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Andhra Pradesh cancels tender process for Polavaram-Banakacherla project DPR

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Amid fierce backlash from Telangana, spearheaded by the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), Andhra Pradesh has abruptly cancelled the tender process for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the contentious Polavaram-Banakacherla link project (PBLP), which was aimed at diverting Godavari waters to Krishna basin and beyond.

Irrigation officials confirmed on Friday that AP had withdrawn the tender notice issued on October 11 after reviewing technical and financial parameters. The tender, which invited consultancy services for preparing the DPR, was expected to pave the way for designing the Banakacherla link project aimed at transferring over 200 TMC of what was claimed as unutilised flood flows in Godavari to Krishna basin enhancing irrigation coverage in Rayalaseema.

Sources indicated that the decision to cancel stemmed from the need to re-evaluate the project scope as its integration with the main Polavaram dam system was strongly opposed by Telangana. The government of



AP reportedly intends to adopt a more comprehensive approach to address the issues raised by other riparian States and to optimise interlinkages between the Banakacherla existing canal networks, officials claimed. A revised notification is likely to be issued after the updated feasibility study is completed. The expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Central Water Commission had denied environmental clearance to the Polavaram-Banakacherla Link Project, returning the proposal to Andhra Pradesh for revision.

The EAC cited objections that the project potentially violates the 1980 Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal (GWDT) award and raises unresolved submergence concerns for neighbouring States, specifically Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

Additionally, the panel advised Andhra Pradesh to first obtain

a complete study on Godavari surplus waters from the CWC before reapplying.

The proposed project involves a multi-stage infrastructure network spanning about 416 km, including canal upgradation to increase the capacity of the Polavaram Right Main Canal from 17,500 cusecs to 38,000 cusecs, and the Thatipudi Lift Canal from 1,400 cusecs to 10,000 cusecs besides construction of a new reservoir at Bollapalli for water storage.

The project is estimated to cost Rs.81,900 crore, but has sparked a major inter-state dispute, primarily with Telangana. Telangana contended that it would violate the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, and ignore the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal's allocation of 968 TMC to Telangana (out of 1,486 TMC total), potentially depleting its reservoirs and irrigation schemes.

ECI flying squads conduct searches at houses of BRS leaders in Hyderabad

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Flying squads of the Election Commission of India (ECI) searched the houses of some BRS leaders ahead of the November 11 bye-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly seat in Hyderabad.

The election officials, with the help of Central police teams, searched the houses of former MLA Marri Janardhan Reddy and MLC T. Ravinder Rao following complaints that "cash meant for distribution among voters" was kept in their premises.

The searches were conducted at Janardhan Reddy's house in Moti Nagar and at Ravinder Rao's house in Rahmat Nagar.

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) condemned the searches at the houses of its leaders and blamed the ruling Congress party.

The BRS leaders questioned the police searches in areas where the Model Code of Conduct is not in force. They wanted to know why the searches were conducted only at the



premises of the leaders of the opposition party. The BRS leaders alleged that the Congress government has unleashed a reign of terror to win the bye-election.

Janardhan Reddy told reporters after the search at his house that the Election Commission officials found no money. He alleged that the Congress party is resorting to undemocratic actions, as it is afraid of defeat.

Janardhan Reddy said that A. Revanth Reddy is the only Chief Minister who addressed as many as 13 corner meetings for a bye-election.

"The Congress has no faith in democracy, and

that is why it is resorting to intimidation of political rivals," he said. Meanwhile, Hyderabad in-charge minister and Congress leader Ponnamm Prabhakar dismissed the allegation of the BRS. He said the flying squads work under the Election Commission, and they may conduct searches anywhere.

A delegation of BRS leaders will be meeting Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar in New Delhi on Friday evening. A delegation led by BRS parliamentary party leader K. R. Suresh Reddy will meet the CEC.

The BRS has already sought the ECI's inter-

vention to ensure a free and fair bye-election.

In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner on Thursday, the BRS demanded the deployment of central forces throughout the constituency for the November 11 bypoll.

Suresh Reddy sought deployment of central forces and preventive measures against mass rigging, fake identity card creation, booth capturing and intimidation by the Congress party and its candidate Naveen Yadav.

The BRS leader urged the ECI to install CCTV cameras and live webcasting systems in all polling stations under central monitoring.

Think wisely and make decision: Telangana CM to voters ahead of Jubilee Hills Bypolls

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Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Sunday urged voters to think wisely and make a decision in the Jubilee Hills Bypolls on November 11 and Hyderabad became a "growth engine" during the previous Congress government. "Voters should think wisely and make a decision in the Jubilee Hills by-election taking place on the 11th of this month. Voters should think about the overall development of Telangana. People should see how much development Congress has achieved during its time. Giving the state to BRS led to huge debts," CM Reddy told reporters here.

He also highlighted the work done by the Congress government in the State.

"Wasn't it Congress that made Hyderabad a metropolis?.. Metro, Out-

er Ring Road, International Airport.. all these were brought by the Congress government..."

He also targeted Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy. "If Hyderabad is submerged in floods, G. Kishan Reddy will not bring a single penny from the Center. The construction and demolition of Kaleshwaram happened within three years...Rs one lakh crores were drained into Godavari.... The people of Jubilee Hills should think wisely and vote. Hyderabad became a growth engine during the last Congress government."

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday slammed Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and accused him and the Congress candidate of "wearing a skull cap for votes".

Bandi Sanjay Kumar said, "If a day comes when I must wear a skull cap for votes, I'd rather cut off my head. I'm an unapologetic Hindu - I

won't insult other faiths by faking a namaz. Even Muslim leaders like Azharuddin and AIMIM didn't wear it. But CM Revanth Reddy and the Congress candidate did - just for votes. Does CM have the courage to ask Azharuddin to chant Vakratunda Mahakaya? Or take Owaisi to Bhagyalakshmi temple and make him sing a song for Ammavaru to win Hindu votes?"

The counting of votes is scheduled for November 14. This by-election was prompted by the death of the sitting MLA and BRS leader, Maganti Gopinath.

The Congress party has nominated V. Naveen Yadav, a leader from the Backwards Class (BC), as its candidate. Meanwhile, the BRS has chosen Gopinath's widow, Sunitha, to run for the position. The BJP has selected Lankala Deepak Reddy as its candidate.

Telangana CM calls for amendment to law granting bail to drug users

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday opined that there is a need to amend existing law that facilitates the release of drug users on bail, arguing that treating them as "victims" is encouraging repeated substance abuse. Addressing a press conference, here, Reddy said his government would discuss the issue at



length in the next Assembly session and added that he also raised the matter with the Chief Justice of India. "Peo-

ple can go to jail in drunk and drive cases. But if one consumes Cocaine, heroin and ganja, only bailable sec-

tions are applied. There is a need to amend the law. I made an appeal to the Chief Justice of India also," Reddy said.

He noted that the legal loophole treats consumers of dangerous drugs such as cocaine and heroin as victims, allowing addicts to secure bail, get released, and come back again.

"It is a very strange law," he opined. "People are jailed for weeks in drunk and drive cases. But in this kind of dangerous substance abuse cases they get station bail. There is a need to change this. We will discuss this in the next Assembly session," he added.

Kurnool bus fire tragedy: Owner of private travel agency arrested

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Kurnool:

Two weeks after 19 passengers of a bus were charred to death near, the police on Friday arrested the owner of the private travel agency. Vemuri Vinod Kumar, owner of V Kaveeri Travels, was arrested and produced before a court, which remanded him to judicial custody.

Vinod Kumar is named as accused number two in the First Information Report (FIR). Bus driver Miriyala Lakshmaiah, who is accused number one, is already in judicial custody. They were booked under Bharat Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Sections 125(a) and 106(1) for causing death by rash or negligent act.

The bus was operating between Telangana and

Karnataka through Andhra Pradesh, but was registered in Daman and Diu in 2018 and re-registered in Odisha this year. The bus travel operator had also altered the bus meant for seating to a sleeper coach in alleged violation of rules.

The bus, which was carrying 46 people, including two drivers, and was on its way to Bengaluru from Hyderabad, met with the ghastly accident near Chinnatekur village on the outskirts of Kurnool early morning of October 24.

While 19 passengers, including two children, were charred to death, 27 passengers, including both drivers, escaped by breaking glass windows. Seven of the victims were from Andhra Pradesh, six from Telangana, two each from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, and



one each from Odisha and Bihar. Police investigation revealed that the bus ran over a motorcycle lying on the road after the rider rammed it into the road divider. The bus dragged the bike for about 200 meters, and the friction and fuel leakage from the bike ignited the

massive fire, which quickly engulfed the entire bus. Police concluded that the bike rider, B. Shiva Shankar (22), died after hitting the divider, while his friend Erriswamy alias Nani, who was riding pillion and escaped with minor injuries, fled the scene in

panic after watching the bus in flames.

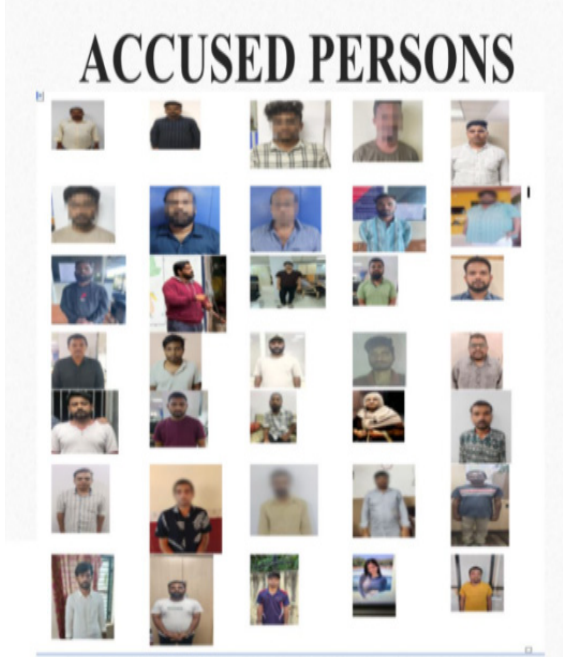
After establishing the presence of a second person and identifying him with CCTV footage recorded at a petrol pump a few minutes before the accident, the police arrested Erriswamy from his native village, Tugali, in Kurnool district, and he revealed the cause of the accident.

Shiva Shankar, who was riding the bike and was drunk, died on the spot after the two-wheeler skidded and rammed into the road divider. Erriswamy told the police that he shifted Shiva Kumar to the roadside and was about to move the bike lying in the middle of the road when the speeding bus hit the bike and dragged it some distance. As the fire engulfed the bus, he panicked and fled the scene.

Cops Bust Major Cyber Fraud Rings, Recover 62 Lakh In Oct

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Hyderabad: The Cyber Crime Police, Hyderabad City, continued their crackdown on cyber fraud networks in October 2025, registering 196 FIRs, arresting 55 accused, and recovering 62.34 lakh for victims. Zonal Cyber Cells registered an additional 130 FIRs, arrested 29 individuals, and refunded 18.22 lakh, taking total recoveries past 80 lakh.

According to police, the 55 arrested accused held 61 bank accounts through which transactions worth 107 crore were routed. They were found involved in 136 cases across India, including 45 cases in Telangana. The accused were traced to eight states—Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, and Bihar. In all, 31 mobile phones, 14 cheque books,



nine debit cards, two laptops, three company stamps, and two SIM cards were seized. The arrested persons were linked to multiple online

scams, including investment and trading frauds (18 cases), digital arrest scams (5), social media-related crimes (4), and various financial frauds

such as insurance, job, and credit card frauds. Among notable cases was a Digital Arrest Scam, where a 62-year-old Hyderabad resident was duped of 1.07 crore by callers posing as Mumbai crime branch officials. In another case, a lost mobile phone was misused for unauthorised bank transactions amounting to 1.95 lakh. A separate online investment scam saw a Hyderabad man lose 24.7 lakh to a fake stock trading group. Police urged the public to remain cautious against fake investment schemes, malicious links, and impersonation calls by fraudsters posing as government officials. Citizens can report cybercrimes by calling the 1930 helpline or visiting www.cybercrime.gov.in. “Stay alert, stay safe, and be cyber smart,” the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police advised.

