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Betting Activity Soars Ahead of High-Stakes Jubilee Hills By-Election

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The upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election has triggered an unprecedented surge in betting activity across the Telugu states, with informal networks predicting a massive monetary circulation possibly exceeding 1,000 crores. The contest, which pits opposition sympathy against the ruling party's full organisational machinery, has become a high-stakes, unpredictable showdown, making it a hotbed for large-scale wagering. Sources reveal that habitual election bettors, including



those in social media groups and private syndicates, are fully engaged, conducting their own 'surveys' by contacting journalists and political analysts to inform their predictions. The betting culture, once confined to cricket, has expanded to all elections, regardless of size, with active participation observed from residents of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

A participant, requesting anonymity, estimated the total amount of money circulating through these networks to be "more than a thousand crores," emphasizing that the constituency's small size is overshadowed by the intense competition and highly unpredictable outcome. Political analysts caution that this mas-

sive illegal betting, while demonstrating the high profile of the election, distorts public perception, fuels misinformation, and operates discreetly using coded language and trusted intermediaries to evade law enforcement. Despite election betting being illegal in India, enforcement remains challenging. As polling day nears, while political parties ramp up canvassing, the parallel betting circles continue to track every political development, with the final result set to determine both the political future of Jubilee Hills and the fate of vast sums of speculative money.

AP Political Equations Cast Shadow Over Jubilee Hills Bypoll

Hyderabad: The Jubilee Hills by-election is no longer just a local political battle—it has turned into a reflection of the broader political dynamics between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. With lakhs of Andhra-origin voters residing in Hyderabad, parties are aware that sentiment flowing from AP politics could decisively influence the result.

Political observers note that the relationship between the BRS and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has resurfaced as a major tipping point. Their political understanding, seen during the 2023 Telangana elections and earlier during various policy and administrative exchanges between the two states, is again under scrutiny. The perception that BRS has historically been friendly toward Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy continues to shape the political preferences of Andhra-origin voters living in Jubilee Hills, Madhapur,

Kukatpally, Kondapur and surrounding regions. During the 2023 elections, several TDP supporters settled in Telangana openly expressed displeasure over what they viewed as BRS's tilt towards YSRCP. Political analysts recall that even during the arrest of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao publicly took a stand that was perceived as supportive of Jagan Mohan Reddy's position. His comments and the subsequent police restrictions on TDP protests in Hyderabad angered many TDP sympathizers living in the city. Many of them later showcased their frustration through the ballot box in the 2023 Telangana Assembly polls, particularly in areas with large Andhra-speaking populations.

Now, with the Jubilee Hills by-election underway, these sentiments have been reignited. Each party—BRS, Congress, BJP and others—

is strategising how to attract the votes of Andhra-origin residents. These voters have strong political preferences shaped by developments in Andhra Pradesh, and their voting pattern often aligns with their home-state affiliations. As a result, AP politics has become an inseparable factor in the Jubilee Hills campaign.

While the political calculations continue, the betting market—thriving quietly yet actively—has also turned its attention to this by-election. The close contest, the complex interplay of sympathy, ruling-party strength and AP-related sentiments have created fertile ground for large-scale betting.

Surveys, local opinion polls and insider information from media circles are reportedly influencing betting decisions. Participants in these networks are examining every political signal coming from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh before placing their stakes.

Reports suggest that people from both states, especially habitual political gamblers, are heavily involved. Andhra-origin participants, in particular, seem eager to predict whether sentiments against BRS will re-emerge strongly or whether new ground realities will benefit the ruling party. With no clear favourite and with multiple political undercurrents shaping the narrative, bettors believe that the stakes are higher than ever.

A participant familiar with the betting circles claimed that the total money involved could easily cross several hundred crores, and might even cross 1,000 crore. "This is not just a by-election. It has emotional, political and regional angles. That's why people are betting aggressively," he said.

Political analysts caution that the influence of AP politics should not be underestimated. For many voters of Andhra origin, political identity remains deeply rooted. Their reaction

to earlier political incidents—such as the arrest of Naidu and the perceived support extended by BRS to YSRCP—still plays a role in shaping their views today.

As polling day nears, parties continue their intense ground-level outreach. Door-to-door campaigning, small gatherings, and targeted appeals to different communities are in full swing. However, the ultimate question remains unanswered: Which way will the Andhra-origin voters tilt this time?

With emotions on one side, political strategy on the other and betting networks buzzing in the background, Jubilee Hills is witnessing a uniquely complex election atmosphere. The final result will not only determine the winner of this seat but will also reveal the depth of AP politics' influence in Telangana's most high-profile by-election. Until then, all eyes—and all bets—remain fixed on Jubilee Hills.

