Hills, CP Sajjanar unequivocally stated that any negligence in the discharge of duty would be met with zero tolerance, and strict disciplinary action would be initiated against personnel who compromise the



prestige and image of the police system. He underscored that SHOs would be held fully responsible and accountable for all incidents occurring within their respective jurisdictions. The CP's comprehensive address was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation detailing priority areas for immediate focus, which included Law and Order

Maintenance, Crime Control and Investigation, Community Engagement, Technology Adoption, and Human Resource Management. CP Sajjanar instructed officers to strive for superior policing, setting the twin goals of preserving law and order and actively protecting the public. He stressed that every police officer must perform their du-

ties with 100% commitment and unwavering discipline. Furthermore, he mandated a change in staff deployment strategy, advising that personnel should not be restricted to just one functional area, but rather cross-trained to gain proficiency in all departments of police work, thereby creating a more versatile and capable force. He appealed to the attendees to approach their profession and job with dedication and passion. Sajjanar acknowledged that previous instances of negligence in certain cases had been brought to his notice, confirming that those matters are currently

undergoing rigorous re-investigation to ensure accountability and justice. He acknowledged the demanding nature of police work, noting that the job is "fraught with many challenges," but insisted that officers must overcome them through effective duty performance. He categorically instructed officers not to treat any offense, no matter how minor, as a routine case. Sajjanar explained that failing to check small crimes poses a danger of their escalation into major crimes in the future, thus mandating that every case must be technically analyzed from all angles. To enhance operational effec-

tiveness, he revealed the department is actively considering the adoption of advanced technology, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), to expedite and improve the quality of criminal investigations. He concluded with a powerful call to action, urging all personnel to strive diligently to elevate the already stellar brand image of the Telangana and Hyderabad Police to even higher national and international levels. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Additional CP (Crimes) M. Srinivas, Joint CP (Law & Order) Tafseer Iqbal, Joint CP (Admin) J. Parimala Hana Nutan, and DCPs from all zones.

# Woman Jumps In Hussainsagar With Toddler; Police Crack 1 Crore Kidnap Plot

TPN Bureau | Oct 5, 2025 — Hyderabad was shaken by two major incidents—a tragic suicide at Hussain Sagar Lake and the successful resolution of a high-stakes kidnapping plot—which were reported by the police. In the tragic incident at Hussain Sagar Lake, a 28-year-old woman, identified as Keerthika Agarwal, a Chartered Accountant by profession, allegedly committed suicide by jumping into the lake on November 3, taking her

two-year-old daughter with her. Police officials confirmed that the motive behind the double tragedy appears to be ongoing marital disputes. The woman, who married in 2021, had moved back to her parents' home due to the conflicts with her husband. The search operations concluded tragically when the body of the infant was recovered on Tuesday, and the mother's body was recovered a day later. A missing person com-

plaint had been previously filed at the Bahadurpura Police Station. The Hussain Sagar Lake Police have now registered a case under the relevant sections and initiated an investigation to fully establish the circumstances and timeline leading up to the tragic act. The case highlights the severe emotional and mental distress that can result from domestic conflicts. In a separate, high-profile case, the Telangana Police successfully

arrested 10 individuals, including a woman, for the alleged kidnapping of her husband for a 1 crore ransom. The prime accused was identified as M. Madhavi Latha, the wife of the victim, Mantri Shyam. The Amberpet police initiated an intensive investigation after a missing-person complaint was lodged by a woman named Fatima on October 29. By utilizing advanced technical evidence and coordinated efforts, the police successfully trac-

ed the victim and his captors to an area in Banjara Hills. The rescue operation was swift and successful, leading to the apprehension of Madhavi Latha and her nine co-conspirators. The police also recovered key evidence used in the crime, including three cars, two two-wheelers, and several cell phones. The complex and shocking nature of the case, involving a wife allegedly masterminding her own husband's abduction for a

substantial ransom, underscores the sophisticated criminal activities that demand expert police investigation. The quick action and use of technical surveillance by the Hyderabad Police were pivotal in ensuring the safe recovery of the victim and the dismantling of the entire kidnapping gang, bringing both of these contrasting and significant cases to a formal conclusion.



# 20,000 Devotees Throng Chandippa Shiva Temple for Karthika Pournami

TPN Bureau | Nov 5, 2025 — The Sri Brahmasutra Marakatha Shiva Temple in Chandippa village, Shankarpally mandal, Ranga Reddy district, became a hub of intense spiritual activity as an estimated 20,000 devotees thronged the sacred site to celebrate Karthika Pournami. This revered temple, dating back to the 11th century, is renowned locally as a wish-fulfilling deity, drawing faithful followers for special occasions. The religious observances commenced in the pre-dawn hours at 2:00 AM with priests Sai Shiva, Pramod, and Veeresh leading elaborate pujas and abhishekams for Lord Shiva. The temple grounds were soon filled with the continuous and resonating chant of "Shiva Namas marana," creating an atmosphere of profound devotion.

As the day progressed, the sheer volume of pilgrims became unmanageable, forcing the temple management to make the difficult decision to cancel all scheduled abhishekams. Instead, they focused entirely on regulating the queues to ensure all present could receive darshan (a sacred



view of the deity). Devotees patiently stood in long lines for hours, eager for a glimpse of the Shivling. A unique point of reverence was the "wish-fulfilling stone" located in front of the

Kshetra Palakudu (guardian deity) Kala Bhairava, which also attracted massive queues of devotees waiting their turn to touch the sacred rock and offer their prayers. The high attendance un-

derscores the deep significance of Karthika Pournami, especially in a temple with such rich historical and spiritual significance. The temple committee, anticipating the rush, had implemented special arrangements to facilitate the massive influx of pilgrims, ensuring an organized flow and providing essential amenities. Given the scale of the gathering, the police department mobilized a robust security detail. CI Srinivas Goud, Detective Inspector Samaram Reddy, and Sub-Inspectors Srisallam, Manjula, and Padma were on duty, ensuring tight security measures were in place to prevent any untoward incidents. The collective participation of the 20,000 devotees, their fervent devotion, and the disciplined queue system underscored the deep-rooted spiritual tradition associated with the Marakatha Shiva Temple during this auspicious full moon day. The Deepotsavam on Karthika Pournami transformed the ancient structure into a beacon of faith, glowing with the reverence of its worshippers.

## Ananthagiri Temple Sees Heavy Rush for Karthika Pournami

TPN Bureau | Nov 5, 2025 — The Sri Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Ananthagiri, a renowned destination known for its natural beauty and spiritual significance in Vikarabad district, experienced an immense surge of pilgrims for the auspicious occasion of Karthika Pournami. As the full moon day during the holy month of Karthika, the temple was teeming with devotees who arrived from the morning onwards to participate in the special religious rituals. The programs, which included special pujas and the resonant chanting of Vedic hymns by the priests, were conducted with great devotion and reverence throughout the day. The highlight of the observance was the spectacular Deepotsavam (festival of lights), a practice central to the Karthika Pournami tradition. A mas-



sive participation was recorded, particularly among women devotees, who devoutly lit thousands of lamps within the temple complex. This act is rooted in the deep-seated belief that offering lights on this day bestows eight forms of wealth (Ashaishwaryalu) and all-around prosperity upon the family. The entire temple premise, illuminated by the warm glow of the oil lamps, was transformed into a breathtaking scene of spiritual fervor, greatly enhancing the traditional sanctity of the

site. Families who visited together queued up patiently for extended periods to receive the sacred darshan of Lord Anantha Padmanabha Swamy and perform their Deeparadhana. The atmosphere, charged with the collective bhakti (devotion) of the crowd, created an exceptionally festive and deeply spiritual environment. Temple authorities had made meticulous arrangements to accommodate the heavy rush, ensuring that the process of lighting the lamps and receiving

darshan remained as smooth and comfortable as possible for the faithful. The successful and massive participation in the Deepotsavam underscored the enduring cultural and religious significance of the Ananthagiri temple, affirming its status as a vital spiritual landmark during the month of Karthika. The devotional enthusiasm displayed by the thousands of devotees who traveled to the temple reflects the strong tradition of faith and religious observance in the region.