Nigerian Deported For Overstaying, Suspected of Drug Peddling

HYDERABAD, Nov. 7: Acting on credible information, the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) apprehended a Nigerian national, identified as John Kennedy Chukwuemeka Okoro, also known as Hopy Cup or Jeksa, for overstaying in India illegally and suspected involvement in drug-peddling activities. The 43-year-old, a native of Imo State, Nigeria, had entered India on a business visa in 2012 and had been residing in the country even after his visa and passport expired.

According to police, Okoro initially engaged in the garment business but later turned to drug peddling to earn easy money. He frequently travelled between Bengaluru and Hyderabad and was nabbed while moving suspiciously within the

Asif Nagar Police Station limits. Although no drugs were seized from his possession at the time of arrest, investigations revealed his illegal stay and suspected involvement in narcotics trade.

The H-NEW team, in coordination with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), verified his travel documents and confirmed that he had been overstaying in India for several years. Following due legal procedures, the authorities deported him to Nigeria to prevent further involvement in activities detrimental to national security.

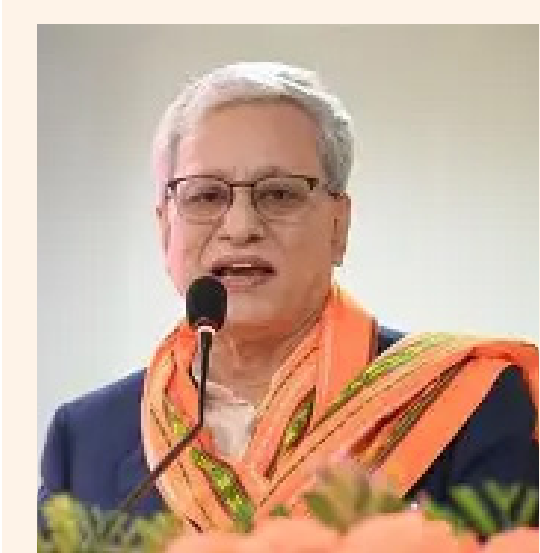
Since its inception, the H-NEW has apprehended and deported 22 foreign nationals residing illegally in India, including 10 deportations carried out this year alone for overstaying visas or using expired passports. The Hyderabad Police have appealed to the public to remain vigilant and report any information related to drug abuse to the H-NEW team at 8712661601. Officials urged parents to monitor their children's activities and help build a drug-free Hyderabad. The operation was led by Inspector S. Bala Swamy, Sub-Inspector B. Manoj Kumar, and the H-NEW staff.



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KARIMNAGAR: Governor Jishnu Dev Varma emphasised that education today extends far beyond chalk and board, drawing strength from technology, experience, and adaptability. He said digital learning has redefined education by breaking barriers of geography, privilege, and opportunity.

Addressing the second convocation of Satavahana University on Friday, the Governor said that skill is the new strength and continuous learning remains the soul of success. “Every degree is a beginning, and every failure is a teacher clothed in humility,” he remarked.

He noted that experiential education builds not just intellect but integrity, adding that every project serves as a rehearsal in compassion, creativity, and social contribution. Collaborating, he said, is the cornerstone of collective progress.

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Hyderabad: Telangana Industries and IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has invited industrialists from the U.S. State of Utah to explore investment opportunities in Telangana, stating that the State has emerged as a national role model in Ease of Doing Business. He said the government is focused not only on attracting investments, but also on long-term value creation, co-creation, and contributing to the global economy through sustainable partnerships.

A high-level delegation from Utah, led by David Carlebach, Managing Director and COO of World Trade Center-Utah, called on the Minister at the Secretariat on Friday. The delegation consisted of representatives from aerospace, defence, advanced manufacturing, technology, AI-based healthcare, life sciences, clean energy, education and innovation sectors. Discussions centred around bilateral cooperation between Utah and Telangana in areas such as innovation, technology transfer, joint research, and skill development.

Mr. Sridhar Babu made a detailed presentation on Telangana's industrial policies, investor-friendly reforms, advantages for sector-specific investments, and incentives being offered to industries. He emphasised that Telangana aims to move beyond conventional investment-led growth towards creating global value chains, innovation-driven ecosystems and employment genera-



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tion. The Minister urged the delegation to facilitate connections between World Trade Center-Utah, Silicon Slopes, and Utah-based start-ups with Telangana's innovation platforms such as T-Hub, T-Works and WE-Hub. He also proposed collaborative research and academic programmes between leading institutions in Telangana

and universities in Utah including the University of Utah, Brigham Young University (BYU) and Neumont University, particularly in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

Mr. Sridhar Babu stated that the Telangana government is ready to build a robust and long-

term partnership with the State of Utah, extending beyond trade and investment to innovation, technology and skill-building. In response, Mr. Carlebach said Utah is keen to work with a fast-growing, dynamic and progressive State like Telangana and looks forward to strengthening cooperation in the months ahead. The delegation included

Utah House Representatives Jason Thompson, Matt McPherson, Nicole McPherson, Lifetime President BJ Hawke, JKD President Mike Nelson, Monere AI CEO and Co-Founder Mou Nandi, Bharat Valley Advisors' Steve Wood and Sunhash Lodde, Equip Social Impact Technologies Founder Lakshminarayana, and IIRF representative Souley.

How can they be role models: Hyderabad Police Commissioner on Raina, Dhawan

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Hyderabad: City Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar on Friday wondered how former Indian cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan can be role model players. The IPS officer, who is known for his tough stand against betting apps, came down heavily on the two former cricketers after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached their assets worth Rs 11.14 crore in connection with the investigation into betting platforms.

“What kind of celebrities are these people?” asked the police Commissioner in a post on X.



He wondered how these people, who even exploit fan following, can become role model players. “Due to addiction to the betting epidemic, countless young people are destroying their lives with their own hands. Thousands have committed suicide. Aren't these

individuals responsible for all of this, having promoted the betting demon that is tearing society apart?” asked Sajjanar. “Speak a few good words for the good of society and to help the youth reach higher positions. That's all, but do not mislead those who admire you and take their lives,” added the police officer.

The ED on Thursday attached mutual fund investments worth Rs 6.64 crore held in Raina's name and an immovable property valued at Rs 4.5 crore belonging to Dhawan.

The action came as part of an ongoing probe into illegal offshore betting platforms, including 1xBet and its surrogate brands 1xBat and 1xBat Sporting Lines. The investigation is based on multiple FIRs filed by various state police agencies. There are allegations that these entities were operating unauthorised online betting and gambling services targeting Indian users.

The ED said both Raina and Dhawan had entered into endorsement deals with foreign entities promoting 1xBet's surrogate. Sajjanar, a 1996-batch IPS officer, has been leading a campaign against online betting and gambling apps. According to him, betting

apps are like an organised mafia. While serving as Managing Director of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) earlier, he had called for holding celebrities and influencers accountable for promoting betting apps.

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Hyderabad: Marking 150 years since the creation of the national song Vande Mataram, the Rachakonda Traffic Police organised a special event at Uppal Ring Road Junction on the directions of Rachakonda Commissioner of Police, Sudheer Babu, IPS.

The programme, held under the supervision of DCP (Traffic) D. Srinivas at 10 am, saw enthusiastic participation from traffic personnel and students of Little Flower College. ADCP Laxmi, ACP (Tra-

ffic) M.V. Srinivas, Uppal Traffic Inspector Nagaraju, Traffic Inspector Madhu, and Uppal Inspector Bhaskar also took part in the event.

As the Vande Mataram song echoed through the junction, motorists voluntarily stopped their vehicles and joined in singing, expressing their deep respect for the motherland. Addressing the gathering, DCP Srinivas said that the two words “Vande Mataram”, born from the heart of the great Bengali

poet Bankim Chandra Chatterjee a century and a half ago, became a divine mantra of India's freedom struggle. “Today, we are not just celebrating an anniversary of a song — we are honouring 150 years of self-respect, indomitable spirit, and devotion to our motherland,” he said.

He added that Vande Mataram represents a philosophy that sees the soil, water, fields, and people of India as sacred — a reflection of the nation's timeless reverence for its land.

Ponnam Dares Kishan Reddy, Says BJP Will Lose Deposit

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HYDERABAD: Union Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, speaking at a media briefing alongside Minister Juapalli Krishna Rao, launched a fierce attack on BJP leadership and the BRS ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election scheduled for November 11. He asserted that the Congress will wrest the seat with a “huge majority” and challenged Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy — the sitting MP from the area — to explain the surprising surge in BJP votes between recent assembly and parliamentary contests.

Ponnam drew attention to the vote tallies from previous elections to question the BJP’s changing fortunes. He noted that in 2018 BRS polled 68,979 votes, Congress 52,975 and BJP 8,517; in 2023 BRS rose to 80,549, Congress to 64,212 and BJP to 25,866. But during the 2024 par-



liamentary poll the Congress reportedly secured 89,705 votes while the BJP jumped to 64,673 and BRS fell to 18,405 — an inexplicable swing, he claimed, for a constituency that had earlier supported the

BRS strongly. Ponnam accused local BJP leaders of striking “opportunistic” understandings with the BRS to poach votes and promised Congress would expose such arrangements. He sug-

gested that BJP’s organisational base in Jubilee Hills is weak and predicted the party would fail to retain its deposit in the by-poll — a prediction echoed by other Congress leaders campaigning in the

constituency. The minister also taunted Kishan Reddy over his track record, saying: “You were a central minister since 2019; now you are acting as if you have struck a backroom deal to help BRS in the by-poll.” He challenged Kishan Reddy to produce the votes rather than mere rhetoric, asking pointedly whether the Union minister could even secure the deposit threshold in the by-poll.

Ponnam urged voters to treat the by-poll as a test not just for local representation but for the political direction of the state, accusing BRS of acting “arrogantly” while still in government and charging BJP leaders with complicity. He appealed for voters loyal to the party and grassroots workers disillusioned by alleged backroom deals to support the Congress candidate on November 11.

Nai Brahmin Community Pledges Support for Congress Candidate



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Hyderabad: At a large community meeting in the Erragadda division, leaders of the Nai Brahmin community declared unanimous support for Congress candidate V. Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-poll. The event, attended by hundreds of community members, was addressed by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, who reassured attendees that the Congress government would champion their

social and economic upliftment. Ponnam emphasised a range of promises and past interventions tailored to the community, citing efforts during his tenure as MP: allocation of land, funds for community buildings and initiatives to modernise traditional trades. He noted that during his earlier term he had earmarked land and allotted funds for a Nai Brahmin community centre in Karimnagar — a demonstration,

he said, of his longstanding commitment to community welfare. Stress was placed on livelihood transitions: Ponnam urged traditional artisans and small tradespeople to adopt technology and modern training. “Caste occupations are not a stigma; they are our pride, but we must evolve with the times,” he told the audience, pledging support for skills training, particularly for beautician and salon professions, and

promising to facilitate modern training institutes that could prepare youth for new opportunities. He also addressed welfare measures: talks with government officials to ensure zero-bill electricity for eligible 250-unit domestic users, protections for households with pending dues, and targeted schemes to support underprivileged children’s education. “If a young person from our community completes

engineering or architecture, they will have a stake in Jubilee Hills’ development,” Ponnam said, urging members to work actively for Naveen Yadav’s victory. The minister called the by-poll an opportunity for marginalised and weaker sections to assert themselves electorally and urged Nai Brahmin families to mobilise, spread the message and ensure a decisive win for Congress on Nov 11.

Harish Rao Blames Govt for Crime, Misrule Ahead of By-Poll

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HYDERABAD | Senior leader Harish Rao used a media interaction to mount a scathing critique of the state government, contending that the Jubilee Hills by-poll is not merely local but a referendum on governance across Telangana. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s administration of “misrule and black-mail”, alleging that public officials were being misused to intimidate institutions and citizens.