CAG Report Highlights Telangana's Rising Fiscal Deficit and Financial Stress

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A report from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India for the fiscal year 2025 has revealed mounting financial stress for the Telangana government, indicating a significant reliance on borrowings to meet its expenditure commitments. As of September 2025 (the end of the first half of the financial year), the State's fiscal deficit—the gap between total earnings and total expenditure—had reached 45,139 crore. This figure represents a staggering 83.58 per cent utilisation of the total projected annual fiscal deficit target for the 2025-26 financial year. The CAG report highlights that this will



dening deficit is a clear sign that the government is heavily borrowing to bridge the gap. The report also showed that the state's total revenue collections stood at 76,940 crore, which is far below projections. In contrast, total expenditure touched 89,394 crore, driven primarily by committed costs such as salaries, pensions, and subsidies. Furthermore, while the state budget had projected a revenue surplus of 2,738 crore for the full year, the CAG report indicates a re-

versal of this trend, showing the state actually posting a revenue deficit of 12,452 crore in the first half itself. This negative deviation underscores the growing fiscal strain and dependence on debt, despite a positive note on a sharp increase in capital expenditure, suggesting that the government is prioritizing development and infrastructure projects. The CAG cautioned that sustained financial stability depends on stronger tax collections in the latter half of the fiscal year.

In addition to the sanctioned works, projects worth another 28,000 crore are currently in the proposal stage. These include the Mannanur-Srisailam 52 km Elevated Corridor (proposed cost: 8,000 crore) and the landmark Future City-Amavati-Bandar Port Greenfield Highway (proposed cost: 20,000 crore), which is expected to transform the state's economic face. Key projects approved

under the 60,799 crore initiative include:

Regional Ring Road (RRR): A transformative 6-lane RRR connecting all districts has been allocated 36,000 crore. The state government will bear 50% of the funding for this crucial connectivity project.

Rural Roads and Upgrades (HAM): 11,399 crore has been allocated for Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects, which will focus on constructing new roads in areas lacking connectivity and upgrading single-lane roads to double-lane highways. Tenders for these works are set to be called soon, with prioritization given to traffic-congested areas.

Minister Venkat Reddy expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, crediting their leadership and consistent oversight—including bi-weekly project reviews and the CM's engagement with Union Ministers in Delhi—for the remarkable progress in securing approvals for these projects. The Minister emphasized the historic nature of this opportunity for his political career and affirmed the government's commitment to implementing road safety measures on all new highways.

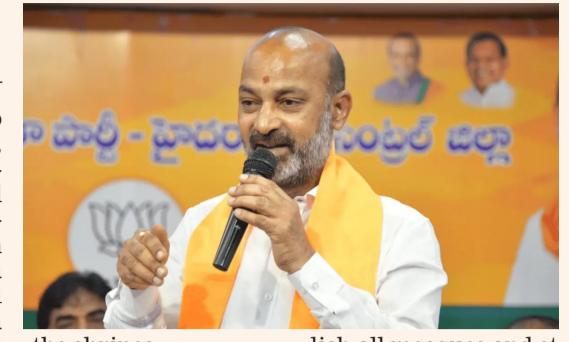
Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Threatens to Demolish Mosques if Maisamma Temples Not Rebuilt in 48 Hours

Peddapalli | Nov 8, 2025

Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, has reacted with sharp condemnation to the demolition of 46 Daari Maisamma temples by municipal officials within the Ramagundam Municipal Corporation limits.

the shrines.

In a stern warning, Bandi Sanjay stated that if the temples are not reconstructed within the given time frame, he would personally visit Godavarikhani after the Jubilee Hills by-election and demolish all mosques and structures belonging to other religions in the area. His controversial ultimatum highlights the heightened religious tensions following the municipal action against the temples.



High Turnout a '65-Volt Shock' to Opposition, Modi Assures Bihar Return for Swearing-in

Patna | Nov 8, 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his campaign for the Bihar assembly polls on Saturday, confidently claiming that the high voter turnout in the first phase was a "65-volt jhatka" (shock) to the Opposition INDIA bloc. Addressing his final rally at Bettiah, Modi centered his attack on the RJD, alleging that if the opposition party came to power, they would bring back the 'jungle raj'. He expressed certainty of an NDA victory, promising to return to Bihar for the swearing-in ceremony of the new NDA government. The Prime Minister, who also addressed a rally in Sitamarhi, the birthplace of Goddess Sita, criticized the opposition for engaging in "vote bank politics" by "protecting infiltrators." He also took indirect



claims, arguing that if the Congress leader were genuinely concerned about the deprived sections, he would have offered the Leader of Opposition post to a Dalit or ST candidate.

Holding fort for the Congress, General Secretary Priyanka Vadra conducted three rallies, likening her party's fight against the "empire of Modi" to Mahatma Gandhi's "satyagraha." She raised the controversial "vote chori" allegation, urging crowds to repeat the names of the Election Commissioners, whom she accused of attempting to rob people of their voting rights. Meanwhile, RJD supporters celebrated the birthday of their young leader Tejaswi Yadav a day early. Other prominent campaigners in the state included UP CM Yogi Adityanath and former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav.

SIT Suspects Ex-TTD Chairman Subba Reddy's Role in Adulterated Laddu Ghee Case

Amaravati | Nov 8, 2025

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) operating under the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has informed the Andhra Pradesh High Court that the role of the former Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman, Subba Reddy, is suspicious in the case involving the supply of adulterated ghee for the preparation of the sacred Tirumala Laddu.

The SIT stated that it requested details of his bank accounts to bring the investigation to a conclusion, as it has the authority to scrutinize transactions if suspicion arises. The SIT filed a counter-affidavit in response to a petition filed by Subba Reddy challenging the High Court's order to seek details of his and his wife's bank accounts.