## BRS Slams Congress Over Fatal Chevella Bus Accident



TPN Bureau | Nov 5, 2025 — The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party delivered a scathing condemnation of the Congress government and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, following the tragic Chevella bus accident that resulted in 12 fatalities, many of whom were from the Tandur area. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, BRS leaders—including Rajendranagar In-charge Patolla Karthik Reddy and former MLAs Metuku Anand and Pilot Rohit Reddy—accused the ruling party of gross negligence, particularly concerning the maintenance of the Bijapur National Highway. Karthik Reddy highlighted that the highway project, which is crucial for safety, was sanctioned in 2021 but remains stalled due to an NGT stay sought over the protection of banyan trees. He laid the blame squarely on the current administration, stating that the Project Director failed to submit the necessary proposals to the NGT to get the stay vacated for two years, leading to catastrophic delays

and, ultimately, the accident. Reddy questioned the government's priorities, noting the irony that the Speaker and the Chief Minister themselves use this very road, yet display a clear lack of responsibility. The leaders escalated their criticism, focusing on the lack of compassion and humanity shown by the Congress government. Former MLA Metuku Anand fiercely questioned the Chief Minister's focus, suggesting his entire attention is on the Jubilee Hills by-election rather than on the lives of the people. Anand condemned the shocking and insensitive act of transporting the bodies of the deceased in a towing vehicle, an action he called proof of the government's lack of humanity. He posed a fundamental question to the administration: "Are the lives of trees more important than the lives of people?" Anand also reserved strong words for the CM's alleged use of indecent language, demanding to know if the Chief Minister considers himself a "street row-

dy or a goonda." Furthermore, he derided the state cabinet, labeling the ministers as mere "Palli Batanis" (peanuts) for their perceived incompetence. The BRS leaders also targeted Congress MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, accusing him of politicizing the tragedy while bereaved families were still grieving. They demanded that the MP, who has served for two years, account for his contributions to the Vikarabad constituency, suggesting that individuals like him are the reason the BJP has failed to gain public trust. Pilot Rohit Reddy expressed profound sorrow that no Congress leader had bothered to visit the affected families in Tandur even two days after the tragedy. He warned that if the government does not immediately initiate the road works to prevent further fatalities, BRS leaders and activists from the Tandur and Vikarabad regions would mobilize a foot march to lay siege to the Secretariat, vowing to fight for public safety and accountability.

## MLA Sri Ganesh Honors Karate Gold Medalist Sai Kumar

TPN Bureau | Nov 5, 2025 — The Cantonment constituency celebrated a moment of national pride as local youth Mancholla Sai Kumar from Balamrai secured a Gold Medal at an international level, bringing significant honor to the state and the nation. Sai Kumar achieved this feat at the World Youth Games Championship - 2025, which was held in Thailand from October 28 to November 1. He represented India as a participant of the Kio Japan Shotokan Karate Association India, overcoming strong international competition to claim the top honor in his category. Following his return, Sai Kumar, accompanied by his dedicated coach Shaik Khaleem, paid a courtesy visit to Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh at his residence on Wednesday. MLA Sri Ganesh expressed his sincere and profound appreciation for Sai Kumar's remarkable achievement, emphasizing the pride he brought to the entire constituency. During the meeting, the MLA personally and heartily congratulated both the champion and his coach for their hard work and dedication. He expressed the hope that Sai Kumar would

continue his winning streak, achieve many more international medals in the future, and further enhance the nation's reputation on the global stage. Beyond mere congratulatory remarks, the MLA made a significant commitment, assuring Sai Kumar that he would not only provide support from his own side but would also ensure all forms of necessary financial and logistical assistance were secured from the state government. This assurance highlights the MLA's commitment to promoting sports and fostering young talent within the constituency, recognizing the importance of government backing for athletes aiming for world-class performance. MLA Sri Ganesh stated that supporting promising sports talents like Sai Kumar is a crucial responsibility for the government and serves as a powerful inspiration to the youth in the Cantonment area. The champion's success is seen as a major motivational force, reinforcing the message that with discipline, hard work, and the right support, local athletes can achieve global excellence.



## Excise Seizes 51.9 Kg Ganja in Khammam, Two Arrested

Bureau | Nov 5, 2025 — A highly effective operation by the Khammam Excise Enforcement team has led to the seizure of a massive consignment of illicit drugs, successfully disrupting a major inter-state smuggling network. The operation, conducted as part of a strategic Special Drive directed by Excise Enforcement Director Shanwas Qasim, resulted in the confiscation of 51.9 kilograms of Ganja with an estimated street value of 26 lakh. Sub-Inspector Srihari Rao and his team intercepted the drug traffickers at the Bhadrachalam Kunavaram Cross Road after receiving specific intelligence. The smugglers were transporting the large consignment illegally in a car from Odisha with the ultimate destination being Kerala, highlighting the sophisticated geographical reach of the illicit trade.

The enforcement officials executed a thorough inspection of the vehicle, which revealed the cunning method of concealment: the Ganja packets were tightly packed and hidden within the car's engine bay. This strategic location was clearly designed to evade routine police and excise checks, underscoring the professionalism of the smuggling operation. The team successfully recovered the entire 51.9 kg consignment. Following the seizure, the police promptly arrested two individuals who were in the vehicle and are residents of Kerala: Zakariya Paryal and Nasira Puriya Vettal. However, a third person involved in the network, Kandula Ravi from Suraypet, remains at large, and a case has been registered against him. The enforcement team also seized the car used for

the transport, as well as an associated bike, as part of the evidence. The two arrested individuals, the Ganja, and the vehicles were subsequently handed over to the CI of the Bhadrachalam Excise Station for formal processing. Assistant Commissioner Ganesh commended the Excise staff for their dedication and professionalism in successfully intercepting the significant shipment. He confirmed that Assistant Excise Superintendent (AES) Karam Chand has been assigned to conduct the detailed investigation into the case. This major bust is a testament to the intensified efforts by the Telangana Excise Enforcement Wing to crack down on the trafficking of narcotics across state borders, sending a strong warning to drug smugglers utilizing Telangana's highways.



# Women’s World Cup Triumph: India’s 1983 Moment and the Rise of Desi Dominance



Under the blazing floodlights of DY Patil Stadium, history was re-written on Sunday night. India's women's cricket team lifted the 2025 Women's World Cup, delivering a performance that has already been hailed as the sport's own "1983 moment." The echoes of that legendary triumph at Lord's rang out once again — this time led by captain Harmanpreet Kaur, whose running catch sealed a win that sent fireworks blazing across the nation.

More than a sporting milestone, this victory represents a cultural transformation. For decades, Indian women's cricket has battled neglect, patriarchal doubt, and institutional apathy. The journey from being ignored to inspiring millions has been long and often lonely. Stories abound of past struggles — from inadequate support to outright hostility. In 2011, then BCCI president N. Srinivasan reportedly remarked, "If I had my way, I wouldn't allow your women's team to play cricket." That sentiment, once emblematic of official indifference, has now been buried under the roar of 50,000 fans celebrating India's world conquest.

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur's own career mirrors that struggle. Despite global success, she once failed to secure a police job through the sports quota, a privilege easily granted to lesser-achieving male athletes. Her resilience, and that of her teammates, reflects a generational defiance — women who refused to yield despite systemic bias, poor infrastructure, and financial insecurity.

Sunday's triumph also marks the democratisation of Indian cricket. This is no longer a sport of privilege or metro elitism. The team's composition tells a story of India itself — players hailing from Moga, Kadapa, Rohru, Siliguri, Sangli, Ghuwara, Golaghat, and tribal belts. Fast bowler Kanti Goud, from a remote tribal region, stands as a symbol of a new India where talent trumps background.

The seeds of this revolution were planted in 2017, when India reached the World Cup final in England. Though that campaign ended in heartbreak, it ignited a nationwide passion for women's cricket. It built an audience and earned respect that set the stage for the triumph of 2025.

Behind this success lies the unseen labor of families who invested everything — financially and emotionally — in their daughters' dreams, often facing ridicule and resistance. Their sacrifices, combined with the growing media coverage and the rise of the Women's Premier League (WPL), have provided the visibility, sponsorship, and legitimacy the sport desperately needed.

The presence of massive crowds and live broadcasts underscores how far the game has come. Young girls will no longer be "the only one among 500 boys," as batter Jemimah Rodrigues once described her early days. Instead, they now have role models, infrastructure, and viable professional paths across domestic and global leagues.

India's victory is not just a celebration; it's a turning point. Like the men's team in 1983, the women's triumph will redefine the country's sporting culture and economic landscape. The Women's World Cup 2025 is not an anomaly — it is the dawn of enduring Desi dominance in world cricket, and the beginning of a half-century where Indian women will lead the global game with pride, power, and purpose.

## Everywhere All At Once: Why India Is Emerging as the World’s Safest AI Bet



In a world racing to secure its stake in artificial intelligence — from chipmaking giants to data center developers — India might just turn out to be the biggest, safest bet of all. Not because it will build the technology, but because it will use it at a scale no other country can match.

While high energy costs and limited land restrict India's ambitions as a semiconductor or data infrastructure hub, global AI leaders are betting on the country's greatest resource — its people. Over the past few months, OpenAI, Alphabet's Gemini, and Perplexity AI have all launched their paid AI services for free across India. OpenAI's lightweight ChatGPT Go will be free for a year, Gemini Pro will reach over 505 million Reliance Jio users for 18 months, and Perplexity's Pro version will be accessible to Bharti Airtel's 350 million subscribers.

This unprecedented rollout signals a new kind of global experiment: what happens when a billion people suddenly gain free, unlimited access to advanced AI tools? For India, it could redefine productivity, learning, and innovation. For the companies, it's an opportunity to test large-scale adoption in the most diverse and dynamic market in the world.