Harish insisted that recent two-year governance had failed to deliver on law and order, resulting in a sharp rise in serious crime figures — murders, kidnappings and sexual offences — which, he claimed, had left citizens feeling insecure. He contrasted this with the development record of the previous BRS administration, arguing Hyderabad had shifted from an “investment hub” to an “insecurity hub,” pointing to a spate of high-profile violent

incidents as evidence. These assertions reflect the heightened rhetoric circulating during the Jubilee Hills campaign, which many outlets report has become bitter and personalised. Harish also accused the government of mismanaging education reimbursements and public funds, alleging that promised fee refunds were delayed and college authorities were being harassed by agencies. He said this had forced institutions to shut down and left stu-

dents in distress. He pressed for accountability, demanding that the administration produce evidence of development rather than relying on press statements. Turning to welfare pledges made by the ruling dispensation, Harish scoffed at what he called “hollow promises” of housing and civic projects, and demanded proof of delivery on schemes announced during campaign rallies. He urged voters in Jubilee

Hills to consider the broader implications of the by-poll, suggesting a vote against the ruling party would send a message to the state about governance, accountability and the safety of citizens. In closing, Harish called upon the electorate to reject intimidation and vote as conscience demands — framing the Nov 11 contest as pivotal for the future of Telangana’s administration and public safety.



Seethakka Pitches Congress as Party of the Poor



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HYDERABAD: Minister Seethakka, addressing a packed gathering in Jubilee Hills, presented a detailed defence of the Congress government’s welfare record and urged residents to back the party’s candidate in the impending by-election. In a speech that blended gratitude and challenge, she said Congress remains the party of the poor — one that has “built homes, eased livelihoods and empowered women” across urban and rural Telangana. Seethakka recounted schemes the government has implemented, emphasising free rice distribution and concessional electricity: “We supply up to 200 units of free electricity to beneficiaries and provide free travel for women on local buses,” she said, adding that interest-free loans and thousands of crores in

credit to women’s groups had helped many set up sustainable businesses. She outlined the government’s efforts to deliver mass housing in rural areas — “four-and-a-half lakh households have been allotted homes” — and said similar projects in Hyderabad would begin soon. These claims are central to the ruling party’s campaign narrative as it seeks to consolidate welfare gains ahead of polling. Turning to local grievances, Seethakka said many residents of traditional labour communities — the ‘Vaddera’ — had been denied proper house pattas and accused the TRS (BRS) of obstructing rightful land documentation. “If your house was demolished, we will take responsibility to construct a permanent dwelling for you,” she pledged, appealing di-

rectly to affected families to back Congress on polling day. She also highlighted immediate relief measures: distribution of new ration cards to hundreds of thousands of households, pension and labour-card initiatives for manual workers, and the roll-out of accident and loan insurance cover for thousands of women. Seethakka asked Jubilee Hills voters to cast their ballots for the candidate she claimed would deliver development rather than the politics of “deception and empty promises.” Concluding with a call to action, she urged voters to mark the Congress candidate as their second preference only if they felt compelled — otherwise, she asked for a straight vote to ensure the party’s programme of inclusive development continues.

Congress Whip Rallies Support at Noor Masjid, Seeks Huge Mandate



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HYDERABAD: Campaigning under the banner of the Jubilee Hills Congress unit, a spirited rally at Noor Masjid saw State Government Whip Adi Srinivas join candidate V. Naveen Yadav on the podium as part of an outreach drive in the Erragadda division. Srinivas urged voters to deliver a “massive majority” to the Congress on polling day, repeating the party’s promise to accelerate local development and implement welfare measures that di-

rectly benefit residents. Speakers at the event emphasised continuity in social schemes and argued that a strong mandate for Naveen Yadav would clear the way for the rapid release of funds and early execution of local projects. The rally focused on the need for practical development: housing, improved public utilities and targeted benefits for marginalised communities. Party workers also urged residents to ensure their families and neighbours turn

out to vote, in what they described as a crucial contest for the city’s future. The meeting reflected an intensified campaign across Jubilee Hills, where high-profile leaders from multiple parties have crisscrossed constituencies in the run-up to November 11. Election authorities expect nearly four lakh voters to decide the fate of the seat, with special emphasis on outreach to minority and backward class voters, who were repeatedly singled out by speakers as decisive in the result.

‘Vande Mataram’ Turns 150, Echoes Across Hyderabad

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: As part of the nationwide celebrations marking 150 years of the National Song ‘Vande Mataram’, the Cyberabad Police organized a collective singing programme today at the Parade Grounds, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, and across all police stations under the Commissionerate’s jurisdiction.

The programme was held at the Cyberabad CAR Headquarters Parade Grounds under the supervision of CAR Headquarters ADCP J.SK Shameer, with the active participation of police personnel from the CAR Headquarters.

All officers and staff joined in the singing of ‘Vande Mataram’ with patriotic fervour, honouring the spirit of the National Song. Senior officers highlighted its historical importance in India’s freedom movement and its continued relevance in fostering unity and national pride.

The event was attended by ACP Arun, RIs Shekar, Venkatramana, Anil Kumar, RSI, and several other officers and staff members.



Mahbubia Girls’ High School Resonates with ‘Vande Mataram’ Spirit

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: The historic Mahbubia Girls’ High School in Abids reverberated with patriotic fervour as the institution marked 150 years of Vande Mataram with grand celebrations on Friday.

Ministers Ponnampalabharathi and Jupally Krishna Rao graced the occasion as chief guests, alongside Director of School Education Naveen Nicholas, Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandan, DEO Rohini, and Director of Language and Culture Narasimha Reddy.

The event commemorated 150 years since Bankim Chandra Chatterjee composed Vande Mataram, a song that became the soul of India’s freedom struggle. Ministers and dignitaries joined students in a collective rendition of the National Song, paying tribute to its enduring legacy.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnampalabharathi said, “Vande Mataram inspired millions during the independence movement and continues to remind us of our duty towards the nation. Through such collective singing, we learn to set goals and work towards them with unity and purpose.”

Encouraging the students, he added, “You are the future torchbearers of our nation. With your parents’ aspirations and the Telangana Government’s support, you can scale new heights and build a bright future.”

The programme concluded with cultural performances and a pledge by students to uphold the ideals symbolised by Vande Mataram.



Excise Officials Unite in Song to Mark 150 Years of ‘Vande Mataram’

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: Commemorating 150 years since the composition of India’s National Song Vande Mataram, officials and staff of the Telangana Excise Department joined a collective singing programme at Abkari Bhavan on Friday morning. The event, held following central government directives, saw officers and employees from Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts assemble to sing the song in unison.

Excise Deputy Commissioners P. Da sharath and Anil Kumar Reddy received ceremonial honours before the rendition began. Simultaneous singing events were held at all ten Excise Divisions across Telangana, led by respective Deputy Commissioners.

Assistant Commissioner R. Kishan, Superintendents Krishna Priya and Panhakshari, and several officers including AEs Srinivasa Rao, Jeevan Kiran, and Smita Soujanya participated.

Speaking after the event, officials said the collective singing aimed to rekindle patriotic sentiment and recall the song’s role in uniting people during India’s freedom struggle.

Railway Staff Honour Spirit of ‘Vande Mataram’

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Secunderabad: South Central Railway (SCR) observed the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram with a collective singing event at Secunderabad Railway Station under the leadership of General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava.

Employees gathered to pay tribute to Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, whose composition inspired generations of freedom fighters. The gathering recalled how Vande Mataram had served as a rallying cry against British colonial rule, uniting thousands in the fight for independence.

Officials said such programmes serve to remind the younger generation of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and the ideals of unity and patriotism.



Vande Mataram Echoes at Rachakonda Police Commissionerate

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: Marking 150 years since the composition of Vande Mataram, the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate held a collective singing ceremony under the leadership of Commissioner Sudheer Babu. All officers and staff participated with enthusiasm. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Sudheer Babu said Vande Mataram had played a pivotal role in uniting people during the freedom struggle. “The song infused patriotism and the spirit of unity in diversity — values we must continue to uphold,” he said.

He added that the programme was conducted across Telangana following government directions to celebrate the National Song’s 150th anniversary.

Hydra Wins Hearts Across Hyderabad



TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: Residents across several Hyderabad colonies expressed gratitude to Hydra, the city’s civic response system, for effectively addressing long-standing flood and drainage issues that had plagued their localities for decades.

Locals from Sriramnagar Bastis of Baglingampally, Devarayamjal, and other colonies organised rallies and held placards thanking Hydra officials for resolving issues that once caused flooding with even minimal rainfall.

In Baglingampally, residents recalled how a mere 5 cm of rain would submerge homes. After complaints were lodged through Hydra, the civic body linked the area’s drain to the main Husain Sagar outflow channel, ending years of waterlogging. Residents also noted that the problem had stemmed from encroachments by a former public representative.

Similarly, in Devarayamjal, locals reported that illegal narrowing of a 6-metre-wide stormwater drain had caused extensive flooding. Following their complaint, Hydra cleared the obstructions within a month.

In another case, at Mushkin Cheruvu, local fishermen hailed Hydra’s swift intervention to remove illegal earth filling within the lake’s Full Tank Level (FTL). The lake, spread across 50 acres and once the livelihood source for traditional fishing communities, had become heavily polluted. With Hydra’s restoration efforts, the lake regained its natural form and aquatic life began to return.

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Two Held With 1.4 kg Ganja Near Nampally Station

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: The Special Task Force (A Team) led by officer Anji Reddy seized 1.4 kilograms of ganja near Nampally Railway Station during raids conducted on Friday based on a tip-off about illegal sales in the area.

Police registered cases against four individuals — Hattage Dasharath and Komal were arrested, while U. Pinky and Aman are absconding. The seized contraband and suspects were handed over to the Nampally Excise Station for further investigation.

Officials said sustained surveillance around key transport hubs has helped curb local drug peddling activities.



Kukatpally Police Warn Lodges Against Immoral Activities

TPN Bureau | Nov 7 Hyderabad: Kukatpally police have intensified inspections of local lodges following reports of immoral activities, issuing stern warnings to managers and staff.

Under the supervision of Circle Inspector Subba Rao, multiple lodges were raided this week. Police instructed managements to strictly verify identification documents of all guests and maintain accurate records. Lodges were warned against accommodating unverified or unauthorised occupants.

Speaking to the media, CI Subba Rao said, “Strict legal action will be taken against those permitting or engaging in immoral activities within lodges. Such practices tarnish the reputation of Kukatpally.”

He urged owners to rent rooms only to legitimate couples and lawful customers, emphasising that maintaining the area’s social integrity is the police’s top priority.



Arundhati Reddy Gets Hero’s Welcome After World Cup Glory

HYDERABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
Telangana’s pride and Team India’s pace bowler, Arundhati Reddy, who played a key role in India’s victory at the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025, received a rousing welcome from the State Sports Department upon her arrival in Hyderabad.
On the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Sports Minister V. Srihari, Telangana State Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy and VC & MD Dr. Soni Baladevi welcomed her



warmly at Shamshabad Airport. Later, the cricketer met Minister Sri-

hari, who felicitated her for her contribution to India’s historic win. The event was attended by Dr. Soni Baladevi, coach Akash, and several Sports Authority officials.
Arundhati’s performance with the ball was instrumental in India’s success, inspiring young girls across Telangana to pursue cricket professionally. The Sports Department announced plans to strengthen the women’s cricket ecosystem in the state and provide world-class facilities to emerging players.

Creative Rice Tribute Marks CM Revanth Reddy’s Birthday

HYDERABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
In a unique gesture of appreciation, Telangana Fisheries Chairman Mettu Saikumar extended birthday greetings to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy with a creative gift — a 57-kg rice portrait, symbolising the Chief Minister’s “Free Rice for the Poor” scheme.
The 57-kg portrait, representing each year of the Chief Minister’s life, was designed entirely with rice grains to convey gratitude for his welfare initiatives. Saikumar said the gesture reflected the government’s commitment to ensuring food security for the poor.
“Revanth Reddy has been feeding thousands through his rice subsidy



programme. This portrait is a token of our respect for his compassion and dedication,” Saikumar said, wishing the Chief Minister a long, healthy, and prosperous life.