Reddy failed to take any action against them. The SIT further alleged that he continued to allow these firms to supply the adulterated ghee to the TTD. Consequently, the SIT urged the High Court to dismiss Subba Reddy's petition, arguing that the investigating officer has the full right to examine his transactions, including bank accounts, if deemed necessary for the case. The investigation aims to determine the extent of his involvement and any potential financial motive behind the continued use of sub-standard ghee by the temple administration.

Telangana Sanctions 60,799 Crore for Road Projects

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Birthday Wishes Pour in for CM Revanth Reddy

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy turned 56 on Saturday, receiving a flood of greetings from prominent political figures across the nation. Reddy, who was sworn in as the head of the Telangana government on December 7, 2023, was publicly wished by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister posted on 'X' wishing the Chief Minister a "long and healthy life," to which Reddy promptly responded with gratitude.

The birthday wishes highlighted the national and regional prominence of the Chief Minister. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also joined the well-wishers, praying for Reddy's long and healthy life.

From neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Chandrababu



Naidu extended "heartfelt birthday wishes." Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also conveyed his greetings, adding a

prayer to God to grant Reddy "the strength to serve the people even more, complete health, and joy and happiness." Within the Telangana

administration, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu praised Revanth Reddy as a "symbol of people's governance" and wished him a century of service to the public, filled with good health and the blessings of the people, for fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the state. Telangana Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy also offered his wishes, acknowledging the CM as the "esteemed first Chief Minister of Telangana Congress" and praising his tireless work, day and night, for the welfare of all people and the progress of the state. The widespread greetings from leaders of various political parties underscore the camaraderie and political respect Revanth Reddy commands across state lines and at the national level.

11 Telangana Citizens Among 270 Indians Repatriated After Fleeing Myanmar Cybercrime Hubs

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included 26 women.

These rescued individuals were identified as victims of organised cyber fraud networks. They were originally lured with promises of high-paying jobs to the Myanmar-Thailand border region, only to be held captive and forcibly compelled to engage in illegal online activities in the scam centres. This massive repatriation effort is a continuation of the Government of India's operations to bring back nationals trapped in such fraudulent setups.

The Indian citizens arrived in New Delhi on Thursday night via two special flights operated by the Indian Air Force (IAF), which flew them from Chiang Mai, Thailand, to the Hindon airbase in Uttar Pradesh. The repatriated group also



authorities in New Delhi. Telangana government officials promptly arranged temporary accommodation and essential support for the returnees. Furthermore, necessary arrangements, coordinated with the Ministry of External Affairs and other agencies, were made for their safe transportation back to Hyderabad. Indian investigating agencies have reportedly commenced gathering details from the returnees to understand the operations and activities of the cyberscam centres operating out of Myawaddy.

Farmer Loses 300 Quintals of Cotton in Massive Fire

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A massive fire accident in the Bejjaniki Mandal of Siddipet district on Saturday resulted in the devastating loss of approximately 300 quintals of harvested cotton. The cotton belonged to local farmer Bandi Ilaiah, who had cultivated the crop across 10 acres of his own land and additional leased land.

The incident occurred in the afternoon when the large stock of cotton, which had been spread out on tarpaulins in an open space near his house to dry the remaining moisture after harvest, accidentally caught fire. The flames spread rapidly, and the entire quantity of cotton was reduced to ashes in a matter of moments.

Farmer Ilaiah, along with his sons Ramesh and Anil and other family members, noticed the fire and made frantic attempts to extinguish the blaze, but their efforts were unsuccessful against the rapidly spreading inferno. The Fire Department personnel were alerted and rushed to the scene to eventually bring the fire under control and douse the remaining embers. The sudden loss of their entire harvest, represent-



ing weeks of labour, left the farmer and his family in tears and deep distress.

Following the incident, the local police, includ-

ing Siddipet Rural CI Srinu and SI Soujanya, visited the accident site.

They inspected the area and recorded statements from the victims to for-

mally document the incident and assess the extent of the damage caused by

the accidental fire. The total value of the lost cotton is yet to be fully assessed,

but the financial devastation for the farmer's family is significant.

Koti Deepotsavam to be declared State festival from next year: CM

Hyderabad, Nov 8: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that the 'Koti Deepotsavam' programme, organised annually by a private television management during Karthika Masam, will be officially celebrated as a State festival from next year. Participating in the grand spiritual event held in Hyderabad on Saturday, the Chief Minister said that Koti Deepotsavam, which has grown into one of Telangana's most prominent

religious gatherings, reflects the rich cultural and devotional spirit of the Telugu people. He stated that recognising such a massive and spiritually significant event at the State level would further promote unity, tradition, and devotion among citizens. Revanth Reddy also announced that the Telangana Government would write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the Centre to declare Koti Deepotsavam as a national festival and grant it official



national recognition. He expressed confi-



idence that the festival, which draws lakhs of

devotees from across Telangana and neighbouring states, deserves a place among India's major spiritual celebrations. Highlighting the importance of Karthika Masam in Hindu tradition, the Chief Minister said the festival symbolises light, faith, and collective harmony. "Every lamp lit during this festival represents devotion and the triumph of light over darkness. The government wishes to uphold and celebrate that spir-

it," he said. Revanth Reddy also praised the television management and volunteers who have been conducting Koti Deepotsavam successfully for several years, transforming it into a powerful symbol of Telangana's spiritual identity. He assured that from next year onwards, the State government would extend full support and make the celebrations even more grand and accessible to devotees across the State.