According to India's policy think tank NITI Aayog, widespread AI adoption could triple the productivity of informal workers—from \$5 to \$15 per hour—adding between \$500 and \$600 billion to the nation's GDP by 2035. Even if those projections are optimistic, the potential for transformation is undeniable. With most of India's workforce employed in informal or low-skilled sectors, AI could bridge the country's long-standing skill gap faster than traditional education or training programs ever managed.

The enthusiasm of India's youth further strengthens this case. Tech-savvy, multilingual, and eager to learn, young Indians already dominate global digital platforms—from YouTube explainers to coding tutorials. Their curiosity and communication-driven culture align perfectly with language models that enable users to "talk their way into competence."

AI tools could help millions of Indians overcome barriers in education, bureaucracy, and language. From navigating government forms to coding websites or managing small businesses, large language models are flattening the learning curve. As AI lowers entry barriers across professions, India's population — often viewed as an underutilized resource — could become its most valuable economic engine.

This transformation is already ready visible online, where the distinct "ChatGPT-style" syntax appears in countless Indian social media posts. It's proof that Indians are rapidly absorbing, adapting, and applying AI in creative and professional contexts.

As analyst Mihir Sharma argues, infrastructure isn't only about chips or power grids — it's about people. And in the AI age, India's billion-plus population could serve as the largest human infrastructure base in the world.

If language models truly democratize access to knowledge and capability, India's millions of informal workers may emerge as the most consequential beneficiaries — and drivers — of the global AI revolution. The government has long struggled to skill its citizens; perhaps, this time, artificial intelligence will do what policy could not — unlock the real potential of India's people.

## Oh Andhra, Wake Up: A Call to Revive the Spirit of Questioning and Self-Respect

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Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh:

A powerful and emotional call has been made to the people of Andhra Pradesh to awaken from political complacency and reclaim their right to question leadership, governance, and the direction of the state. The message, deeply rooted in anguish and reflection, paints a stark picture of a society that has forgotten its legacy of courage, intellect, and collective struggle.

Once known for its vibrant movements, literary revolutions, and spirited resistance, the land of Andhra now stands silent, the statement laments. The writer accuses today's generation of Andhra people of losing their will to question corrupt politicians and bureaucrats who have exploited their silence for personal gain.

Following the separation from Telangana, the people of Andhra Pradesh were expected to rebuild their identity with dignity and determination. Instead, the message claims, they have been trapped in a cycle of political manipulation and false promises. From welfare schemes like Navaratnalu and Super Six to the endless assurances of development, citizens have been pacified rather than empowered.

The piece harshly criticizes leaders across political parties, branding them as "white-collar criminals" involved in every form of corruption — from land grabbing and liquor mafias to education and medical rackets. It questions why people, despite being aware of these realities, continue to support the same leaders without holding them accountable.

It highlights how the state's vital sectors — education and healthcare — remain under

the control of politicians and their associates, who profit from private institutions while neglecting public welfare. The message urges citizens to realize that true empowerment comes not from freebies but from access to quality education, medical care, and the courage to question authority.

The piece reflects deep disappointment that Andhra, once celebrated for its intellectual and cultural contributions, now lives "like lifeless creatures," unable to fight for its rights. It reminds the people of the sacrifices made by leaders of the past who fought for a united Telugu identity and urges the current generation to rediscover that fighting spirit.

"Why do we not have the courage to resist injustice in the land where great souls fought for a separate Telugu state?" the message asks, calling on citizens to recognize the value of their vote as a "diamond weapon" that must be used wisely.

The emotional appeal concludes with a stirring call for self-reflection: the need to question not only corrupt systems but also one's own silence. "Oh Andhra, wake up and question the future of your children," it urges. "Do you want to leave behind lives of struggle or a future of dignity? The decision is yours."

This wake-up call resonates as a reminder that the strength of democracy lies not in political promises but in the people's will to demand accountability and justice. For Andhra Pradesh, the message is clear — it's time to rise, question, and rebuild with courage and conscience.



# “Army Has No Religion, Caste”: Rajnath Singh Snaps Back At Rahul Gandhi



**TPN Correspondent | Patna**  
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh strongly criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday after Gandhi claimed that the Indian Army is “under the control of 10 per cent of the country’s population,” referring to upper-

caste dominance. Singh accused Gandhi of attempting to divide the armed forces and politicize a neutral institution. Speaking in Bihar ahead of the first phase of Assembly elections, Singh said, “The Army has no religion or caste. Our sol-

diers follow only one faith – ‘sainya dharma,’” highlighting the military code of conduct that prioritizes duty above personal or community affiliations. Singh also dismissed Gandhi’s remarks on introducing reservations in the armed forces, calling it

an attempt to “create anarchy.” He clarified that while the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supports reservations for the poor and marginalized in civil institutions, the Army is not a place for caste-based quotas. “This is an institution

that upholds discipline, patriotism, and integrity. It should not be dragged into politics,” Singh added, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the Army’s neutrality. Gandhi’s statement has sparked a political row, with critics accusing him of trying to polarize the armed forces along caste lines, while supporters argue it raises questions about representation in India’s military leadership. The Defence Minister’s firm response comes amid a politically charged environment in Bihar, where the BJP is campaigning for the Assembly elections, and caste and community issues remain sensitive topics. Observers say the exchange highlights the ongoing tension between political narratives and the institutional integrity of India’s armed forces. Singh concluded by reaffirming that the Army’s primary loyalty is to the nation, not to any community, religion, or political ideology, underlining the government’s stance against introducing caste-based considerations into military appointments.

# ‘You’re Not Sikh’: 14 Indian Hindus Denied Entry By Pak On Guru Nanak Jayanti

**TPN Correspondent | Srinagar**  
Fourteen Indian pilgrims were denied entry into Pakistan during visits to mark the 556th birth anniversary of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak, after officials reportedly rejected them for being Hindus. The pilgrims, part of a larger group of about 2,100 people cleared by India’s Home Ministry to visit Pakistan, were initially allowed to cross but were turned back because they were not registered as Sikhs in official records. The 14 included individuals from Delhi and Lucknow, many of whom were Pakistani-born Sindhis with Indian citizenship, traveling to meet relatives. Sources told NDTV they were told, “You are Hindu... you can’t go with Sikh devotees,” forcing them to return humiliated. Apart from this, 300 people applying independently for visas were also barred at the Indian side



of the border due to lacking the necessary Home Ministry approvals. On Tuesday, around 1,900 Sikh pilgrims crossed the Wagah border into Pakistan, marking the first people-to-people movement since Operation Sindoor, a four-day military conflict in May. Leading delegations included Akal Takht leader

Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, the Shrimoni Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, and the Delhi Gurdwara Management Committee. The pilgrims will visit major Sikh shrines during their 10-day stay, including Gurdwara Janamasthan near Lahore, Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Hasan Abdal, Gurdwara Sacha Sau-

da in Farooqabad, and Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur. Tensions remain high between Delhi and Islamabad following Operation Sindoor, India’s military response to the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, in which 26 civilians were killed by The Resistance Front, an offshoot of

the Pakistan-backed Lashkar-e-Taiba. The incident has sparked concerns over religious discrimination at the border, as Hindu pilgrims seeking family visits were denied despite proper documentation, highlighting the sensitive context of India-Pakistan relations during cross-border religious exchanges.

# Rahul Gandhi's vote manipulation claim in Haryana unfounded: EC source



**TPN Correspondent | Delhi**  
The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s allegations of voter manipulation in Haryana, calling them “unfounded” and raising questions about their credibility. Gandhi had recently

claimed that irregularities in the electoral rolls allowed for vote manipulation, suggesting multiple voting incidents. However, ECI officials clarified that no appeals were filed challenging the electoral rolls in Haryana, and no instances of multiple voting were detected during the elections.

“The allegations have no basis. The electoral process was conducted in full compliance with the law, and there is no evidence to support claims of voter fraud,” an ECI spokesperson said, emphasizing the integrity of the state’s voter registration and polling process. Rahul Gandhi addressed

the media at the Congress headquarters in New Delhi, reiterating his concerns about electoral transparency. He argued that certain discrepancies in voter data could indicate systemic issues. However, the lack of formal complaints or flagged incidents has cast doubt on the validity of his

statements. Observers note that while Gandhi’s comments have drawn political attention, the ECI’s statement reinforces the robustness of India’s electoral system, which includes stringent checks to prevent irregularities. Experts also point out that raising such allegations without documented evidence could lead to unnecessary public confusion during an election period. The Haryana elections are now moving forward without any formal investigation into the alleged irregularities. The ECI reiterated that all electoral processes, including the preparation of rolls and polling, adhere to strict legal and procedural standards, and any credible concern must follow proper channels for verification. This development marks a clear rebuttal from the ECI to one of the more high-profile allegations made by a national political leader in recent months.