Worker Killed, Another Injured in Vikarabad Steel Factory Explosion



VIKARABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
A tragic explosion at Suguna Steel Factory in Lakshmidvipalli, Parigi mandal, Vikarabad district, left one worker dead and another injured on Thursday night. According to police, the furnace blast occurred due to procedural negligence during operations. Workers Ali and Rasheed sustained severe burns and were shifted to a private hospital in Somajiguda, where Ali succumbed while undergoing treatment.
Parigi SI Mohan Krishna said a case has been registered and an investigation is underway to determine safety lapses and accountability.

Liquor Bottles Seized During Highway Checks

HYDERABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
Joint teams of the STF and C&D wings seized 43 liquor bottles during surprise checks near Pahadis-harif and along the Hyderabad-Srisailam highway. CIs Venkateshwarlu and Nagaraju confirmed that the seized bottles were handed over to the



Saroornagar Excise Station for further investigation. The operation is part of the ongoing drive to curb illegal liquor transport in the region.

Patriotic Wedding in Bontapalli as Guests Rise for Vande Mataram

SANGAREDDY | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
In a heartwarming moment of patriotism, guests at a wedding in Bontapalli, Sangareddy district, spontaneously rose to sing ‘Vande Mataram’ during the ceremony, creating an emotional scene that captured national pride.
The gesture coincided with the 150th anniversary of the national song, celebrated across Telangana through mass singing events. When the instrumental version of Vande Mataram played at the wedding, BJP district secretary Srikanth stood in respect, prompting all guests, including the families of the bride and groom, to join in singing.
The atmosphere turned deeply patriotic, with slogans of “Vande Mataram” reverberating through the venue. Prominent attendees included former BJP district president Kokati Madhav Reddy, Pokal Satish, Vijay Bhaskar Reddy, Rajender Reddy, and Santosh Reddy Naik.

18 kg Ganja Seized in Bhadrachalam; Five Arrested



BHADRACHALAM | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
In a major drug bust, Telangana Excise Enforcement officials seized 18 kg of dry ganja and arrested five accused during a special drive at RTA Checkpost, Bhadrachalam. The operation, led by AES K. Tirupati under the supervision of Excise Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim, was conducted on the instructions of Khammam Deputy Commissioner G. Janardhan Reddy and Assistant Commissioner G. Ganesh. The accused — identified as Sil Sagar Pawan Karthik (Siddipet), Raj Arun (Nalgonda), Mohammad Khaja Mohinuddin, Mohammad Arafat Hussain, and Sheikh Shafi (Khammam) — were allegedly transporting the contraband from Odisha to Khammam on two bikes. Officials seized the ganja and vehicles, registering a case at Bhadrachalam Excise Station. Citizens have been urged to report any information on narcotics through the toll-free number 1800-425-2523, with assurance of confidentiality.

Global Football Expert Richard Allen Meets Telangana Sports Minister

HYDERABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
Renowned international football coach and development expert Richard Allen met Telangana Sports Minister V. Srihari to discuss strategies for expanding football in the state.
Allen, who has served in key roles in global football organisations, shared insights on youth development and infrastructure. Minister Srihari felicitated him with a shawl and expressed the government’s readiness to collaborate with international experts to boost Telangana’s football standards.
Tandur MLA Manohar Reddy, Sports Authority VC & MD Dr.



Soni Baladevi, and several officials attended the meeting, which focused on introducing structured training programmes and talent identification systems across districts.

Inter-State Train Robber Nabbed by Vikarabad Railway Police

VIKARABAD | TPN BUREAU | Nov 7
The Vikarabad Railway Police arrested an inter-state serial train robber, Thanedar Singh, who had been terrorising passengers across the South Central Railway zone. Addressing the media at Lalaguda, Railway SP Chandana Deepthi said the accused was nabbed at Bharatnagar Railway Station after a sustained operation by special teams. Singh, a ha-

bitual offender, has been involved in 62 theft and robbery cases across Telangana and Karnataka. Police seized 96 grams of gold, 43 grams of silver, 1,500 cash, and four mobile phones from him. “Singh has a long criminal history and frequently targeted long-distance trains,” SP Deepthi said, commending the railway teams for their coordinated action



Supreme Court AGR Order Raises Telecom Policy Questions

The Supreme Court's recent order allowing the Union government to re-examine Vodafone Idea's (Vi) adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues up to FY 2016-17 has triggered fresh debates over the future of India's telecom sector. The November 3 ruling broadened the scope of relief from an earlier October 27 order, which focused only on an additional demand of Rs 9,450 crore, potentially impacting Vi's total AGR liability of Rs 83,400 crore.

The government, which holds a 49% stake in Vi, now faces critical questions. Will it waive part of Vi's AGR dues in public interest to stabilize the struggling telco? Could it take on additional equity, effectively becoming the majority owner in the joint venture between the Aditya Birla Group and UK-based Vodafone? The ruling also raises questions about handling Bharti Airtel's AGR dues of around Rs 38,604 crore, while Reliance Jio, which began operations in Sep-



ity in areas like satellite broadband, where spectrum allocation is still under discussion. Legacy telecom operators, having invested heavily in 3G, 4G, and 5G, could contest competition from newcomers like Starlink and Project Kuiper, raising broader regulatory questions.

The telecom scenario mirrors challenges in e-commerce, where Indian companies can run inventory-led models, but foreign players are limited to marketplace formats—a distinction under review in trade discussions with the United States.

Experts suggest a uniform regulatory framework across sectors is essential to avoid disputes over fairness. The Supreme Court's ruling should be seen as enabling the government to rationalize taxes and duties, rather than mandating a write-off, and could serve as an opportunity to strengthen the telecom sector's financial and operational health in the long term.

tember 2016, has no pending dues.

Any government intervention to relieve Vi could spark concerns over market competitiveness. Private players currently dominate over 92% of the telecom market, with public sector telcos Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) holding just 8%. Some experts argue that state-run telcos could provide sufficient bandwidth to prevent a duopoly, similar to other consumer sectors like aviation, which already show near-duopoly conditions.

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Zohran Mamdani's Victory Sparks Debate Among Indians



Zohran Mamdani's landslide win in New York City has not only marked a milestone for Indian-origin politicians abroad but also triggered intense debate among Indians over his political stance and identity. While Indian-origin successes are often embraced enthusiastically, Mamdani's politics and outspoken criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have made reactions more complex.

A coalition of Indian-American and Hindu diaspora groups openly criticized Mam-

dani in an October 10 letter, accusing him of promoting "bigotry and bias" against Hindus. They described his remarks as "divisive, discriminatory and unbecoming of a leader seeking to lead such a diverse city." His statements about Modi's alleged involvement in the Gujarat riots, including claims about the Muslim population in the state, were widely circulated and condemned in Indian circles. Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi tweeted that Mamdani's remarks were

damaging to India's image, suggesting that Pakistan benefited from his rhetoric.

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Rekha Sharma even supported former US President Donald Trump's cautionary stance on Mamdani, emphasizing that Indian origin alone does not guarantee alignment with India's interests. Such reactions reflect a hesitant embrace of Mamdani, contrasting with typical Indian pride in diaspora achievements.

Yet, other observers and public figures have praised

Mamdani's politics. Human rights activist Harsh Mander noted that the Indian National Congress could learn from his inclusive political vision. Chennai-born consultant Ramya highlighted Mamdani's connection to the Indian Ocean world, rooted in multiculturalism, global yet familiar, and far from conventional diaspora success narratives. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor also congratulated Mamdani and his mother, filmmaker Mira Nair, calling the victory "wonderfully apt," echoing Mamdani's speech quoting Nehru on stepping from the old to the new.

Mamdani represents a political vocabulary India has largely lost: cooperative economics, secular belonging, pride in diversity, working-class dignity, and cultural confidence without chauvinism. His unapologetic foregrounding of Muslim identity and critique of big capital contrasts sharply with India's current political climate, where space for dissent and inclusive politics is shrinking.

For many Indians, Mamdani is not merely a symbol of diaspora pride but a mirror of India's suppressed political imagination, reminding them of values and debates that India once nurtured but has grown weary of. His victory, therefore, is a story of diaspora politics intertwined with India's evolving political consciousness.

India's Services Exports Set to Cross \$400 Billion



India's services exports are on track to surpass the \$400-billion mark for the first time ever, a milestone that signals the growing significance of the sector in the country's economic landscape. On a Trailing Twelve Months (TTM) basis, which measures exports over the past 12 months, India had already crossed this threshold by August 2025.

While merchandise exports like smartphones and pharmaceuticals often dominate headlines, services exports have quietly become a major driver of India's economic progress. In the financial year 2024-25, India exported services worth \$387.54 billion, against imports of \$198.14 billion, generating a services trade surplus of \$189.40 billion, an all-time high. This surplus offset nearly two-thirds of India's merchandise trade deficit, which stood at \$283.81 billion, bringing the overall trade deficit down to \$94.41 billion.

The growth in services exports is not a one-year phenomenon. Over the past decade, India's services surplus has risen steadily—from around \$51 billion in 2011-12 to nearly \$190 billion now. The evolution reflects a shift from traditional IT and IT-enabled services to high-value offerings, including R&D, analytics, cybersecurity, design, and professional services such as consulting, legal support, and accounting.

Global Capability Centres (GCCs) of multinational corporations have been pivotal in this transformation, moving India's exports up the value chain from labor-intensive services to expertise-driven solutions.

The persistent goods trade deficit, by contrast, remains structural, driven by heavy imports of crude oil, LNG, coal, gold, and capital goods. While government initiatives like production-linked incentives (PLI) aim to boost domestic manufacturing, any reduction in import dependence is expected to be gradual. Without the services surplus, India's trade deficit would hover around \$280-300 billion, straining the current account and putting pressure on the rupee. The services sector thus acts as a macro-

stabiliser, cushioning the economy from external shocks.

Looking ahead, India's services exports face potential challenges from international policy shifts. The proposed U.S. HIRE Act, which imposes a 25% tax on overseas service delivery, could alter outsourcing economics and affect Indian IT and GCC operations. Indian firms may need to reassess their global strategies depending on the final legislation.

Overall, India's services exports highlight the country's transition toward high-value knowledge work, reinforcing macroeconomic stability and gradually reshaping the trade landscape, even as merchandise imports continue to reflect structural dependencies.

Bangladesh Banking Crisis Deepens Amid Rising Bad Loans

Bangladesh, once celebrated as one of Asia's fastest-growing economies, is now grappling with a deepening banking crisis. Persistent inflation, tight liquidity, weak governance, and escalating non-performing loans (NPLs) are weighing heavily on the nation's economy, analysts say. Experts attribute the financial strain to mismanaged loans during Sheikh Hasina's tenure and poor oversight under economist Mohammad Yunus's earlier rule.

According to the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) 2025 report on Non-performing Loans in Asia, by December 2024, Bangladesh had the region's weakest banking system, with 20.2 percent

of total loans—Tk 3,45,765 crore—classified as non-performing. By June 2025, the NPL ratio surged to 27.09 percent (Tk 5,30,428 crore), marking a 28 percent year-on-year increase in distressed assets, valued at \$20.27 billion. In comparison, India's NPL ratio stood at 2.5 percent, Pakistan at 6.3 percent, and Sri Lanka recorded a decline, highlighting Bangladesh's uniquely fragile position.

The crisis stems from a spiraling growth of bad loans, which rose from Tk 22,481 crore in 2009 to Tk 2,11,000 crore by June 2024, just before the July uprising that toppled the Hasina government. Economists point to widespread misuse of the



banking system, with politicians and business elites treating banks as "personal wallets." Unscrupulous borrowers allegedly overstated collateral values—sometimes inflating Tk 10 crore properties to Tk 500 crore—to secure massive loans, much of which was siphoned abroad.

"Now, when the central bank tries to recover these loans, they find the assets are worthless. The money has left the country, making recovery extremely difficult," said Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). Despite the severity of the crisis, Rahman stressed that the financial system remains "in bad shape, but not

collapsed."