Chikkadpally Police Apprehend Couple for Robbery Planned via YouTube Tutorials

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The Chikkadpally Police successfully apprehended two offenders, husband and wife Gudipati Brahmaiah (51) and Gudipati Anjali @ Anjani (48), swiftly detecting a robbery case that occurred on October 31, 2025. Brahmaiah was apprehended near Sahara Bakery, Ashok Nagar, following credible information. He confessed to attacking 69-year-old victim Smt. Surekha Auradkar and forcibly snatching her gold chain at her apartment lift. He stated the motive was severe financial loss in business and debt recently

taken to perform his younger daughter's marriage. In a highly unusual confession, Brahmaiah admitted to meticulously planning the crime by learning the precise technique of gold chain-snatching by watching YouTube tutorials and news channels. The police reported he had spent 15 days scouting areas like Yousufguda and Borabanda, carrying a face mask and a paper cutting blade for potential threats. On the day of the crime (Oct 31), after two failed attempts at Sultan Bazar due to heavy crowds, he followed the victim from Ramkot bus stop to her resi-



dence. The stolen gold was handed to his wife, Anjali (the receiver), who then mortgaged the chain (14.354g) at Manapuram (Kukatpally) for a total of

1,13,000, used to clear debts. The police recovered the partial chain, the mortgage receipt, the paper cutting blade, and an OPPO mobile phone. The arrest was

made under the supervision of DCP K. Shilpavalli, IPS, and the team thanked Hyderabad Metro Authorities for their cooperation.

GHMC Launches Drive to Remove 277 Stray Dogs from Hospital Premises

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) swiftly implemented a new directive following the Supreme Court's recent order (November 7, 2025) to remove stray dog populations from sensitive public areas across the city. GHMC Commissioner R. V. Karnan instructed the Veterinary department to immediately initiate a focused drive, starting with the perimeters of public and private hospitals. The Supreme Court's mandate specifically targets the removal of stray dogs from key public access points, including schools, hospitals, sports complexes, and transport centers, citing public safety concerns and the risk of bites. The drive commenced on Saturday, and on the very first day, the



GHMC veterinary teams successfully captured a significant total of 277 stray dogs from the vicinity of various government hospital premises. In strict compliance with the judicial order, the GHMC confirmed that these dogs will be sterilized (Animal Birth Control - ABC), vaccinated, and permanently relocated to the GHMC's dedicated Animal Care Centers for ongoing supervision, care, and shelter, ensuring they are not released back into the hospital grounds. The GHMC confirmed plans to strategically expand this crucial public safety drive from hospitals to other vulnerable public spaces, including schools, colleges, and transportation centers, in the coming days, ensuring full adherence to the Supreme Court's directives across the metropolitan area.

Woman Brutally Murdered in Bahadurpally; Suspect in Custody

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A chilling and deeply disturbing incident of a woman's brutal murder has sent shockwaves through the Green Hills Colony, Bahadurpally, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Dundigal Police Station. The victim was fatally attacked in her private residence around 6:00 AM on Saturday morning. According to official reports, an unidentified assailant forcibly gained entry into the home and, in a horrifying act of violence, used a sharp-edged weapon to slit the woman's throat, resulting in her instantaneous death. Upon receiving the initial alert, Dundigal Police officials, along with specialized forensic and investigative teams, immediately rushed to the crime scene to commence a thorough inspection. As part of their initial forensic work, the police successfully recovered the murder weapon—a knife—from the spot, which is now a critical piece of evidence. Based on the preliminary examination and ongoing interrogation of key witnesses, police investigators have formed a strong suspicion that the heinous crime was motivated by a personal dispute, possibly linked to an illicit or extramarital affair. The Dundigal police have formally registered a case related to the murder and, in a swift and commendable display of investigative work, confirmed that they have successfully taken the accused into custody. The police are currently conducting intensive questioning to corroborate the preliminary motive, establish the exact facts and sequence of events, and ensure the suspect is processed for formal prosecution in the shocking case that has greatly disturbed the peace in the local community.

DCP Issues Strict Warning Against Corruption



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The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), East Zone, Hyderabad, conducted a high-level and comprehensive operational meeting on Saturday at Eden Gardens, King Koti, involving all ranks of police personnel within his jurisdiction. The gathering included the Additional DCP and ACPs from the Sultan Bazar, Kachiguda, OU City, and Chilakalaguda Divisions, along with all Sub-Inspectors (SIs), Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs), Head Constables (HCs), Police Constables (PCs), and Home Guards (HGs). During the meeting, the DCP meticulously elaborated on the strategic Road Map and core policing priorities formulated by the Director General of Police, Telangana State, Sri Shi-

vadhar Reddy, IPS, and the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, Sri V.C. Sajjanar, IPS. The officers were specifically briefed on enhancing core policing functions, including the rigorous maintenance of law and order, the improvement of public service delivery, and the intensification of community policing efforts to strengthen the bond between the force and the public. Crucially, the DCP referenced the strict instructions issued in the recent high-level 'Dishanirdesham' meeting (held on 05.11.2025), which were directed from SIs up to DCPs. The East Zone officers were delivered a stern, unequivocal warning against dereliction of duty, corruption, and negligence. The DCP made it explicitly clear that severe disciplinary action would be instantly initiated against any officer found indulging in such misconduct. The address concluded by urging all officers to uphold the integrity, discipline, and efficiency of the Hyderabad City Police through sincere and transparent policing, ensuring that the reputation of the police department remains untarnished.