# NDA government in Bihar neglected women’s safety, health: Congress



**TPN Correspondent | Delhi**  
The Congress on Tuesday accused the BJP-JD(U) government in Bihar of neglecting women’s safety, health, and dignity over the past two decades. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge targeted both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, questioning their track record on women’s security. Kharge highlighted statements by Modi acknowledging that in Bihar, “daughters-in-law and daughters are not safe,” calling it a self-admission of failure after 20 years of governance. The Congress leader stressed that the NDA government had consistently ignored key issues affecting women, ranging from personal safety to access to

healthcare and basic rights. Speaking at a press briefing, Kharge said, “The BJP-JD(U) government has systematically neglected women’s welfare, leaving them vulnerable to crime and poor health infrastructure. The citizens of Bihar have waited too long for safety and dignity.” Kharge also underlined the Congress-led Mahagathbandhan’s commitment to empowering women, promising focused initiatives aimed at improving safety, healthcare, education, and economic participation for women across the state. “Our alliance is fully committed to uplifting women in Bihar and addressing their long-standing grievances,” he added. The Congress has raised questions over

the state government’s response to rising crimes against women, lack of effective law enforcement, and inadequate health services, arguing that Bihar lags behind other states in women-centric development indicators. With Bihar heading to assembly polls, the issue of women’s safety is expected to become a key point of debate, with Kharge and the Mahagathbandhan positioning themselves as champions of women’s rights, in contrast to what they describe as the NDA’s decades-long inaction. The party’s criticism comes amid growing public concern over women’s safety and access to essential services, making it a central theme in the upcoming electoral battle in Bihar.

# Vijay TVK Names Actor as CM Candidate, Alliance Authority



**TPN Correspondent | New Delhi**  
Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) on Wednesday officially announced actor Vijay as its Chief Ministerial candidate for the 2026 Assembly elections and empowered him to decide on the party’s electoral alliances. The decision came during a special general council meeting of the party held at a private hotel in Mahabali-puram, chaired by Vijay himself, who appeared in his signature white shirt and stubbled look. Party members unanimously adopted a resolution stating, “Vijay is the CM candidate loved by all sections of people. Under his leadership, the party will face the 2026 polls, and he is authorised to take all deci-

sions regarding electoral alliances.” The meeting, held over a month after the September 27 Karur rally stampede that killed 41 people, also observed a two-minute silence to honour the victims. During the session, TVK adopted 12 resolutions covering a range of state issues. Key highlights included concerns over the recurring arrests of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan navy, women’s safety—with particular reference to a recent sexual assault case in Coimbatore—and the adoption of the Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The party’s move signals Vijay’s growing political influence in Tamil Nadu, transitioning from a popular film star

to a fully empowered political leader within his party. Analysts say granting him sole authority on electoral alliances reflects TVK’s strategy to present a unified leadership image ahead of the high-stakes 2026 Assembly polls. This development also indicates the party’s intent to consolidate voter support across diverse social groups by leveraging Vijay’s widespread popularity and the activist measures proposed in the resolutions. With the announcement, TVK has set the stage for a potentially high-profile electoral campaign, where the actor-turned-politician will lead strategy, alliances, and policy priorities for the coming elections.



## Israel Returns 15 Palestinian Bodies to Gaza



TPN Correspondent | Buenos Aires

Hospital officials in Gaza have received the bodies of 15 Palestinians returned by Israel, raising the total number of Palestinian remains returned since the ceasefire to 285, officials at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis confirmed.

The transfer comes amid the fragile Israel-Hamas ceasefire, which began on October 10, 2025, following the deadliest conflict between the two sides. The ceasefire has included a reciprocal exchange of remains: Hamas has returned 21 Israeli hostages, while Israel has released the bodies of 15 Palestinians for each hostage returned.

Militants in Gaza have been handing over one to three bodies every few days, though Israel has urged faster returns in some cases. Hamas has cited the widespread devastation in Gaza as complicating efforts. Identification of the remains remains difficult due to a shortage of DNA testing kits, with the Health Ministry posting photographs online to help families recognize the deceased.

The current exchanges follow the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on southern Israel, which killed approximately 1,200 people and saw 251 taken hostage. Israel responded with a large-scale military offensive, which according to Gaza's Health Ministry has killed over 68,800 Palestinians, including civilians and combatants. Israel disputes these figures but has not provided an alternate toll.

Forensic work and identification remain ongoing, with fewer than half of the returned Palestinian bodies confirmed. The process reflects the broader challenges of post-conflict reconciliation and humanitarian management in Gaza, where resources remain strained and infrastructure heavily damaged.

The return of bodies, while small in number, marks a continuing step in the ceasefire process and highlights the delicate and ongoing negotiation between Israel and Hamas, even as tensions and humanitarian crises persist across the region.

## Aftab Pureval Wins Second Term as Cincinnati Mayor



TPN Correspondent | Balochistan

Indian-origin Mayor Aftab Pureval has won a second term as Cincinnati's mayor, defeating Republican challenger Cory Bowman, the half-brother of Vice President J.D. Vance, local media reported.

Pureval's victory on Tuesday cements Democratic control of Cincinnati's local government and further raises his profile in Ohio politics, according to Fox News. The 43-year-old former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney first won the mayor's office in 2021, securing nearly 66% of the vote, and has since been recognized for his focus on urban development, public safety, and community engagement.

Pureval's personal story resonates with many voters. His mother, Tibetan by origin, fled Chinese occupation and grew up in a Southern Indian refugee camp, while his father is of Punjabi heritage. This diverse background has shaped his commitment to inclusive governance and immigrant communities in Cincinnati.

During his first term, Pureval emphasized

economic revitalization, affordable housing, and improved city services, initiatives that helped him maintain strong voter support. Analysts say his re-election signals continued urban Democratic strength in a state that has seen increasing political polarization.

His win also underscores a growing wave of Indian-American political leadership in U.S. local and state offices, alongside figures such as Virginia Lieutenant Governor Ghazala Hashmi and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, reflecting the community's expanding influence in American politics.

Pureval now begins his second term tasked with continuing Cincinnati's progress on infrastructure, public safety, and economic opportunities while navigating state and national political dynamics. Observers note that his leadership style, which emphasizes collaboration and pragmatic problem-solving, could serve as a model for other urban centers in Ohio and across the country.

# 'Turn the volume up': Mamdani's first shot at Trump after New York win

TPN Bureau | Washington

Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani wasted no time confronting President Donald Trump following his historic election as New York City's first Indian-American Muslim mayor. Speaking to a jubilant crowd, Mamdani declared, "Donald Trump, since I know you're watching, I have four words for you: turn the volume up!", signaling the start of what is expected to be a contentious relationship.

Mamdani, 34, made countering Trump's policies on immigration and federal interference a key campaign theme. The president had threatened to withhold billions in federal funding from New York if Mamdani won, echoing previous moves targeting Democratic leaders from the city. Trump also dismissed Mamdani's platform as socialist, telling CBS' 60 Minutes, "If you have a communist running New York, all you're doing is wasting the money



you're sending there." Addressing his supporters, Mamdani framed his victory as a challenge to

Trump's political style and influence, saying, "If there is any way to terrify a despot, it is by dismantling

the very conditions that allowed him to accumulate power: This is not only how we stop Trump, it's how we

stop the next one." Mamdani's ambitious agenda aims to tackle New York's cost-of-living crisis,



with proposals including a rental freeze, universal childcare, and government-led interventions in the private sector. While these policies have drawn criticism from Republicans and skepticism from some Democrats, Mamdani emphasized unity and resilience, adding, "To get to any of us, you will have to go through all of us."

The showdown between the newly elected mayor and the former president underscores the growing generational and ideological divide in U.S. politics, with Mamdani's victory representing a triumph for the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. As he prepares to take office on January 1, 2026, the coming years will test his ability to balance an ambitious local agenda with confrontations at the national level. Mamdani's first moves signal that he intends to fight vigorously for his city while challenging the influence of Trump in the political arena.

## Zohran Mamdani wins New York poll, becomes 1st Indian-American Muslim mayor

TPN Correspondent | Florida

In a historic victory, Zohran Mamdani, a 34-year-old Democratic state lawmaker, has been elected as the first Indian-American Muslim mayor of New York City, defeating former Governor Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa. Mamdani will also become the city's youngest mayor in more than a century when he takes office on January 1, 2026.

Mamdani's win marks a triumph for the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. His grassroots campaign, focused on affordability, free child care, city-run grocery stores, and free bus services, resonated deeply with working-class voters in one of the world's most expensive cities. The race saw record voter participation, with over 2 million ballots cast, the highest turnout for a New York mayoral election in five decades.

The son of Ugandan-



born parents of Indian descent, Mamdani grew up

in New York City and became a U.S. citizen in 2018.

His rise from a local state legislator to the city's top

office has been hailed as a symbol of New York's di-

versity and the growing influence of younger, more progressive voices in U.S. politics.

Throughout the campaign, Mamdani faced intense scrutiny from national Republicans and sharp attacks from Cuomo, who attempted a political comeback after resigning in 2021 amid harassment allegations. Despite criticism over his lack of executive experience and past remarks about policing, Mamdani's optimism and outreach to younger voters propelled him to victory.

As he prepares to assume office, Mamdani faces major challenges — from funding his ambitious welfare agenda to managing relations with state leaders and the NYPD. But for now, his win stands as a watershed moment in New York's political history, redefining what leadership in America's largest city can look like.