Bangladesh's economic growth has also slowed, with real GDP growth estimated at 4 percent in FY25, down from 4.2 percent in FY24. High inflation, heightened vulnerabilities in the banking sector, and slowed investment growth underscore the challenges the country faces in sustaining its economic momentum.

While the nation's rise from a "basket case" to a regional growth story over the past decade is undeniable, the fragility of its banking system now threatens to undermine these gains, with experts calling for urgent reforms, stronger governance, and tighter oversight to restore stability and investor confidence.

People Of Bihar Going To Bless BJP-Led NDA: PM Modi On 64.66% Voter Turnout



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the people of Bihar for their record voter turnout in the first phase of polling on November 6, calling it a reflection of growing confidence in the NDA govern-

ment at both the Centre and the state.

Addressing a large gathering in Aurangabad, PM Modi said nearly 65 per cent of voters participated in the first phase, marking the highest polling percentage in Bihar since In-

dependence. He highlighted the enthusiasm of youth, farmers, and women, describing it as a blessing for the BJP-led NDA.

Recalling the region's past struggles with Naxal violence, Modi said Aurangabad had long been a

victim of Red terror during previous RJD-Congress rule. He credited Nitish Kumar's government and subsequent BJP-led central initiatives for restoring safety and security, stating, "After the BJP government came to pow-

er at the Centre, a major crackdown on Red terror was launched, restoring normalcy in people's lives."

The Prime Minister also underscored NDA's track record of fulfilling poll promises, citing landmark achievements such as the construction of the Ram Mandir; abrogation of Article 370, and implementation of One Rank, One Pension for armed forces. He evoked nationalistic sentiments by recalling Bihar as the place where he pledged action against the Pahalgam terror attack perpetrators, emphasizing that the armed forces had delivered justice.

Cautioning voters against the 'fake' promises of the Mahagathbandhan, Modi warned that a return of the opposition alliance could mean a revival of ineffective governance, which he termed 'katta sarkar'.

Through his speech, the Prime Minister reinforced the NDA's development agenda, focus on law and order, and commitment to national security, framing the Bihar elections as a choice between effective governance and the return of political instability.

Rahul Gandhi renews vote theft charge, attacks PM Modi



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday renewed his charge that the BJP is involved in large-scale electoral manipulation, claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi rose to power through "stolen" elections.

Addressing reporters in New Delhi, Gandhi alleged that the BJP has engaged in "wholesale theft" of votes across multiple states, including Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. He said the Congress would provide clear evidence to the youth and Gen Z voters of how the BJP allegedly manipulated election outcomes.

"You should note that all the allegations put forth by me—fake votes, fake photographs, and

no response to them—have come from the Election Commission (EC), and the BJP is defending the EC. But they are not negating what I have said," Gandhi stated, emphasizing that his accusations remain unchallenged substantively.

The Congress leader criticized the EC for not responding adequately to the complaints and evidence submitted by his party regarding alleged irregularities. He accused the BJP of creating a systematic pattern of election rigging that undermines democracy.

Gandhi's remarks come ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, where the Congress is attempting to mobilize youth support amid allegations of governance and electoral malprac-

tices by the ruling BJP. He stressed that the upcoming campaign would focus on exposing these alleged irregularities and empowering the younger generation to demand fair electoral practices.

While the BJP and the EC have not directly responded to Gandhi's renewed allegations, his statements are likely to intensify political debates ahead of the state polls, adding heightened scrutiny on election integrity and the role of institutions in maintaining transparent electoral processes.

This marks a significant escalation in Congress's campaign rhetoric, positioning the party as the defender of democratic fairness and directly challenging the ruling party's legitimacy.

Delhi Assembly Panel Summons Kejriwal, Sisodia Over 'Phansi Ghar'

TPN Correspondent | Bihar

The controversy over Delhi Assembly's so-called 'Phansi Ghar' has escalated, with the Committee of Privileges summoning former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, former Speaker Ram Niwas Goel, and former Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla for questioning. The committee, led by BJP MLA Pradyumn Singh Rajput, will meet on November 13 to examine the authenticity of the structure inaugurated by the AAP government in 2022.

The BJP has labelled the chamber a "fabricated site", accusing the previous regime of distorting history and misusing public funds. During a September Assembly session, Speaker Vijender Gupta claimed the AAP spent ₹1 crore renovating the site to resemble a gallows, installing murals of freedom fighters, iron bars, and nooses. Chief Minister Re-



kha Gupta called it a "gross distortion of history" and directed officials to file an FIR over the alleged misuse of funds.

The AAP, however, accused the BJP of politicising the issue, calling the panel summons legally unsustainable. "Elections are long over; it's time for governance, not politics," the party stated. AAP leaders

also cited Supreme Court rulings limiting successor assemblies from acting on previous term matters.

The controversy stems from a tunnel discovered beneath the Assembly building in 2016, a British-era structure from 1912. The AAP later renovated it as a 'Phansi Ghar', showcasing British-era shackles, a purported noose, and

artefacts linked to freedom fighters. The inauguration, led by Kejriwal, was held alongside a Covid warriors memorial.

AAP MLA Sanjeev Jha defended the project, asserting the site's historical significance and calling for Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) verification, while warning against attempts to "whitewash Brit-

ish tyranny." Historians remain divided on the chamber's original purpose, with some maps indicating a double-storey structure consistent with a hanging chamber.

The upcoming Assembly panel meeting is expected to deepen the political debate over history, heritage, and governance in Delhi.

ED Arrests Third Person in Reliance Power Fake Bank Guarantee Case



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has made its third arrest in the ongoing money-laundering investigation linked to fake bank guarantees (BGs) submitted by a Reliance Power Ltd subsidiary to the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI).

Amar Nath Dutta, a Kolkata-based consultant in trade financing, was taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Dutta is accused of playing an active role alongside Ashok Kumar Pal, the former CFO of Reliance Power, and Partha

Sarthi Biswal, managing director of a shell company, in providing forged BGs worth over Rs 68 crore, fake endorsements, and SFMS confirmations to SECI.

Dutta was produced before an additional sessions judge at Patiala House Courts on November 6 and

sent to four days' ED custody until November 10.

The ED initiated its probe based on three FIRs, including one filed by SECI with the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police. Investigators found that SECI suffered losses exceeding Rs 100 crore due to the fraudu-

lent submissions. The forged BGs included spoofed SBI email endorsements and manipulated domains of other major banks, such as Indiabank.in, Indusindbank.in, and pnbIndia.in, designed to mislead SECI into accepting the fake guarantees.

The ongoing investigation is examining the end-use of funds, tracing assets acquired from the proceeds of crime, and uncovering the wider conspiracy and roles of additional individuals and entities involved.

This case follows the earlier arrests of Ashok Kumar Pal on October 11 and Partha Sarthi Biswal, signaling the ED's focus on dismantling complex financial frauds involving major corporate entities. Reliance Power, part of Anil Ambani's group, is at the center of this high-profile investigation, which highlights the continued scrutiny of corporate financial malpractice in India.

Indian Envoy, U.S. Diplomat Discuss Bilateral Ties



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India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, met senior U.S. diplomat Paul Kapur on Thursday to discuss "common interests" and ways to strengthen bilateral relations. This marked their second meeting in a week, reflecting growing engagement between the two countries.

The discussions took place at the U.S. State Department and focused on advancing cooperation across multiple areas, including trade, security, and strategic partnerships. Officials described the interaction as constructive, emphasizing shared priorities and mutual benefits for India and the United States.

The meeting coincided with remarks by former U.S. President Donald Trump, who indicated that he could visit India next year. He also commented that talks with New Delhi were "going good," signaling continued interest in deepening bilateral ties.

Ambassador Kwatra has been actively engaging with U.S. officials to enhance collaboration on issues ranging from regional security to technology and energy. His recent meetings with senior diplomats highlight India's efforts to maintain robust communication channels with key U.S. stakeholders.

Paul Kapur, a senior diplomat known for his expertise in South Asian

affairs, welcomed the discussions and emphasized the importance of sustained dialogue in addressing global challenges.

Observers note that frequent high-level exchanges between Indian and U.S. officials underline the strategic importance of the partnership, particularly amid evolving geopolitical and economic dynamics. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to work together on shared priorities and explore new avenues for cooperation.

The meeting is expected to pave the way for further engagements, including ministerial-level talks and potential visits, strengthening the longstanding India-U.S. relationship..

PoK Erupts as Gen Z Protests Education Policies



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Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) has erupted in unrest as Gen Z students take to the streets to protest the Shehbaz Sharif-led government's education policies. The protests, initially peaceful, were sparked by rising university fees and inconsistencies in exam results following the introduction of a new digital assessment system at the matriculation and intermediate levels.

The movement began earlier this month at Muzaffarabad's University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), where students voiced concerns over unfair grading, delayed results, and the financial burden of steep fee hikes. Demonstrators demanded reforms in the exam process and greater transparency in the education system.

Tensions escalated when a man reportedly opened fire on the students, injuring at least one protester. This incident pushed the demonstrations into a more volatile phase, with security forces deployed to contain the crowds. Eyewitnesses report clashes between students and police in several areas of Muzaffar-

abad, with tear gas and baton charges used to disperse protesters.

This unrest is the second major wave in PoK in recent months, following earlier demonstrations over economic grievances, including calls for tax relief, cheaper electricity, and accelerated completion of stalled development projects. Analysts note that the current protests bear similarities to youth-led movements in Nepal, where students rallied against corruption and lack of opportunities after government-imposed social media restrictions.

Student leaders have called for a dialogue with the government to address their concerns, warning that continued neglect could worsen unrest. Parents and civil society groups have expressed support for the students, urging authorities to implement reforms while ensuring public safety.

As PoK grapples with this surge of Gen Z activism, the protests underscore growing discontent among young citizens over education, economic issues, and governance, signaling a potential shift in how the region's youth engage with political and social issues.

Sheikh Hasina Admits Security Mistakes During Uprising

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Fifteen months after fleeing Dhaka amid widespread unrest, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has acknowledged that "mistakes were certainly made" by security forces during last year's student-led uprising. In an exclusive written interview with The Hindu, Hasina reflected on the chaotic events of August 2024, when violent protests forced her to leave the country.



protests and criticized the way the situation escalated despite government efforts to maintain order. She emphasized the need for political dialogue and reforms to restore stability and public trust in the country's institutions.

Observers say Hasina's statements mark a rare admission of operational shortcomings by the former leadership, while maintaining that the overall government response was proportionate. Analysts suggest her comments could influence the political discourse ahead of Bangladesh's February elections, as the nation remains deeply divided over governance and democratic legitimacy.

As the country approaches the 2026 polls, questions about election credibility, public safety, and political reconciliation remain central to Bangladesh's fragile political landscape. As the situation unfolds, the international community will be closely watching Moscow's response to U.S. policy signals. Putin's order for contingency planning signals that Russia intends to remain strategically vigilant while leaving the door open for future actions depending on U.S. decisions.

Reflecting on her tenure, Hasina highlighted the challenges of managing nationwide

'PM Modi a great man': Trump says he 'could' visit India next year

TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump has indicated that he could visit India next year, praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great man" and noting that talks and trade discussions between the two countries are "going good." Speaking at the White House, Trump highlighted Modi's recent decision to reduce oil imports from Russia as a positive step in bilateral cooperation.

Trump recalled his previous visit to India, describing it as "a great trip" and emphasizing his personal rapport with Modi. "He's a friend of mine, and we speak... He wants me to go there. We'll figure that out. I'll go," Trump said when asked about a potential trip in 2026.

The announcement comes ahead of the Quad summit in New Delhi, where India will host leaders from Australia, Japan, and the United States.



While the exact dates for the summit are yet to be announced, Trump's comments signal ongoing en-

gagement between Washington and New Delhi on strategic and trade issues.

In his remarks, Trump also revisited his previous claims about mediating conflicts, including a sup-

posed India-Pakistan confrontation in May, which he said he resolved using trade tariffs. "If you take a

look at India and Pakistan... they were shooting each other. I said, 'Listen, if you guys are going to fight, I'm gonna put tariffs on you.' Within 24 hours, I settled the war," he claimed, emphasizing tariffs as a form of "national defense."