CP Sajjanar Stresses Discipline and Health in Address to Armed



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Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sri V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, presided over the full-dress Ceremonial Parade held at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Headquarters in Petlabur on Saturday, where he was received with the traditional guard of honour from the assembled personnel. The CP's address focused heavily on the vital and demanding role of the Armed Reserve wing, which he commended for its decades-long history, good reputation, and sustained dedication to maintaining robust law and order. A significant total of 1,044 personnel performed the parade, representing key units including the City Security Guard, the Swift WOM-

en Action Team, the Quick Reaction Team (QRT), and the City Rapid Action Force. The Commissioner emphasized that the police job is uniquely demanding and stressed the imperative for every officer to maintain absolute discipline and high responsibility in carrying out their duties. Crucially, he shifted focus to personal well-being, strongly advising the personnel to prioritize their family members and aggressively focus on health protection. This included counselling them to strictly stay away from bad habits and make daily exercise mandatory for both physical and mental resilience. Professionally, the CP instructed personnel not to waste time but to

Six Hotel Management Students Booked For Drug Abuse



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The Hyderabad Narcotics Police Station (HNPS) and the Eagle Force successfully completed a major operation at the prestigious Culinary Academy of India, Begumpet, apprehending multiple students following credible intelligence on drug use. During the initial enquiry, 11 students voluntarily confessed to the habit of consuming Ganja, which reportedly took place during a college birthday party. Subsequent Urine Drug Tests, conducted in the presence of Principal Sri N. Sudhakar Rao and parents, confirmed that six final-year students pursuing a Bachelor's in Catering Technology and

Culinary Arts tested positive for THC (Ganja). The identified students are Sakshi Emaliya (22), Mohit Shahi (21), Shubham Rawat (27), Carolina Cynthia Harrison (19), Aric Jonathan Anthony (21), and Loy Baruah (22). A criminal case was registered against the six under Section 27(b) of the NDPS Act. Following thorough counselling, the students were immediately sent to a Government De-addiction Centre for compulsory rehabilitation, with parents pleading for immunity from prosecution, which will only be granted if they satisfactorily complete the program under Section 64A of the NDPS Act. The police also

STF B Team Seizes Ganja, Jaggery, and Alum in Two Separate Operations

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The STF B Team, under the command of CI Bhiksha Reddy and SI Balaraju, successfully executed two separate and significant operations on Saturday, effectively cracking down on both narcotics trafficking and the smuggling of materials used for illicit liquor production. In the first instance, acting on specific and credible intelligence regarding Ganja sales and peddling activities in the Dhoopet area, the team conducted a targeted raid. During the operation, they successfully apprehended an individual identified as Narendar Singh and seized a quantity of 1.2 kg of Ganja from his possession. The arrested accused and the entire seized narcotics consignment were subsequently handed over to the Dhoopet Excise Station for formal prosecution under the NDPS Act. The same vigilant STF B Team was responsible for the second, more substantial seizure along the state's smuggling routes. They intercepted a consignment on the key transportation route running from Hyderabad toward the Suryapet region, apprehending an individual

named Somanna. This second seizure involved a significant haul of 45 kg of alum (phitkari) and a massive 180 kg of jaggery (bellam). The police confirmed that these large quantities of jaggery and alum are materials frequently and illegally diverted for the widespread illicit production of country-made liquor. CI Bhiksha Reddy confirmed the success of both operations, emphasizing the team's ongoing commitment to cracking down on both drug peddling and the smuggling of prohibited materials across the region to ensure a safer society.

Frenzy Over Free Country Chicken In Hanamkonda

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The village of Elkaturthy in Hanamkonda district experienced an unexpected holiday atmosphere after local residents stumbled upon a massive, spontaneous bounty. A large number of country chickens (Naatu K u), estimated to be around 2,000, were found wandering freely near the Siddipet-Elkaturthy road. Unidentified persons had reportedly abandoned the poultry directly on the road, leaving them to roam in the fields. Upon hearing the news, the villagers' joy was boundless. Word quickly spread, and residents flocked to the area, competing to capture the fowl. People caught anywhere from two or three to dozens of chickens, transforming the entire village into a scene of celebration. Families immediately began cooking the chickens, with the aroma of the highly-prized country chicken curry filling the air, creating a festival-like atmosphere. The incident has become a popular talking point across the



district, with many referring to the villagers as having won a "lucky

chance." Authorities are now investigating who abandoned such a

large consignment of chickens and the reason behind the mystery

drop-off, which has led to a windfall for the local community.

Minister Tummala Demands 24/7 Access to Kapas Kisan App

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Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao held discussions with CCI CMD Lalit Kumar Gupta and Agriculture Director Gopi, addressing urgent issues faced by cotton farmers across Telangana. The Minister demanded that the 'Kapas Kisan App' be made operational 24 hours a day, pointing out that its current closure at 10 PM is causing serious inconvenience to farmers trying to register their produce. Many cultivators, he said, can only access internet facilities late at night after fieldwork, and the restricted timing is leading to unnecessary delays and hardships.