## Indian-origin Ghazala Hashmi wins Virginia Lieutenant Governor election

TPN Correspondent | Richmond, Virginia

India-origin Ghazala Hashmi has been elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, making history as the first Muslim and first South Asian American to hold the post.

The 61-year-old Democrat secured 1,465,634 votes (54.2%), defeating her Republican rival John Reid, who received 1,232,242 votes, according to election officials, with 79% of votes counted. Hashmi's victory marks a significant milestone in Virginia politics and reflects the growing diversity of the state's electorate.

Hashmi, born in India, has been a trailblazer in Virginia's political landscape. She was previously the first Muslim and South Asian American to serve in the Virginia Senate, and her election to the lieutenant governor post further cements her role as a prominent figure in state politics. Her career has focused on education, healthcare, and social justice, resonating with a broad coalition of voters across urban and suburban areas.



Democrats hailed her win as a reflection of the party's appeal to minority communities, women, and progressive voters, while Republicans will likely assess the results to refine their strategy for upcoming state and national

elections. Hashmi's campaign emphasized inclusive governance, equitable policies, and expanding opportunities for underrepresented communities.

Hashmi's historic win is also seen as a symbolic

moment for South Asian Americans and Muslim Americans, highlighting their growing political influence in the United States. Her election comes amid a wave of diverse candidates winning key offices across the country,

signaling changing demographics and priorities among voters.

With Hashmi taking office, Virginia will see a leadership team more representative of the state's multicultural population, potentially influencing

policies on education, public health, and community engagement. Observers note that her tenure could inspire more women and minority candidates to pursue high-level political roles in Virginia and beyond.



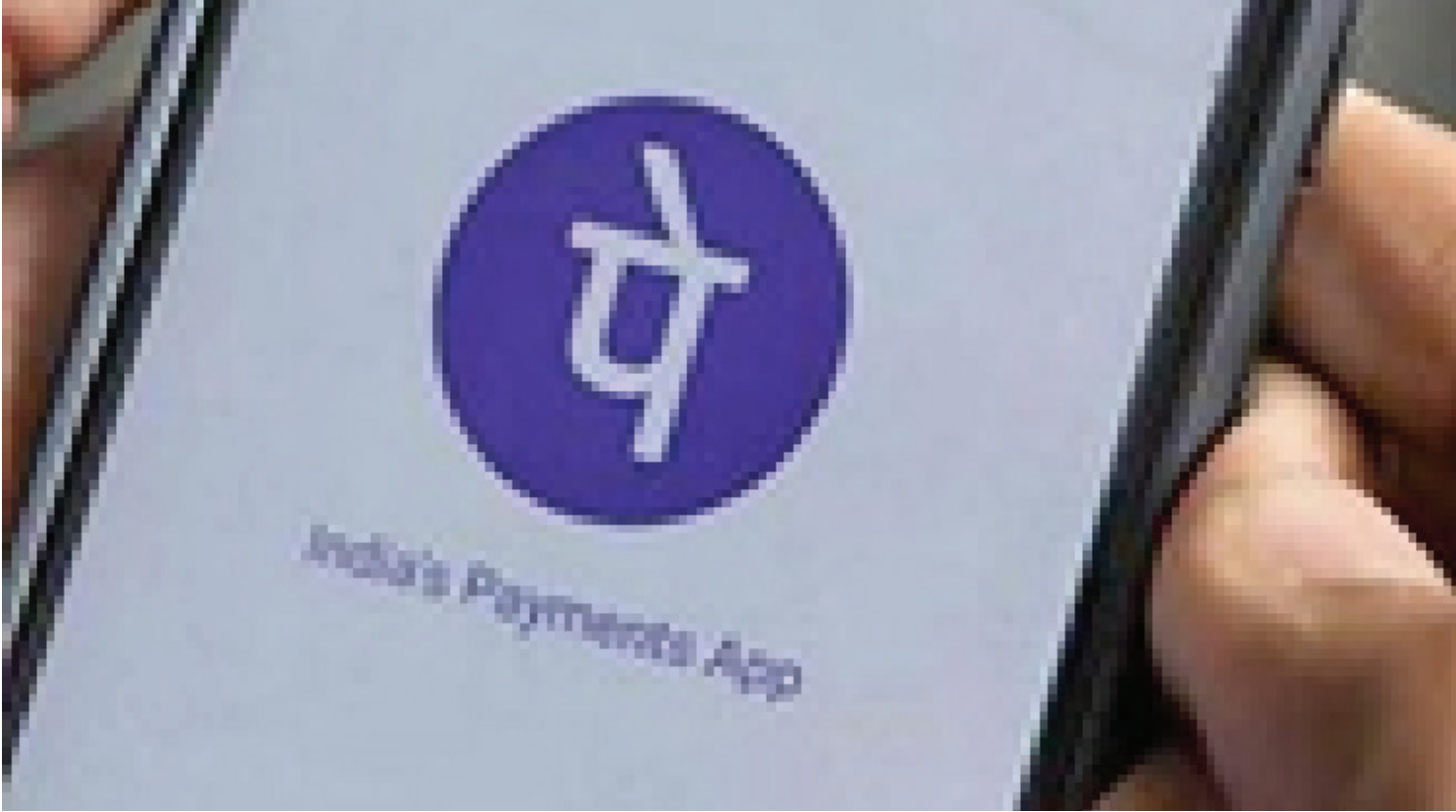
# PhonePe Narrows Losses, Reports ₹7,115 Crore Revenue in FY25

Fintech giant PhonePe has showcased a strong financial turnaround in FY25, significantly narrowing its consolidated losses to ₹1,727.4 crore, compared to ₹1,996.1 crore in FY24. The results highlight the company's improving fundamentals as it prepares to file its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) later this year, marking its next big step toward a public listing.

According to data sourced from Tofler, PhonePe's revenue from operations jumped 40.5%, rising from ₹5,064 crore in FY24 to ₹7,115 crore in FY25. This robust growth underlines the company's dominant position in India's digital payments and fintech ecosystem, which continues to expand at a rapid pace.

A key highlight of the fiscal was the threefold surge in adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT), which stood at ₹630 crore in FY25, compared to ₹197 crore in the previous year. This growth reflects improved operational efficiency, higher adoption of value-added services, and better cost management across verticals.

Notably, PhonePe also achieved a major milestone by turning free cash flow positive for the first time. The company reported net cash flow from op-



erations at ₹1,202 crore for the year ending March 31, 2025. This achievement is expected to enhance investor confidence as it signals sustainable financial health.

While overall expenses rose 21% year-on-year to ₹9,394 crore, the proportion of revenue growth outpaced expenditure, contributing to healthier margins.

Backed by U.S. retail giant Walmart, PhonePe has been aggressively diversifying into insurance, wealth management, and lending segments, further strengthening its fintech footprint. With IPO plans on the horizon, FY25's performance puts the company in a strong position to attract investors looking to ride India's booming digital economy.

# S&P Maintains India's GDP Growth at 6.5%, Expects RBI Rate Cut



Global rating agency S&P has retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for the current fiscal year, citing robust domestic demand supported by a largely benign monsoon. The agency noted that India's economy grew at 7.8% in the April-June quarter, highlighting resilience amid global uncertainties.

In its statement, S&P said, "We forecast India's GDP growth to hold steady at 6.5% this fiscal year, ending March 31, 2026. Domestic demand is expected to remain strong, driven by favorable monsoon conditions, income and GST cuts, and accelerating government investment." The agency emphasized that these factors will continue to under-

overall price pressures low. This moderation in inflation provides the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room to ease monetary policy, and S&P anticipates a 25 basis points rate cut during the fiscal year.

In its Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific Q4 2025 report, S&P highlighted that resilient domestic demand across the region may cushion economies from the impact of stronger external headwinds, including US import tariffs and slower global growth. The agency noted that while China has fared relatively better under these conditions, Southeast Asian emerging markets and India have faced more significant challenges than initially expected.

S&P's assessment underscores India's capacity to maintain steady growth through domestic consumption, policy support, and infrastructure spending, even as global trade tensions and external economic pressures persist. Analysts view the RBI's anticipated rate cut as a measure to sustain credit growth and bolster investment in the coming months.

# Coca-Cola bottler SLMG beverages targets Rs 9,000 cr revenue

SLMG Beverages, India's largest Coca-Cola bottler, expects high single-digit sales growth in FY26 despite facing headwinds in the June quarter due to unseasonal rains and geopolitical concerns, said Joint Managing Director Paritosh Ladhani on Monday. The company anticipates its gross revenue to cross Rs 9,000 crore, aided by festivals and GST concessions on its non-aerated drinks portfolio, which contributes around 30% of total sales.

"The June quarter was below expectations, with 35-40% higher rainfall affecting sales. However, we anticipate strong growth in the December quarter and may even achieve double-digit growth," Ladhani told PTL. He added that fizz-based drinks will also see a rise as consumers have discretionary spending power.