Trump's comments underscore his continued focus on trade-driven diplomacy and the importance he places on personal relationships with global leaders. Analysts note that a potential visit to India would reinforce the strategic partnership between the two countries while highlighting ongoing discussions on trade, energy, and regional security.

With US-India relations increasingly centered on economic cooperation and Indo-Pacific security, a Trump visit in 2026 could be a significant event ahead of the next Quad summit and in the context of global geopolitical developments.

Tesla Shareholders Approve Elon Musk's \$1 Trillion Pay Package

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Tesla shareholders have approved a historic stock-based compensation plan for CEO Elon Musk, which could make him the world's first trillionaire if the electric vehicle giant meets ambitious growth targets. The approval came at Tesla's annual shareholder meeting on Thursday, with over 75% of shareholders voting in favour, excluding Musk's existing 15% stake.

"I super appreciate it," Musk told shareholders, expressing gratitude to the board and investors as the results were announced to cheers and chants. Unlike most CEOs, Musk does not take a salary; his earnings come entirely through stock options. Under the new plan, he could receive up to 423.7 million Tesla shares over the next decade, with a potential value of around \$1 trillion if Tesla's market capitalization reaches \$8.5 trillion. Achieving this



milestone would require Tesla's stock price to surge 466% from its current level, making the

company more valuable than Nvidia, currently the world's largest firm at \$5 trillion.

The compensation structure is divided into 12 tranches, and if Musk secures all of them, he

could earn an unprecedented \$275 million per day, marking the largest executive pay package in

history.

Tesla's board had cautioned that rejecting the plan might risk Musk stepping down as CEO. Regulatory filings revealed Musk's concerns about maintaining control over the company without such assurances, making the approval crucial for both parties.

Despite this landmark compensation, Tesla faces a challenging 2025. Sales and profits have declined amid slower electric vehicle demand and reduced U.S. government incentives. Analysts suggest that while Musk's pay package sets a record, Tesla's growth targets remain highly ambitious, and achieving them will require a significant rebound in the company's performance and stock value.

This approval cements Musk's position at the helm while setting a new benchmark for executive compensation in corporate history.

Japan Resumes Seafood Exports to China After Two-Year Ban

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Japan has resumed seafood exports to China for the first time in over two years following a ban imposed by Beijing over concerns about treated radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The move comes as diplomatic and trade relations between the two countries show signs of gradual recovery.

On November 5, 2025, six metric tonnes of scallops harvested in Hokkaido were shipped to China, marking the first official shipment since Beijing's ban in August 2023. The ban was initially imposed after China expressed safety concerns over Japan's discharge of treated radioactive wastewater into the ocean, a step that followed the 2011 tsunami-induced Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara confirmed the shipment on Friday, highlighting it as a significant step in restoring Japan's seafood trade with one of its largest markets. The scallops are expected to undergo strict testing



and certification to ensure they meet China's food safety standards.

Japan's seafood industry, particularly Hokkaido's fisheries, faced substantial losses during the two-year suspension, as China has traditionally

been a major importer of high-quality Japanese seafood. The resumption of exports is expected to provide a boost to local fisheries and rebuild confidence in Japanese seafood products internationally.

Experts note that this development could also signal improving bilateral trade relations between Japan and China, as both countries seek to stabilize economic ties amid regional and global uncertainties. The Japa-

nese government has emphasized that future shipments will continue to follow rigorous safety protocols to maintain both consumer confidence and regulatory compliance.

This first shipment

since the 2023 ban marks a notable milestone in Japan-China trade, offering hope for the recovery of Japanese seafood exports while addressing lingering public concerns over food safety in the wake of the Fukushima incident.

Major Carmakers Slash Prices Ahead of Navaratri, GST Cut Benefits Customers

Buyers are in for a bonanza as leading automakers Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Hyundai Motor India, and luxury carmakers like Mercedes-Benz and BMW announce significant price cuts effective from September 22, coinciding with the start of the auspicious Navaratri period. Two-wheeler makers are also joining the trend, passing on GST benefits to customers.

Maruti Suzuki India, the country's largest carmaker, has reduced vehicle prices by up to ₹1.29 lakh. The company aims to attract two-wheeler users to four-wheelers by offering additional discounts on small cars beyond the GST cut of 8.5%. Popular models such as S-Presso, Alto K10, Celerio, Wagon-R, and Ignis have seen price reductions ranging from ₹71,300 to ₹1,29,600. Premium models including Swift, Baleno, Dzire, Fronx, Brezza, Grand Vitara, Jimny, Ertiga, and XL6 also received substantial cuts, with savings of up to ₹1.12 lakh.

Tata Motors has cut



prices across its passenger vehicles by ₹75,000 to ₹1.45 lakh, including Rs 85,000 off the compact SUV Punch and Rs 1.55 lakh on Nexon. Premium SUVs Harrier and Safari now cost ₹1.4 lakh and ₹1.45 lakh less, respectively. Mahindra & Mahindra has already reduced

prices by up to ₹1.56 lakh on models like Bolero, XUV300, Thar, and Scorpio Classic. Hyundai, Honda, Kia, and Toyota are also implementing reductions, with Hyundai Tucson seeing the highest cut of ₹2.4 lakh.

Luxury automakers have followed suit. Mer-

cedes-Benz announced reductions ranging from ₹2 lakh (A-Class) to ₹10 lakh (S-Class), while BMW Motor India is cutting prices by up to ₹13.6 lakh across its portfolio. Audi and Jaguar Land Rover have also reduced prices, with cuts ranging from ₹2.6 lakh to ₹30.4 lakh.

In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp and Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India are lowering prices by up to ₹15,743 and ₹18,800, respectively.

According to Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer Partho Banerjee, "With car penetration in India at just

34 per 1,000 people, there is no better time to put India on wheels." Consumers are expected to benefit significantly from these combined GST-related and additional price cuts, making the festive season an ideal time for vehicle purchases.

SBI and Bharti Airtel Lead Top Firms' Market Valuation Gains



The combined market valuation of seven of India's top-10 most valued companies soared by ₹1,18,328.29 crore last week, reflecting renewed investor optimism in equities. State Bank of India (SBI) and Bharti Air-

tel emerged as the biggest gainers during this period, as the BSE benchmark surged 721.53 points, or 0.88 per cent.

SBI's market capitalisation jumped ₹35,953.25 crore, taking its valuation to ₹7,95,910 crore,

while Bharti Airtel added ₹33,214.77 crore, reaching ₹11,18,952.64 crore. Reliance Industries, continuing its dominance, saw its market cap rise ₹17,389.23 crore to ₹19,04,898.51 crore. Tata Consultancy Ser-

vices (TCS) also posted gains, climbing ₹12,952.75 crore to ₹11,46,879.47 crore.

Other winners included Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), whose valuation edged higher by ₹12,460.25

crore to ₹5,65,612.92 crore, and Infosys, which rose ₹6,127.73 crore to ₹6,39,901.03 crore. HDFC Bank's market cap inched up by ₹230.31 crore, taking it to ₹14,84,816.26 crore.

On the flip side, some major companies saw declines. ICICI Bank's valuation fell ₹10,707.87 crore to ₹10,01,654.46 crore, Bajaj Finance dipped ₹6,346.93 crore to ₹6,17,892.72 crore, and Hindustan Unilever lost ₹5,039.87 crore, standing at ₹6,01,225.16 crore.

Overall, the week highlighted strong performance by state-owned and tech-centric firms, signaling sustained investor confidence amid positive market sentiment. Reliance Industries retained its position as the most valued company in India, followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, SBI, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, and Hindustan Unilever.

As equities continue to show momentum, investors are closely watching the performance of these blue-chip companies, whose market movements often influence broader market trends and investor strategies.

India's Forex Reserves Cross USD 700 Billion, Third Weekly Rise in a Row

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 4.698 billion in the week ending September 12, reaching USD 702.966 billion, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest 'Weekly Statistical Supplement.' This marks the third consecutive week of gains and sees the much-anticipated USD 700 billion milestone crossed.

The largest component of the reserves, India's foreign currency assets (FCA), increased by USD 2.537 billion to USD 587.014 billion. Gold reserves also contributed to the rise, climbing USD 2.12 billion to reach USD 92.419 billion.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, following the latest monetary policy review, emphasized that India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to cover approximately 11 months of the country's imports. This provides a strong buffer to manage external shocks and sup-



port the stability of the Indian rupee.

Historical trends show India steadily building its

forex reserves over recent years. In 2023, the country

added roughly USD 58 billion to the kitty, reversing

a cumulative decline of USD 71 billion in 2022. In 2024, reserves rose by over USD 20 billion, while 2025 has already seen a cumulative increase of about USD 53 billion so far.

Foreign exchange reserves, or FX reserves, are assets held by a country's central bank, primarily in major reserve currencies such as the US Dollar, with smaller portions in the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. The RBI actively manages these reserves to stabilize the rupee, buying dollars when the rupee strengthens and selling them when it weakens.

With the forex kitty crossing the USD 700 billion mark, India's external stability outlook remains strong, giving policymakers greater flexibility to respond to global volatility and reinforcing confidence in the country's economic resilience amid global uncertainties.

India Emerges as Leading Flexible Office Market Globally



Driven by strong global demand, India has become one of the world's most mature flexible office ecosystems, with international firms accounting for 72 per cent of flex space absorption in 2024, according to Cushman & Wakefield's Global Trends in Flexible Office 2025 report. The remaining 28 per cent of demand came from startups, leveraging flexible offices to manage costs, attract talent, and scale efficiently in a competitive landscape.

India scored a perfect 100 on Cushman & Wakefield's maturity index, surpassing global peers including the UK at 98, France at 97, the US at 81, and Japan and Singapore at 77. The score reflects multiple metrics, including flexible inventory as a share of total office space, number of operators, leasing activity, emerging agreement structures, and overall market depth.

Ramita Arora, Managing Director Bengaluru & Head - Flex, India, Cushman & Wakefield, highlighted India's market maturity, diversity of operators, and ability to pivot with demand, noting that many Western markets are still evolving.

Flexible office demand in India has risen nearly sixfold since 2020, with 2024 alone seeing flex space account for 15 per cent of new office leasing. Operator expansion has surged, with 33.5 million square feet leased between 2022 and 2024—equivalent to over 500,000 seats. Annual take-up has tripled over five years, confirming flexible workspace as a mainstream solution rather than an alternate option.

India is now the largest flexible office market in APAC, with 79.7 million square feet of stock across the top eight cities, expected to reach 85 million square feet by year-end and surpass 100 million by 2026. Managed office and enterprise models now dominate, accounting for 70-80 per cent of demand. Bengaluru leads with 30 per cent of national flex inventory, followed by Delhi NCR, Pune, and Hyderabad.

Institutional interest is growing, with four operators already public and more IPOs anticipated. The next 3-5 years are expected to see consolidation, with leading players strengthening market share while niche operators continue to meet specialised needs.

Wholesale Price Inflation at Two-Year Low, Core Inflation Rises



India's factory gate inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), stood at a two-year low of -0.58% in July, continuing the deflationary trend observed in June. Analysts attribute the recent change in the wholesale price trajectory to an upswing in food prices after months of decline.

Paras Jasrai, Associate Director at India Ratings and Research, noted that food prices played a significant role in reversing the deflationary trend. In August 2025, food prices rose 0.2% compared with the same month last year, while the decline in vegetable prices slowed to 14.2% year-on-year—the slowest pace in six months. Edible oils recorded a sharp increase of 22.9% in August, marking the highest surge in three months.

Jewellery prices also climbed significantly, rising 32.6% year-on-year in August, contributing to a rise in core inflation, which reached a five-month high of 1.6%. Experts

expect core inflation to remain around 1.8% through the end of 2025 due to a low base effect, keeping overall price pressures in check.

Food items accounted for 73 basis points of the 110 basis points uptick in the headline WPI between July and August, highlighting the dominant role of essential commodities in inflation trends. Non-food manufactured items, which make up the core WPI, added 27 basis points to the headline print, according to Rahul Agrawal, Senior Economist at ICRA.