Tummala also urged the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to remove the current 7 quintal per acre purchase limit and restore the earlier limit of 12 quintals per acre to reflect actual yields. He emphasized that farmers producing higher yields should not be forced to sell the remaining cotton at lower prices in the open market.

Raising another key concern, the Minister requested that CCI allow cotton purchases with up to 20% moisture content, citing recent weather conditions that have affected drying. He also called for the immediate opening of L1, L2, and L3 mills to prevent procurement delays and ensure smooth lifting of stocks.

Highlighting the state's preparedness on fertilizer supply, Tummala stated that Telangana currently holds a 1.5 lakh MT buffer stock of urea, with an



additional 2 lakh MT each allocated for November and December. He instructed officials to ensure timely distribution to all mandals

and take strict action against illegal or unregulated sales of "Ad Blue," a substance used in urea manufacturing.

The Minister noted

that the State Government has already written to the Centre on these issues and directed the APC Secretary to follow up for speedy resolution. He re-

iterated the government's commitment to stand by farmers and make the procurement process more transparent and farmer-friendly.

Jaggareddy: Electing Naveen Yadav is Like Electing an 'Insider' for Development



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During the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign, Congress leader Jaggareddy strongly advocated for candidate Naveen Yadav, framing him as a choice between immediate development and opposition stagnation. He argued that electing the ruling party candidate is like electing an "inti manishi" (insider) who can get work done quickly, even going to the "bedroom" for issues. Conversely, he warned that electing

the opposition is like voting for a "paaloni" (outsider) who will be forced to wait outside the house for help. Jaggareddy stressed that the Congress party will be in power for three more years, making Naveen Yadav the ideal choice to ensure the fast-paced development of Jubilee Hills. He described Naveen Yadav as a young, socially conscious leader who "runs like a horse," committed to the constituency. Citing the immediate sanction of

ration shops in the Kollur double-bed-room colonies following a request, he demonstrated the clear advantage of having an MLA from the ruling party. He dismissed the opposition's candidates and rhetoric, assuring voters that the party is committed to implementing welfare schemes like the 4,000 pension and 2,500 aid once the state's financial planning is completed and urged the voters to think calmly and elect the official candidate.

JD LAKSHMINARAYANA INAUGURATES CS VITTAL MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



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Former CBI Joint Director JD Lakshminarayana (IPS Retired) served as the Chief Guest to inaugurate the CS Vittal Memorial Trust Volleyball Tournament in Chevella. Speaking at the event, he deeply praised the organizers for honoring the memory of CS Vittal, stating that the trust's efforts beautifully demonstrate the value of friendship and mentoring, noting that he knew Vittal from their student days in Bapatla. The

tournament showcases a strong competitive field, featuring 9 national men's teams (including Telangana, South Central Railway, and GST Vizag) and 4 women's teams (SCR, SATS, SEVA, and SRM) from states across South India. Lakshminarayana expressed his hope that the event, which is set to run for two days, will grow from a national-level platform into an international venue for emerging athletes. He specifically applauded the organizers, Elavarthi Srinivas, and sponsors—Subhishi Chairman Venugopal Reddy and Vani Venugopal Reddy—for their commitment to both sports and social responsibility, particularly their work promoting green cover and cleanliness in the surrounding Mokila area. He concluded by urging the organizers to use the spirit of the memorial to guide youth toward opportunities in education and employment. The finals and prize distribution are scheduled for Sunday.

Why India's Red Revolution Lost Its Fire

India's once-fiercely red revolution, which began as a peasant uprising rooted in exploitation and inequality, has gradually faded into history. What started with the Communist Party of India (CPI) mobilising peasants in Telangana in the late 1940s against feudal oppression under the Nizam of Hyderabad, evolved into a prolonged revolutionary movement that gripped parts of the country for nearly eight decades. Yet, the fervour that once powered these struggles has all but disappeared — primarily because the socio-economic triggers that sustained them were eventually addressed.

The Communist movement in India drew its energy not from abstract ideology, but from poverty, inequality, and land injustice. The Telangana uprising became a symbol of rural resistance, inspiring other agrarian movements across West Bengal, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh. As India's democracy deepened and land reforms, welfare policies, and economic develop-



ment gradually improved living conditions, the appeal of violent class struggle weakened.

The rise of parliamentary

democracy also reshaped the left's trajectory. The CPI and later the CPI(M) shifted focus from armed struggle to electoral participation, rec-

ognising that meaningful change could be achieved through governance rather than guerrilla warfare. States like West Bengal, Ker-

ala, and Tripura emerged as strongholds of Left-led governments, which implemented education, health, and agrarian reforms — partially

fulfilling the original revolutionary goals through constitutional means.