SLMG Beverages plans to invest around Rs 8,000 crore over the next six years for expansion, funded through internal accruals and debt, including greenfield plants in Buxer, Bihar and Gorakhpur, UP. The company's current bottling capacity of 22,000 BPM is expected to in-



crease to 27,000 BPM by year-end. Ladhani highlighted that 65-70% of the investment will go into plant capacity, while the remainder will support market development, warehousing, fleet, and new product launches.

On a mid-term outlook, Ladhani stated the company aims to cross Rs 20,000 crore in gross turnover over the next five to six years. Regarding an IPO, he emphasized the focus will remain on strengthening operations before considering public listing.

SLMG Beverages is part of the Rs 10,000-crore Ladhani Group, which has interests in hospitality, real estate, and energy, with 70% of its revenue coming from the bottling business. In hospitality, the group plans to invest around Rs 3,000 crore, expanding from 550 to 700 keys with the upcoming Taj Gateway project, aiming for 1,500 rooms in the next five to six years.

## Tock Markets Slip for Third Consecutive Day Amid FII Outflows and H-1B Concerns



Indian equity markets closed lower for the third straight session on Tuesday, dragged by foreign fund outflows and concerns over a steep hike in U.S. H-1B visa fees. The benchmark BSE Sensex settled at 82,102.10, down 57.87 points or 0.07%, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped 32.85 points or 0.13% to 25,169.50.

During the session, Sensex oscillated between a high of 82,370.38 and a low of 81,776.53, reflecting volatile trading. Analysts attributed the decline to selling pressure in IT stocks and blue-chip private banking shares, while buying in auto stocks and select public sector banks cushioned losses.

Among Sensex constituents, Trent, Tech Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, UltraTech Cement, Asian Paints, Eternal, and ITC were the major laggards. HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank also dragged the indices lower. On the upside, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, and State Bank of India were key gainers.

"The domestic equity market traded range-bound and ended flat, indicating ongoing consolidation. Broader sentiment remained cautious, with small- and mid-cap stocks lagging benchmarks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd. Sector-wise, autos, metals, and financials gained on robust festive demand post-GST cuts, while FMCG and realty faced pressure from profit booking.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹2,910.09 crore on Monday, reflecting sustained selling pressure. In global markets, Shanghai and Hong Kong closed lower, while South Korea's KOSPI ended in positive territory. Japanese markets were closed for a holiday. European markets traded higher, and U.S. indices gained on Monday.

Meanwhile, the rupee fell 52 paise to an all-time low of 88.82 against the U.S. dollar, and Brent crude rose 0.45% to \$66.87 a barrel, adding to market caution.

## Crude Oil Futures Slip on Weak Spot Market Demand



Crude oil futures on the Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) declined on Tuesday, as traders trimmed positions amid weak demand in the spot market. October delivery crude fell Rs 16 or 0.29%, settling at Rs 5,506 per barrel across 12,933 lots.

Analysts noted that the drop in futures prices reflected profit-taking and cautious trading, as market participants responded to soft spot market activity. Weak physical demand for crude prompted sellers to offload their holdings, weighing on prices during the session.

On the global front, oil benchmarks also witnessed mild declines. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude traded 0.33% lower at USD 61.95 per barrel, while Brent crude slipped 0.56% to USD 66.20 per barrel in New York, reflecting a broader cautious sentiment in the energy markets.

Analysts said that despite global concerns over supply disruptions in some regions, the current demand-supply dynamics remain subdued, limiting significant upside in crude prices. Traders are closely watching inventory data, geopolitical developments, and OPEC signals for indications of any supply tightening that could support price recovery.

Market observers highlighted that the MCX crude futures trend mirrors global patterns, as both domestic and international markets face tepid demand and mixed trading signals. Investors are expected to monitor upcoming economic data releases and fuel consumption trends to gauge future price direction.

Overall, the oil futures market remains under pressure, reflecting weak spot demand and cautious investor sentiment. Market participants continue to adopt a wait-and-watch approach, balancing domestic demand trends with global price movements.



Mountaineer Wakes Up to Snow Blizzard, Video Goes Viral



A thrilling video of mountaineer Magdalena Madej waking up to a snow blizzard on a high-altitude expedition has gone viral on social media. Magdalena, an experienced climber and Mount Everest summiteer, shared the clip on Instagram, capturing the raw intensity and danger of mountaineering. The video was filmed during an expedition to Mount Manaslu in Nepal, the world's eighth-highest peak at 8,163 meters. The team had set up camp at 6,600 meters to rest after a challenging climb. Early in the morning, Magdalena pulled back the tent curtains to reveal a terrifying scene: a raging snowstorm, with white-capped peaks stretching into the horizon and snow swirling violently around their tents. The harsh conditions posed a serious avalanche risk, making the moment both awe-inspiring and terrifying. Magdalena shared the story behind the clip in her caption, noting the dangers and unpredictability climbers face at such altitudes. Mountaineering often tests limits through extreme weather, fatigue,

and challenging terrain, but it also offers breathtaking vistas and moments of triumph. Social media users responded enthusiastically to the video, praising Magdalena's courage and composure in the face of extreme conditions. Comments highlighted admiration for her adventurous spirit and the beauty of high-altitude landscapes. One user wrote, "Vice nice video, Strong," while another added, "I always wanted this kind of life." The viral clip underscores both the thrill and risks of mountaineering. It also resonates with viewers who dream of exploring the world's highest peaks, showing the blend of danger, discipline, and natural beauty that defines extreme climbing. Magdalena's video not only showcases her personal bravery but also serves as a reminder of the extraordinary challenges mountaineers endure to experience the world from the roof of the planet. It captures a moment where fear, beauty, and human resilience intersect, leaving viewers both awestruck and inspired.

YouTube Adds Daily Timer to 'Shorts' to Combat Doomscrolling



YouTube has introduced a new daily timer feature for its popular 'Shorts' video format, aiming to help users manage and reduce excessive screen time. The feature is designed to address the growing concern of doomscrolling—endless, often compulsive consumption of short-form videos—which can negatively impact mental health and productivity. With this new update, users will be able to set a daily time limit for watching Shorts. Once the allotted time is reached, a reminder will appear on the screen, encouraging users to take a break and pause their viewing session. However, users retain the option to dismiss the reminder and continue watching if they choose. This feature is part of YouTube's broader commitment to promoting digital wellbeing and responsible usage of its platform. Short-form video content has exploded in popularity, with millions of users worldwide spending significant time scrolling

through Shorts, which can sometimes lead to unintentional binge-watching and time loss. By introducing the timer, YouTube hopes to encourage more mindful viewing habits, helping users stay in control of their time and reduce the chances of falling into endless content loops. The reminder acts as a gentle nudge rather than a strict lockout, giving users the autonomy to decide how they engage with the platform. The move aligns with similar steps taken by other social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok, which have implemented tools to track and limit usage, reflecting a growing industry focus on combating digital fatigue and encouraging healthier online behavior. YouTube's daily timer for Shorts is currently rolling out and will be available to users globally in the coming weeks. The feature is expected to be welcomed by those looking to balance entertainment with productivity and mental wellness.

Apple to Launch iPhone 20 and iPhone 18e in Early 2027 for 20th Anniversary

Apple is gearing up to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the iPhone with the launch of two new models in the first half of 2027: the iPhone 20 and the iPhone 18e. This move marks a significant shift in Apple's naming strategy, skipping the iPhone 19 to honor two decades since the original iPhone's debut in January 2007. According to industry analyst Heo Moo-yeol, Apple will release the iPhone 20 alongside the iPhone 18e, a model expected to be separate from the flagship lineup. This early 2027 launch will break from the company's traditional September release schedule, which it has followed since the iPhone 5 in 2012. The rest of the iPhone 20 series—including the Air, Pro, and Pro Max versions—are anticipated to arrive in the second half of 2027. Additionally, Apple plans to introduce the second-generation iPhone Fold, following the expect-



ed debut of its first foldable iPhone in 2026. Interestingly, Apple may discontinue the standard iPhone 18 model next year, focusing instead on the iPhone 18 Pro, Pro Max, and a new iPhone Air successor, alongside the foldable iPhone. This shift could reduce panel demand by about 20 million units compared to previous years. The iPhone Fold is projected to see strong sales, with Apple aiming to ship over 8 million units in its first year. Overall, Apple's 2027 lineup promises innovation and commemorates a milestone for one of the world's most influential tech products.

CRPF Jawan Brings Joy to Tribal Kids in Chhattisgarh Jungle

A heartwarming video from the dense jungles of Chhattisgarh has gone viral, showing a CRPF Cobra jawan bringing smiles to tribal children by showing them cartoons on his phone. The clip, shared on social media by user KiloMike2, highlights a rare moment of joy for children who have grown up in remote areas affected by Naxal activity. In the video, the soldier can be seen patiently gathering the children around and letting them watch cartoons for the first time, creating an atmosphere of happiness and wonder. Social media users have praised the simple yet touching act, noting the importance of bringing education, innocence, and play into the lives of children living in difficult circumstances. The post quickly drew attention, with users expressing mixed emotions. One wrote, "Made me sad how these kids have missed the very essence of childhood and education



due to Naxals, hope we can do everything for them now." Another highlighted the contrast between modern and natural childhood experiences, commenting, "Watching cartoons is not the essence of childhood. These children must be

enjoying their childhood in the natural environment, away from gadgets." Many viewers applauded the soldier's effort as an act of compassion, reflecting hope for a brighter future for the tribal community. Some noted that even small gestures like these can leave a lasting impact on children growing up in areas with limited access to education and recreational resources. The video has resonated widely, reminding people of the importance of nurturing curiosity, education, and joy for all children, regardless of their environment. In a region often marked by conflict, this simple act of showing cartoons becomes a symbol of humanity and care, sparking conversations about the role of soldiers not just in security but also in uplifting local communities. The viral clip stands as a touching reminder that even small, thoughtful actions can make a big difference in the lives of children living in remote and challenging conditions.