While deflationary pressures have eased, the rise in essential commodity prices indicates that inflation dynamics remain sensitive to changes in food and commodity markets. Policymakers and analysts will continue to monitor WPI and core inflation trends closely as India navigates supply-side pressures and prepares for the upcoming festive season, where consumer demand is expected to rise.

Woman Asked to Leave Nykaa Store in Faridabad



Faridabad, November 7 – A woman visiting a Nykaa store in Sector 15 had a distressing experience while shopping for her sister’s wedding. She claimed that she and her friend were asked to leave the store in a humiliating manner, drawing attention from other customers. The woman shared her ordeal on Reddit under the title, “Asked to leave Nykaa and told to never return!” According to her, the incident occurred on November 6 in the presence of the store manager, who reportedly did not intervene. She recounted that the confrontation began when she was checking colour correctors. A saleswoman allegedly told her she could not use the product directly and that she should ask for assistance if she wanted anything. The woman said she complied, noting the staff’s “commanding tone.” Later, while browsing skincare products, the saleswoman reportedly told them that the store was closing, even though it was only 7 PM and other

customers were still shopping. When questioned, the staff member allegedly said, “Tum jaisi ladkiyo ko mai ache se janti hun, kuch kharidana nahi hai bas ghumne aajati ho” (“I know girls like you very well, you don’t come to buy anything, just to roam around”). The situation escalated when the saleswoman shouted, “Kaam karti hun mai yahan. Naukar hun tumhari?” (“I work here. Am I your servant?”), and allegedly continued insulting the women with phrases like “batameez ladkiya” (“ill-mannered girls”) and “maa baap ne kuch sikhaya nhi” (“your parents haven’t taught you anything”). The confrontation reportedly ended with the staff telling the women, “Bahar niklo yahan se kabhi aa mat jana yahan” (“Get out and never come back here”), and continued outside the store in full view of the market. Nykaa has not yet issued an official statement regarding the incident.

World’s Largest Spider Web Found in Romanian Cave



Scientists have discovered what may be the world’s largest spider web in a sulfur-rich cave near the Greece-Albania border, a find that has both amazed and unnerved arachnophobes worldwide. The discovery, documented in the journal *Subterranean Biology*, features a colossal web housing approximately 111,000 spiders from two rival species coexisting peacefully. According to researchers, the web stretches along the walls of a narrow, low-roofed tunnel deep inside the cave, in a permanently dark zone near the cavern’s mouth. The spiders have built thousands of interconnected funnel webs, forming a sprawling colony that scientists describe as a “silky tent city.” A video accompanying the study shows a researcher gently touching the web, revealing its dense structure as the strands ripple under the glow of his headlamp. The sheer scale of the web, combined with the high number of arachnids living in close proximity, has drawn widespread attention

online. Experts note that the coexistence of the two rival species is particularly unusual, as such species typically compete aggressively for territory. The stable environment of the cave, with its constant temperature, high humidity, and rich sulfur content, appears to support this rare phenomenon. “This web is extraordinary not just in size, but in the harmony displayed by the spiders,” said one researcher. “It gives us new insights into arachnid behavior and the ways ecosystems can support unexpected biodiversity.” The Romanian cave web adds to growing evidence that subterranean environments can host complex and previously undocumented communities. Scientists hope further study will shed light on how these spiders cooperate and maintain such an enormous structure without significant conflict. The discovery has quickly gone viral, with videos of the web sparking fascination and horror in equal measure among social media users.

Chinese Tech Firm Gifts Gold Keycaps to Employees

In a glittering celebration of hard work, Chinese tech company Insta360 has continued its unique tradition of rewarding employees with solid gold keycaps. The Shenzhen-based firm, known for its 360-degree cameras, marked Programmer’s Day by handing out 21 gold keycaps to top-performing staff this year. The most valuable piece, a spacebar weighing 35.02 grams, is worth approximately 320,000 yuan (around Rs 39 lakh). Since starting this initiative four years ago, Insta360 has given out a total of 55 gold keycaps, with their value doubling due to rising gold prices. Employees described the gold gifts as both practical and symbolic. “There are things that cannot be measured by money,” one staff member said, while another shared that they keep



gold from every special occasion instead of selling it. Some employees even aim to collect enough keycaps to “fill the whole keyboard.” The tradition extends beyond keycaps. Staff who recently got married or had a baby receive a one-gram gold coin, and the year-end

party often features a grand prize of a 50-gram gold bar. Earlier this year, for the company’s 10th anniversary, every employee and intern received a “gold blind box” containing a small gold sticker with the message: “All that glitters is not only gold, but also you.” Insta360 founder Liu Jingkan explained that the gold rewards are not given for their monetary value but for what they represent: stability, recognition, and appreciation of employees’ efforts. “Each keystroke turns stone into gold,” he said, emphasizing that the company’s success is built on its team’s dedication. The company’s innovative reward system has earned it the nickname “gold factory” in China’s tech scene, blending employee motivation with a literal touch of luxury.

Sleeping Capsules at Kunming Airport Offer Rest for Travelers

Travelers at China’s Kunming Airport can now enjoy a unique way to rest and recharge during layovers or early flights: sleeping capsules. These compact private pods are designed to provide comfort, privacy, and convenience in the busy airport environment. A video that recently went viral on Reddit shows a traveler unlocking one of the capsules using a remote. Inside, the pod reveals a cozy space with a soft bed, dimmable lighting, ventilation controls, and even water bottles, making it a self-contained area for rest. The capsules are ideal for solo travelers or passengers waiting for connecting flights. Located on the 4th floor of the departure hall, the capsules are equipped with a small fan and a control panel to adjust lighting and airflow. The design prioritizes comfort while maximizing space efficiency, allowing passengers to relax without the disturbance



of crowded lounges or uncomfortable seating. The introduction of sleeping capsules is part of a growing trend in airports worldwide to offer innovative

amenities that cater to travelers’ needs. Unlike traditional lounges, these pods provide a private and quiet environment, enabling passengers to nap, work, or simply unwind in peace. Travelers have praised the capsules for their practicality and comfort, noting that they provide a much-needed break during long layovers or after overnight flights. With airport travel often involving fatigue and stress, such innovations are proving popular for improving the overall passenger experience. The Kunming Airport sleeping capsules highlight a shift toward more personalized travel amenities, blending modern technology with convenience. As airports compete to offer better services, these compact pods may soon become a standard feature in major international terminals, offering weary travelers a safe and comfortable haven amid the bustle of travel.

Nagpur’s Diamond Crossing: India’s Unique Railway Marvel

Nagpur Railway Station in Maharashtra is home to India’s only Diamond Crossing, a rare railway junction where trains from four different directions intersect safely and seamlessly. This engineering marvel highlights the precision and efficiency of Indian Railways, ensuring smooth operations at one of the country’s busiest rail hubs. The crossing earns its name from the diamond shape formed by intersecting tracks when viewed from above. Despite handling heavy daily rail traffic, the meticulous management by signal operators and railway staff ensures there are no accidents, showcasing the high level of coordination involved in managing train movements at this complex junction. The Diamond Crossing connects four major rail routes, allowing trains to travel from all sides without disruption. Its strategic location at Nagpur, a key city in central India, makes it crucial for passenger and freight movement across the country. This junction not only enhances operational efficiency but also demonstrates the engineering prowess and traffic management skills of Indian Railways. Safety at the crossing is maintained through continuous monitoring of train movements, with signal operators coordinating each train’s entry



and exit. This system minimizes delays and eliminates potential collisions, making it a model of railway precision and control. For visitors and train enthusiasts, the Diamond Crossing is more than just a functional railway point—it is a spectacle of engineering brilliance. From the air, the intersecting tracks resemble a perfect diamond, reflecting the careful planning and foresight that went into its design. Nagpur’s Diamond Crossing stands as a symbol of India’s railway heritage and operational excellence, illustrating how innovation and meticulous management can handle complex traffic with remarkable efficiency. It continues to impress both travelers and professionals, offering a glimpse into the intricate workings of one of the world’s largest rail networks.

Alcaraz Drawn with Djokovic, Sinner with Zverev in ATP Finals 2025 Groups

The draw for the 2025 ATP Finals has set the stage for a thrilling show-down in Turin, with world number one Carlos Alcaraz finding himself in the same group as tennis legend Novak Djokovic. The year-ending championship, featuring the top eight male players, promises high-voltage encounters as the world's best battle for the prestigious season finale title.

The Jimmy Connors Group will see Alcaraz, Djokovic, Taylor Fritz, and Alex de Minaur go head-to-head. This grouping immediately caught fans' attention, with Alcaraz and Djokovic renewing their rivalry in what could be a preview of the knockout rounds. The young Spaniard has faced mixed results against the Serbian veteran, and their latest clash is among the most anticipated matches of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Bjorn Borg Group features defending champion Jannik Sinner, Alexander Zverev, Ben Shelton, and either Felix Auger-Aliassime or Lorenzo Musetti, who are bat-



tling for the final qualifying spot. Sinner, buoyed by his spectacular form this season, will look to defend his title on home soil, with the Italian crowd expected to rally behind him.

The ATP Finals, scheduled from November 10 to 17, will once again take place at Turin's Pala Alpitour Arena. The tournament adopts a round-robin format, with the top two players from each group advancing to the semifinals.

Djokovic, a record seven-time champion, will aim to extend his dominance, while Alcaraz, Sinner, and Zverev seek to challenge his supremacy. With such balanced groups and intense rivalries, the 2025 ATP Finals are shaping up to deliver a fitting climax to the tennis season — a mix of experience, youth, and championship hunger all under one roof.

Aryna Sabalenka Defeats Coco Gauff to Reach WTA Finals Semifinals



World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka advanced to the semifinals of the WTA Finals 2025 after defeating defending champion Coco Gauff 7-6(5), 6-2 in a commanding performance on Thursday. The victory marked Sabalenka's third consecutive group-stage win, eliminating Gauff from the tournament and confirming Jessica Pegula as the second qualifier from the group.

Sabalenka will now face Amanda Anisimova in the semifinals on Friday — a much-anticipated rematch of this year's U.S. Open final, which Sabalenka won. Meanwhile, Pegula will take on Elena Rybakina in the other semifinal clash.

The first set between Sabalenka and Gauff was tightly contested. Gauff twice went up a break and even served for the set at 5-4, but Sabalenka fought back with a blistering forehand winner to level the match. In the tiebreaker, Gauff led 4-2 but faltered with a backhand error and a double fault, allowing Sabalenka to take control. The Belarusian closed the set with another forehand winner, showcasing her trademark aggression.

"I was already preparing for the second set, to be honest," Sabalenka admitted. "Then something clicked, and I was able to break. That game gave me a lot of confidence."

With the momentum on her side, Sabalenka broke Gauff early in the second set and never looked back, sealing the match in straight sets. Gauff later acknowledged her missed chances, saying, "I had a lot of opportunities in the first set. It was disappointing not to take them. She raised her level, and I couldn't match it."

Sabalenka's form and confidence make her a clear favorite heading into the semifinals as she continues her

India's Gaganjeet Bhullar Inside Top 10 On Opening Day Of Moutai Singapore Open



India's Gaganjeet Bhullar made a solid start at the Moutai Singapore Open, finishing the opening round inside the top 10 at the Singapore Island Country Club. The seasoned Indian golfer carded a five-under 67, thanks to a strong back-nine surge that featured four birdies in five holes between the 13th and 17th.

Bhullar's round began steadily, with three birdies and two bogeys over his first 12 holes. However, his aggressive approach on the closing stretch turned the momentum in his favor, propelling him to T10 on the leaderboard. He sits three shots behind leader Jeunghun Wang of South Korea, who fired an impressive eight-under 64 in the US\$2 million Asian Tour event.

Among other Indian contenders, Ajeetesh Sandhu and SSP Chawrasia are placed three strokes behind

Bhullar after posting two-under 70s.