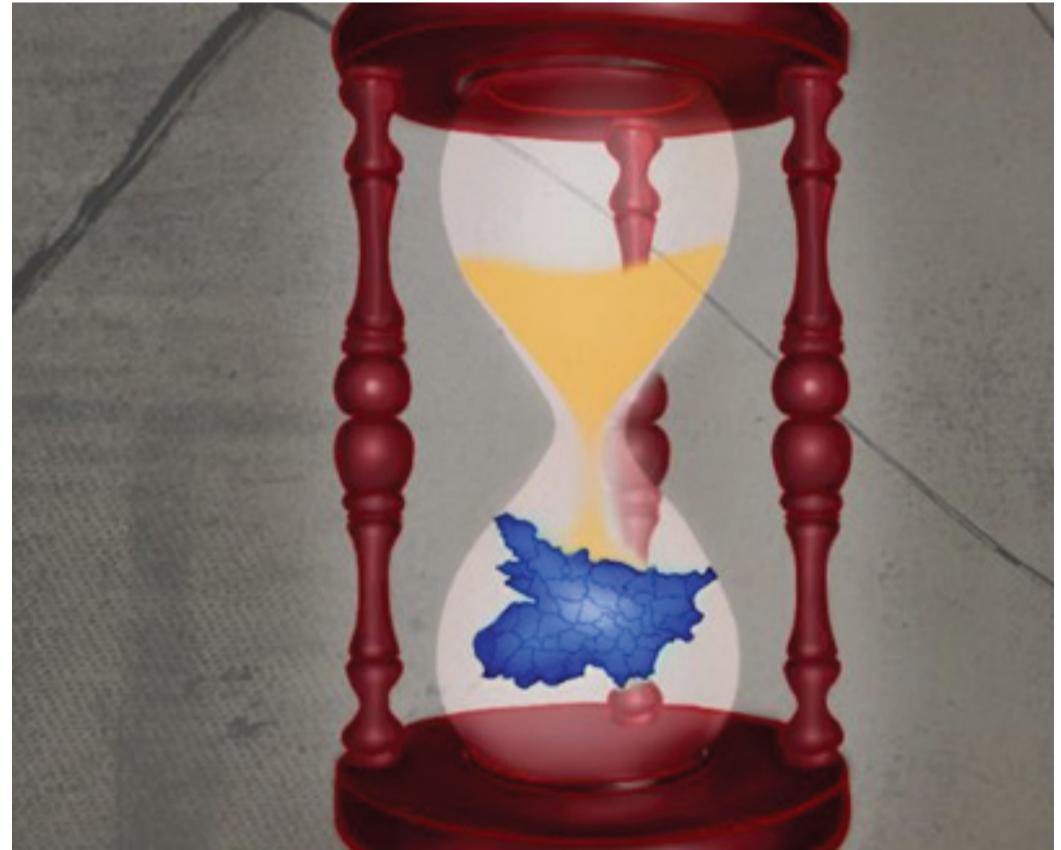
However, the fragmentation of the Left and the rise

of identity-based politics further eroded its base. The emergence of caste-driven and regional movements gave India's poor new political identities that went beyond class struggle. The global decline of communism and China's shift towards state capitalism also diminished the ideological appeal of Marxist revolution.

By the early 2000s, only the Naxalite movement — concentrated in parts of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha — continued to carry the red flag, but even that was weakened by internal divisions and stronger state response.

Ultimately, India's red revolution ended not with repression, but with reform and inclusion. As socio-economic grievances found partial redress through democratic politics, the revolutionary zeal that once set India's hinterlands ablaze was replaced by the pursuit of stability and opportunity. Poverty, not ideology, was the root cause — and once that began to fade, so did the revolution.

Bihar's Politics of Obsession: How the Cradle of Democracy Fell Behind



Bihar, the state that proudly calls itself the birthplace of democracy, is once again in the political spotlight as it votes to elect its 18th state assembly. Yet, behind this celebration of democracy lies a tragic paradox — a land historically fertile for revolutions and reform now struggles with stagnation and poverty.

A signboard in Vaishali, near Patna, proclaims, "Wel-

come to the first Republic in the World." The claim isn't folklore — historians affirm that the Licchavi Republic was indeed among the earliest democratic systems. However, while Bihar gave India the idea of democracy, its people have reaped little of its dividends. The state remains economically backward, with India's lowest per capita income, minimal industry, and mas-

sive labour migration.

For decades, Bihar's politics has revolved around caste, identity, and social coalitions rather than progress or innovation. Even today, its voters measure development not by global or national standards, but by whether they are doing slightly better than the previous generation. As Shekhar Gupta writes, "Bihar is blessed with land more fertile for revolutions than any in India. Yet, its constant obsession with politics is at the root of its destruction."

Historically, Bihar has been the heartland of India's greatest political movements. From Mahatma Gandhi's 1917 Champaran Satyagraha to Jayaprakash Narayan's Total Revolution and Karpoori Thakur's social justice crusade, the state has consistently reshaped Indian politics. It gave rise to the Mandal era of caste empowerment and birthed anti-Congress and secular coalitions that redefined the national landscape. Yet, every revolution that began in Bihar eventually turned inward, consuming its own promise.

Today, Bihar's intense political awareness has become both its strength and its curse. Politics is the state's only thriving industry — debates and discussions rage across villages and towns while real economic activity lags behind. Leaders continue to trade in the politics of giveaways and caste arithmetic, reducing development to an afterthought.

The tragedy of Bihar lies not in its lack of talent or history but in its obsession with politics over progress. The state that once gave India Gandhi, JP, and Karpoori Thakur now remains trapped in a cycle of minimal expectations. As Shekhar Gupta writes, "Bihar is blessed with land more fertile for revolutions than any in India. Yet, its constant obsession with politics is at the root of its destruction."