China Unveils 'Ghost Jellyfish' Drone for Underwater Missions

Chinese scientists have developed an innovative jellyfish-like robot, dubbed the "underwater phantom," designed for covert underwater operations. Created by Tao Kai from Northwestern Polytechnical University, the compact robot closely mimics a real jellyfish, allowing it to monitor aquatic environments without disturbing marine life, according to the South China Morning Post. The robot measures 120mm in diameter and weighs just 56 grams. Its transparent body and hydrogel-based tentacles replicate natural jellyfish movements, making it almost indistinguishable from its living counterpart underwater. An electrostatic hydraulic actuator mimics jellyfish neural signals, enabling smooth motion while operating at only 28.5 milliwatts, ensuring minimal disruption to its surroundings. Equipped with a camera and AI chip, the robot can autonomously identify underwater targets using machine learning, making it ideal for long-term surveillance, deep-sea monitoring, and precise inspections of fragile ecosystems or submerged structures. Tao highlighted the robot's low power consumption, near-silent operation, and lifelike design, emphasizing its suitability for



sensitive environments. The bionic jellyfish was showcased in August on CCTV, alongside other bio-inspired robots, including a robotic bird, mechanical locust, gecko robot, and robotic fish. During demonstrations, the robot hovered steadily in varying water conditions and accurately identified objects such as the school emblem and clownfish. The presentation underscored the potential of nature-inspired robotics to sense and respond to complex environments independently. Northwestern Polytechnical University is globally recognized for pioneering research in robotics and aerospace, especially in developing hybrid systems capable of navigating both air and water. Tao's lab, part of the Ministry of Education's Key Laboratory of Micro and Nano Systems for Aerospace, continues to push boundaries in micro-electromechanical systems and autonomous bio-inspired machines. The "ghost jellyfish" represents a breakthrough in deep-sea exploration technology, combining stealth, energy efficiency, and adaptability, offering new possibilities for environmental monitoring, underwater research, and covert operations.



# Cristiano Ronaldo Hints at Emotional Retirement Soon

Football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has revealed that his retirement from professional football is approaching, and he expects it to be an emotional farewell. The Portugal and Al-Nassr forward opened up about his plans in an interview with Piers Morgan Uncensored, hinting at a deeply personal end to his storied career.

“It will be tough, of course. It will be difficult? Yes. Probably will cry, yes. I’m an open person,” Ronaldo told Morgan, giving fans a glimpse into the emotional side of stepping away from the sport that has defined his life. Known for his incredible fitness, dedication, and record-breaking achievements, Ronaldo admitted that leaving the game will not be easy, even after decades at the top level.

The 40-year-old forward, who has scored over 850 goals in his club and international career, reflected on the highs and lows of football, expressing gratitude for the support of fans, teammates, and family.



“Football has given me everything, and leaving it will be bittersweet. But I know the time is coming,” he said. Ronaldo’s career has spanned multiple top European leagues, including Premier League, La Liga, and Serie A, and he has won

numerous titles, including five Ballon d’Or awards. His move to Saudi Arabia’s Al-Nassr marked the latest chapter of a career that has seen him evolve from a young, ambitious talent at Sporting Lisbon to one of the greatest players of all

time. While Ronaldo has not announced a specific retirement date, his comments indicate that fans may soon witness a heartfelt farewell tour, filled with celebrations of his unparalleled contribution to football. Analysts predict that the emotional goodbye could coincide with the conclusion of his current contract or the end of the next season, allowing supporters around the world to honor one of football’s most iconic figures.

# Wolvaardt Tops ICC Women’s ODI Rankings, Mandhana Drops; Jemimah Enters Top-10



South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has claimed the No.1 spot in the latest ICC Women’s ODI rankings, overtaking India’s Smriti Mandhana who held the top position throughout the recently concluded Women’s World Cup. The update

comes following standout performances in the tournament, where Wolvaardt scored centuries in both the semifinal and final, cementing her status as one of the world’s premier batters. Mandhana, despite India’s title-winning cam-

paign, slipped to second place in the rankings. She was, however, named in the ICC Women’s World Cup Team of the Tournament alongside Wolvaardt, recognizing her consistent contributions throughout the competition. Mandhana’s

elegant stroke play and key innings played a vital role in India’s victorious run, even if it wasn’t enough to retain her top ranking. Meanwhile, Jemimah Rodrigues surged nine positions to break into the top 10, now sitting at 10th in the

ODI rankings. The young Indian batter impressed throughout the tournament with crucial knocks in high-pressure matches, showcasing her growing maturity and ability to perform on the world stage. The ICC rankings, which take into account performances over multiple matches and tournaments, reflect not only individual brilliance but also the impact players have had in pivotal games. Wolvaardt’s rise to the top is a testament to her exceptional consistency and match-winning ability in the final stages of the World Cup. With the ICC Women’s ODI rankings now featuring three Indians in the top 10, including Mandhana and Rodrigues, India’s strength in women’s cricket is evident. Analysts predict that both Mandhana and Rodrigues will continue to challenge for the top spots in upcoming series, keeping the competition fierce among the world’s elite women cricketers.

# Pakistan Women’s Coach Muhammad Wasim Sacked After World Cup Debacle

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has sacked Muhammad Wasim, head coach of the national women’s cricket team, following the team’s disastrous performance in the recently concluded ICC Women’s ODI World Cup. The decision comes after Pakistan finished last in the eight-team tournament, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. Pakistan, led by Fatima Sana, endured a forgettable campaign — losing four matches, while three others were washed out due to rain. Despite having topped the qualifying rounds in Lahore earlier this year to secure their World Cup berth, the team failed to register a single win in the main event, playing all their matches in Colombo.

In a statement, the PCB confirmed that Wasim’s contract expired at the end of the tournament and would not be renewed. The board is now on the lookout for a new head coach, with sources indicating that a foreign candidate is being considered. If no suitable option is found, former Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof could be appointed to



the role. Wasim, a former Test cricketer and ex-chief selector of Pakistan’s men’s team, had taken over the women’s side last year. His tenure saw a string of un-

derwhelming results, including Pakistan’s Asia Cup semifinal exit and an early league-stage elimination in the T20 World Cup earlier this year. A PCB insider revealed

that the entire support staff would also be replaced soon as part of a broader overhaul aimed at rebuilding the women’s setup. The changes come amid

India’s triumphant Women’s World Cup victory, which has further highlighted the contrasting fortunes of the two neighboring cricketing nations on the global stage.

# Virat Kohli Turns 37: A Career of Records and Glory



India’s batting maestro, Virat Kohli, celebrated his 37th birthday on Wednesday, marking a glittering career that has left an indelible mark on world cricket. Since his debut in 2008, Kohli has been a force across formats, blending consistency, aggression, and leadership to redefine modern Indian cricket.

Kohli made his mark early, captaining India to the U19 World Cup in 2008, and later evolving into a world-class batter reminiscent of legends like Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly. In Test cricket, he scored 9,230 runs in 123 matches at an average of 46.85, including 30 centuries. As captain, he led India to 40 wins in 68 Tests, including historic series victories in Australia and dominance in SENA nations, while promoting fitness and nurturing fast-bowling talent.

Known as the ultimate ‘Chase-master,’ he averages 89.29 in successful run-chases. He boasts ICC World Cup and Champions Trophy titles, along with the record for most runs in ICC knockout matches. In T20Is, he amassed 4,188 runs at 48.69 with a strike rate of 137+, including a T20 World Cup victory in 2024 and multiple Player of the Tournament awards. His unmatched consistency in ICC events cements his reputation as a clutch performer. Kohli’s IPL journey with Royal Challengers Bengaluru spans 18 years, where he became the tournament’s highest run-scorer (8,661) and century-maker (8). His record-breaking campaigns in 2016 and 2024 highlight his ability to dominate in franchise cricket. From international cricket to the IPL, Kohli’s career is a testament to talent, discipline, and passion. At 37, the “King of Chases” leaves behind a legacy few can rival, inspiring generations to come.