The opening day marked the Singapore Open's return after a two-year hiatus, and the first time it's being held at the Singapore Island Country Club's New Course in 25 years. Wang celebrated the occasion in style with nine birdies and a single bogey, holding a one-shot lead over Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Gunn Charoenkul, and Kieran Vincent, who all shot 65s.

Germany's Dominic Foos, Americans Micah Shin, Ollie Schniederjans, and Caleb Surratt, along with Thailand's Nitithorn Thippong, are tied a further stroke behind at 66.

Bhullar, an eight-time Asian Tour winner, will look to build on his promising start as he chases his first win of the season. With tight margins and a competitive field, the upcoming rounds at the Moutai Singapore Open promise thrilling golf action and a potential leaderboard shake-up.

Mumbai City Edge Kerala Blasters to Clinch Final Semi-Final Spot



Mumbai City FC booked the final semi-final berth in the AIF Super Cup 2025-26 after a dramatic 1-0 win over Kerala Blasters FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fartoda on Thursday. A late 88th-minute own goal by Freddy Lallawmawma sealed Kerala's fate, ending their campaign in heartbreak.

The result saw Mumbai City and Kerala Blasters both finish Group D with six points each, but the Islanders advanced on head-to-head record. The match was intense from the start, with Kerala needing only a draw to progress while Mumbai required a win to survive.

Kerala created the early chances, with Adrian Luna setting up Tiago Alves, whose curling shot missed the target by inches. Minutes later, Koldo Obieta forced Mumbai goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa into a fine save. Mumbai nearly took the lead in the 24th minute when Alberto Noguera Ortiz unleashed a powerful strike that Nora Fernandes tipped onto the crossbar.

The turning point came just before halftime as Sandeep Singh, already on a yellow card, fouled Vikram Partap Singh, earning a second booking and leaving the Blasters with 10 men. Despite Kerala's valiant defensive effort, Petr Kratky's side kept pushing, and their persistence finally paid off late in the game.

A routine cross from Pereyra Diaz caused confusion in the Kerala defense, leading to a deflection off Lallawmawma that rolled past Fernandes for the decisive goal. Mumbai held firm in the final minutes to confirm their semifinal spot.

In the day's earlier fixture, Sporting Club Delhi secured their first-ever Super Cup point after a 2-2 draw with Rajasthan United FC in Bambolim. Delhi's late equalizer from Alan Saji (90+4') ended Rajasthan's semifinal hopes, leaving them third in the group with four points.

India Beat Pakistan by 2 Runs (DLS) in Rain-Hit Hong Kong Sixes Thriller

In a tense and rain-affected encounter, India edged past Pakistan by two runs via the DLS method in their Pool C clash at the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2025 on Friday. The thrilling win marked India's first victory of the tournament, while handing Pakistan their maiden defeat.

Batting first after losing the toss, India posted a competitive 86/4 in their allotted six overs. Veteran opener Robin Uthappa set the tone with a quickfire 28 off just 11 balls, striking cleanly from the outset. Skipper Dinesh Karthik and all-rounder Stuart Binny added crucial late runs, pushing India past the 80-run mark despite disciplined bowling from Abbas Afridi's side.

In response, Pakistan started strongly and were well placed at 41/1 after three overs when rain interrupted play. Their chase had been anchored by Fakhar Zaman, who played some aggressive strokes before Binny produced a decisive over — conceding only seven runs while taking a key wicket.

With the rain intensifying and play unable to re-



sume, the DLS method came into effect. India's total proved just beyond Pakistan's par score at that stage, giving the Men in Blue a narrow two-run victory.

Stuart Binny was the standout performer with both bat and ball, while Uthappa's brisk knock provided the perfect start. For Pakistan, Afridi's sharp bowling and Fakhar's intent stood out despite the unfortunate finish.

The win gives Dinesh Karthik's India crucial momentum in Pool C, boosting their chances of advancing to the knockout stages. The Hong Kong Cricket Sixes, known for its high-octane six-over format, once again delivered a gripping India-Pakistan contest — short, intense, and decided by the finest.

Sudheer Babu’s Jatadhara Fails to Impress as a Supernatural Thriller



Actor Sudheer Babu returns with Jatadhara, a supernatural mystery thriller directed by Venkat Kalyan and Abhishek Jaiswal. The film, shot simultaneously in Telugu and Hindi, also marks Sonakshi Sinha’s Telugu debut. Despite an intriguing premise rooted in Indian folklore, the execution leaves much to be desired.

The story follows Shiva (Sudheer Babu), a corporate employee who moonlights as a ghost hunter. Haunted by recurring dreams of a child in danger, Shiva believes that fear within humans, not evil spirits, causes true harm. His life takes a strange turn when he discovers a connection with Dhana Pisaachini, a demoness played by Sonakshi Sinha, leading him to uncover shocking truths about his origins.

Sudheer Babu delivers a committed performance, showcasing both physical intensity and emotional conviction. His effort to explore new genres is evident, especially in the climactic dance sequence. Sonakshi Sinha, appearing mainly in the second

half, impresses with her powerful screen presence and fitting portrayal of a mythic being.

However, Jatadhara’s downfall lies in its weak screenplay and inconsistent direction. The first half meanders without focus, filled with unnecessary subplots and poor editing. The second half initially raises expectations through a flashback sequence but soon loses steam as the narrative remains shallow and predictable. The climax and visual effects are underwhelming, further weakening the film’s impact.

Technically, the film fares poorly — the visuals, CGI, and music lack polish, and the production values appear subpar for a film of this scale.

In the end, Jatadhara is a missed opportunity. While Sudheer Babu and Sonakshi Sinha give sincere performances, the film’s lackluster writing, dull pacing, and unimpressive visuals make it a disappointing supernatural thriller.

Rating: 2.25/5

Ram Charan’s ‘Peddi’ Kicks Off Musical Journey with First Single ‘Chikiri Chikiri’



Tollywood superstar Ram Charan’s much-awaited film Peddi has officially begun its musical promotions with the release of its first single, “Chikiri Chikiri.” The energetic track, composed by the legendary A.R. Rahman, is already making waves across music platforms, delighting fans with its catchy rhythm and vibrant composition.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, known for his emotionally rooted storytelling in Uppena, Peddi marks a significant collaboration between Rahman and Ram Charan — a combination that has raised sky-high expectations. The film is produced by Vriddhi Cinemas and is set for a grand theatrical release on March 27, 2026.

The first single, Chikiri Chikiri, is a lively number that captures the raw energy of rural life while reflecting the film’s rustic yet celebratory tone. Rahman’s fusion of folk beats with his signature modern sound

adds a refreshing twist, while the visuals tease glimpses of Ram Charan in a rugged, earthy avatar. The actor’s dynamic presence and effortless dance moves have once again won over fans.

Peddi features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, marking her second collaboration with Ram Charan after their much-talked-about ad shoot. The film also stars Kannada superstar Shivraj Kumar in a pivotal role, adding further depth to the cast.

With Buchi Babu Sana’s unique storytelling, Rahman’s powerful soundtrack, and Ram Charan’s commanding screen presence, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films of 2026. The release of Chikiri Chikiri has successfully set the tone for what promises to be a musically rich and emotionally intense cinematic experience.

Fans are now eagerly waiting for the next track and more glimpses from this grand production.

Rashmika Mandanna Shines in an Uneven Romantic Drama – The Girlfriend

Rashmika Mandanna’s latest Telugu outing, The Girlfriend, directed by Rahul Ravindran, hit theatres today. Co-starring Deekshith Shetty, the film explores love, obsession, and emotional turmoil, presenting a story that’s as intimate as it is unsettling.

The film follows Bhooma Devi (Rashmika Mandanna), a gentle and innocent young woman who moves to Hyderabad to pursue her MA in English. She meets Vikram (Deekshith Shetty), and their romance soon turns toxic as his possessive behavior begins to suffocate her. What starts as love quickly spirals into psychological tension, forcing Bhooma to confront hard choices that define the film’s emotional arc.

Rashmika delivers one of her most mature performances yet, embodying Bhooma’s vulnerability with striking realism. Her expressive acting and strong command of emotional nuance carry the film. Deekshith Shetty impresses in a darker role, portraying a controlling partner with disturbing conviction. Brief ap-



pearances by Rao Ramesh and Rohini Molleti lend emotional depth, especially in a poignant, wordless scene between the two women.

Visually, the film uses clever metaphors — like a cramped bathroom sym-

bolizing Bhooma’s suffocation — that showcase Rahul Ravindran’s artistic intent. However, the uneven pacing and predictable second half weigh the narrative down. The exaggerated contrast between the

leads feels stylized, and the story at times drifts from reality into melodrama.

Hesham Abdul Wahab’s music is soothing but lacks emotional heft, while Prashanth R Vihari’s background score

provides stronger impact. Technically, the film is neat but could benefit from tighter editing.

Overall, The Girlfriend stands out for Rashmika Mandanna’s powerful performance but falters in execution. It’s a film

that works in moments rather than as a whole — appealing mainly to those who appreciate emotional, metaphor-driven storytelling.

Rating: 2.75/5

GlobeTrotter: Prithviraj’s First Look As Mighty KUMBHA From SSMB Uneviled



The makers of Globetrotter have unveiled the first look of Prithviraj Sukumaran as Kumbha, and it’s already creating a storm among fans. The poster presents Prithviraj in a strikingly futuristic avatar — seated in a high-tech, wheelchair-like contraption equipped with mechanical arms extending from behind. The design instantly establishes him as a powerful and dominant presence in what appears to be a science-fiction action epic.

With an upright posture, squared shoulders, and hands resting firmly on the armrests, Kumbha exudes control, precision, and authority. His pierc-

ing gaze and calm intensity suggest a ruthless strategist, the kind of antagonist who commands fear without raising his voice. The backdrop — a chaotic battlefield with soldiers in motion — contrasts sharply with Kumbha’s stillness, amplifying his sense of menace. It’s a portrait of a man who rules through intellect and intimidation rather than brute force.

Director SS Rajamouli, known for crafting unforgettable cinematic villains, couldn’t hold back his admiration for Prithviraj’s performance. Sharing his experience, he said, “After canning the first shot with Prithvi, I told him

he’s one of the finest actors I’ve ever known. Bringing life to this ruthless and powerful antagonist Kumbha was creatively very satisfying. Thank you, Prithvi, for slipping into his chair... literally.”

With Rajamouli’s vision and Prithviraj’s commanding screen presence, Globetrotter is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated cinematic spectacles. The first look has already sparked discussions online, with fans praising the actor’s transformation and the film’s bold, futuristic tone. If this poster is any indication, Kumbha might just become one of Indian cinema’s most memorable villains.



Anushka Shetty’s Graceful First Look from Kathanar Unveiled

The makers of Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer have revealed the first look of Anushka Shetty, and it’s already making waves across social media. The actress, known for her regal screen presence, appears in a breathtakingly elegant avatar that perfectly complements the film’s mystical tone. Fans have been quick to shower praise, calling her look both majestic and timeless.

Directed by Rojin Thomas and written by R. Ramanand, the film marks Anushka Shetty’s Malayalam debut, adding another milestone to her illustrious career. The fantasy period drama is inspired by the legend of Kadamattathu Kathanar, a 9th-century Christian priest believed to possess supernatural powers. Malayalam star Jayasurya takes on the titular role, while Prabhu Deva appears in a significant supporting part.

In her unveiled look, Anushka radiates an ethereal charm — dressed in traditional attire with intricate jewelry, exuding both power and serenity. The backdrop of misty forests

and ancient architecture enhances the mystical appeal, hinting at the film’s grand world-building and visual sophistication.

Produced on a large scale with cutting-edge technology, Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer promises to be a visual extravaganza blending folklore, faith, and fantasy. The film reportedly employs advanced virtual production techniques, similar to international epics, ensuring a cinematic experience unlike any other in Malayalam cinema.

Fans and industry peers have expressed excitement over Anushka’s inclusion in this ambitious project, with many lauding her return to mythic storytelling after Baahubali. With its stellar cast, gripping premise, and breathtaking visuals, Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated South Indian releases.

Anushka’s enchanting look has undoubtedly set the perfect tone for what promises to be an extraordinary cinematic journey.