# Djokovic Makes Winning Return in Athens



Novak Djokovic returned to competitive action after a three-week break, cruising past Alejandro Tabilo in straight sets at the Athens ATP tournament on Tuesday. The top seed, who received a first-round bye, defeated the Chilean 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 in the round of 16. Djokovic, 38, had previously lost both encounters against Tabilo — on clay in Rome last year and Monte Carlo earlier this season. “Playing against Tabilo, who I had never won against, I was more under tension before the match than some other matches and I really tried to draw the energy from the crowd,” Djokovic said after the win. The 24-time Grand Slam champion, who recently relocated to Athens, described playing in the Greek capital as a special experience. “It feels really at home, playing in Athens,” he said. “A few months ago, when I came here with my family, I was very excited because I have al-

ways loved Greece. Serbians love Greece, for sure. Historically, culturally, and religiously, we have a lot of things connecting us. Athens is in my heart, no question about it.” Djokovic dominated the opening set in a tiebreak and secured two breaks in the second to reach his 225th tour-level quarter-final. He will face Portuguese sixth seed Nuno Borges next, who defeated American qualifier Eliot Spizzirri 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. The world number five had opted out of the Paris Masters after his semi-final defeat at the Shanghai Masters 1000 to Valentin Vacherot on October 11. His participation at the upcoming season-ending WTA Finals in Turin was confirmed on Monday. Djokovic’s smooth return in Athens signals his intent to end the season on a strong note, and fans in Greece are clearly excited to have the tennis icon competing on their home turf.



Shiva 4K Trailer: Tollywood’s Iconic Gamechanger Returns in Remastered Glory



Ram Gopal Varma's cult classic Shiva, which redefined Telugu cinema in 1989, is making a grand return to theatres in a completely remastered 4K Dolby Atmos format. The re-release, scheduled for November 14, 2025, coincides with the 50-year celebrations of Annapurna Studios, the banner that produced this milestone film.

Starring King Nagarjuna and Amala, Shiva marked a turning point in Tollywood with its realistic portrayal of college politics, gripping narrative, and revolutionary technical craft. The film's background score and visual style set new standards, inspiring generations of filmmakers and audiences alike.

To mark the re-release, a special 4K trailer was unveiled on November 4. The trailer features heartfelt tributes from industry stalwarts including Megastar Chiranjeevi, SS Rajamouli, Prabhas, Mahesh Babu, Allu Arjun, Jr. NTR, Mani Ratnam, Nag Ashwin, and Sekhar Kammula, all

acknowledging the film's immense influence on their creative journeys.

The restored trailer revisits the film's powerful moments — from Nagarjuna's intense screen presence to Ilaiyaraaja's unforgettable music — now elevated with advanced sound design and visual clarity. The movie's audio has been meticulously upgraded from its original mono mix to Dolby Atmos, utilizing cutting-edge AI technology to recreate the soundscape for modern theatres.

With this re-release, a new generation of movie lovers will get to witness the raw energy and cinematic brilliance that made Shiva a cultural phenomenon. Ram Gopal Varma's debut directorial venture not only launched Nagarjuna as a youth icon but also heralded a new era in Telugu filmmaking.

Shiva 4K is set to hit theatres on November 14, promising an immersive experience that bridges Tollywood's glorious past with its dynamic present.

Brendan Fraser May Return for The Mummy 4



For many who grew up in the late '90s, The Mummy (1999) remains a cherished classic — a perfect mix of adventure, humor, and nostalgia. Starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, the film became a cult favorite, watched repeatedly in theatres and later on television. Now, over two decades later, whispers from Hollywood suggest that the beloved franchise might rise from the sands once again.

According to recent reports, Universal Pictures is considering reviving the original Mummy series, with Brendan Fraser possibly returning as the iconic explorer Rick O'Connell. The directing duo Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett, known collectively as Radio Silence and celebrated for their work on Scream and Ready or Not, are reportedly in talks to helm the project. Adding to the excitement, there are even rumors that Rachel Weisz could reprise her role as Evelyn Carnahan, Rick's

equally adventurous partner.

Though no official confirmation or announcement has been made, the very idea of Fraser returning has sent waves of excitement across social media. Fans who grew up on the 1999 film and its sequels have flooded timelines with nostalgic tributes and hopeful messages, eager for the return of the fun, old-school adventure style that defined the series.

Brendan Fraser's career resurgence following his Oscar-winning performance in The Whale has only intensified the buzz. His comeback has rekindled interest in the kind of heartfelt, action-driven roles that made him a household name in the late '90s and early 2000s.

For now, The Mummy 4 remains a hopeful rumor — no confirmed cast, script, or release timeline. But with renewed fan enthusiasm and Fraser's revived popularity, Universal may just be tempted to awaken this legendary franchise once more.

Ram Charan’s Beedi Step from Chikiri Song Sets the Internet Ablaze

The anticipation around Dulquer Salmaan's much-awaited period drama Kaantha is reaching new heights. Following the successful release of the energetic Rage of Kaantha track, the makers have now unveiled a new poster teasing that the "first spark" will be revealed at 4 PM today.

Directed by Selvamani Selvaraj, Kaantha is a grand pan-India project set against the backdrop of the 1960s, promising to transport audiences to a bygone era of Indian cinema. The latest poster, featuring Dulquer Salmaan, Bhagyashree Borse, and Samuthirakani, has gone viral across social media platforms, leaving fans speculating about what the "first spark" might signify—whether it's a teaser, a scene reveal, or a musical surprise.

The film has already generated massive buzz with its promotional content. The recently released song "Ammadivee", a soulful melody featuring



Dulquer and Bhagyashree, has struck a chord with music lovers. Meanwhile, Rage of Kaantha set the tone for the movie's intense and dramatic theme, amplifying excitement for what's to come.

Adding to the film's star power, Rana Daggubati is co-producing Kaantha alongside Dulquer Salmaan, marking a unique collaboration between Malayalam and Telugu cinema industries.

The movie aims to blend historical storytelling with grand visuals, celebrating the charm and spirit of the golden era of Indian film culture.

With its release set for November 14, Kaantha is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about releases of the year. Fans are

now eagerly waiting to see what the much-teased "first spark" will ignite at 4 PM — a glimpse that could set the stage for yet another Dulquer Salmaan blockbuster.

Purushaha Promises a Fun-Filled Family Ride



Promotions have become an integral part of filmmaking, and the team behind Purushaha seems to be making all the right moves. Presented by Batula Saraswathi and produced by Kalyan Productions, this upcoming family entertainer marks the debut of Pavan Kalyan, son of producer Battula Koteswara Rao, in the lead role. The film also features popular comedians Sathagiri and Kasireddy Rajkumar in pivotal roles, under the direction of Veeru Vulavala.

The first look of Purushaha was recently unveiled by acclaimed director Srikanth Odehla, instantly grabbing the audience's attention. The vibrant

poster showcases Pavan Kalyan, Sathagiri, and Kasireddy Rajkumar dressed as eccentric superheroes, each representing a humorous take on the trials of married life. Set against a dramatic stormy backdrop filled with lightning, the design cleverly symbolizes the chaos and comedy that follow a man's transition from bachelorhood to husbandhood.

The tagline, "After deciding to become a husband from a bachelor, life turns into a battlefield," perfectly sums up the film's central theme—a light-hearted yet relatable exploration of marital life.

The supporting cast adds further strength, with sea-

soned actors like Vennela Kishore, VTV Ganesh, Rajeev Kanakala, and Pammi Sai promising plenty of laughter and emotional depth. Vaishnavi Kokkura, Vishika, and Hasini Sudheer play the female leads.

With cinematography by Satish Muthyala and music composed by Shravan Bharadwaj, Purushaha aims to deliver a wholesome cinematic experience. Blending humor, emotion, and family values, the film is set to offer audiences a complete entertainer. The team is gearing up for its release soon, and expectations are already running high for this fun-filled family ride.



Mithra Mandali to Stream on Amazon Prime Video from November 6

After its Diwali theatrical run, the Telugu comedy-drama Mithra Mandali is all set to make its digital debut. Amazon Prime Video has officially announced that the film will begin streaming on November 6, 2025, exclusively in Telugu.

Directed by Vijayender S., Mithra Mandali features Priyadarshi, Rag Mayur, Prasad Behara, and Vishnu Oi in key roles. The movie also marks the Tollywood debut of popular influencer Niharika NM, who plays the female lead. Produced by Kalyan Manthina, Bhanu Pratapa, and Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala, the film is presented by Bunny Vas under the BV Works banner. Music for the film is composed by RR Dhruvan.

Upon its theatrical release during the Diwali season, Mithra Mandali received mixed to negative reviews and struggled to perform at the box office. Critics noted that while the film had moments

of humor and camaraderie, its pacing and uneven storytelling failed to leave a lasting impression. Despite its underwhelming performance in cinemas, the film has generated curiosity about how it will fare on streaming platforms, where comedies often find a more receptive audience.

The OTT release gives Mithra Mandali a second chance to connect with viewers who may have missed it on the big screen. With its ensemble cast and light-hearted take on friendship and everyday struggles, the film could appeal to audiences looking for a relaxed watch during the festive season.

As Mithra Mandali arrives on Amazon Prime Video, fans of Priyadarshi and Telugu comedy films will be keen to see whether it earns a better reception online than it did in theatres. The streaming debut will determine if this Diwali release finds new life in the digital space.