India's Innovation-First AI Strategy Faces Regulatory Challenges



India has chosen to embrace an innovation-first approach to artificial intelligence (AI), prioritising technological advancement while keeping regulation flexible. The recently released AI Governance Guidelines by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) underline a people-centric vision — one that aims to make AI a driver of inclusive growth, ethical innovation, and public trust.

According to IT Secretary S. Krishnan, the government does not intend to impose rigid rules in the early stages. Instead, it will introduce regulation or legislation only when necessary, ensuring that innovation is not stifled. This wait-and-watch policy reflects India's belief that overregulation could discourage startups, researchers, and global investors from experimenting freely within

the country's expanding digital economy.

The global context reinforces this stance. Countries such as the US, UK, and members of the EU are still grappling with how to balance AI regulation, privacy, and innovation. While the European Union has opted for a cautious, heavily regulated model through its AI Act, India is treading a middle path — encouraging rapid development but maintaining oversight through advisory frameworks and ethical standards.

India's open and innovation-friendly policy has already started to yield results. Google's announcement of a \$15 billion investment to establish an AI hub in Andhra Pradesh over the next five years underscores the growing confidence of global tech companies in India's AI potential. This initiative is expected to generate thousands of jobs, promote research

collaborations, and strengthen India's AI infrastructure.

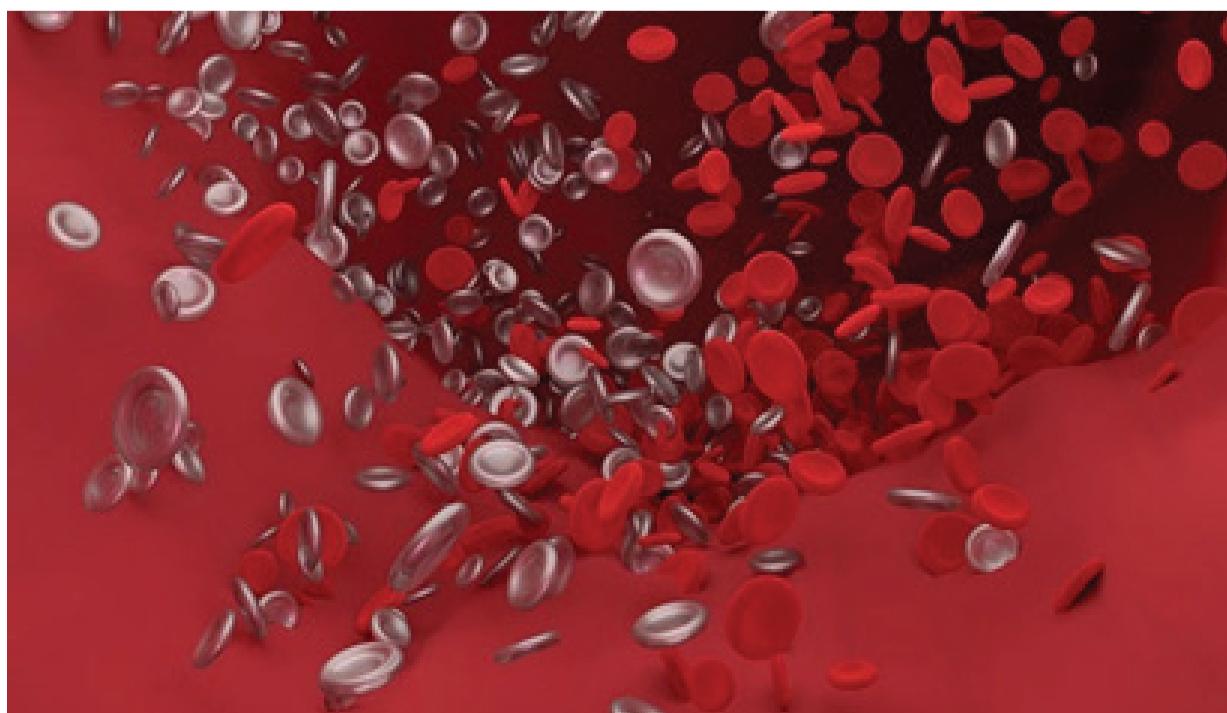
However, challenges persist. The absence of clear legal frameworks could lead to ethical, privacy, and data misuse concerns, particularly as AI applications spread across sectors such as governance, healthcare, and education. Experts warn that without timely safeguards, India may risk algorithmic bias, misinformation, and inadequate accountability mechanisms.

The editorial underscores the need for balanced policy-making — one that supports innovation while ensuring that AI development remains transparent, equitable, and socially responsible. For now, India's flexible approach appears pragmatic, but as technology evolves, so must its governance framework. In the race to lead in AI, innovation must not outpace accountability.

Despite Health Campaigns, Blood Clot Awareness Remains Dangerously Low

Behind many sudden deaths in India lies an often-overlooked killer — blood clots that block blood flow to the heart, lungs, or brain. Globally, one in four deaths is linked to clotting disorders, more than those caused by AIDS, breast cancer, or road accidents combined. In India, clots strike at a younger age than in the West, often during people's most productive years. Of the 2.5 million heart-related deaths reported annually in India, a significant portion is triggered by clot formation.

Despite major campaigns for diabetes and hypertension, public awareness about clotting remains alarmingly low. Warning signs —



such as chest pain, swelling in a leg, shortness of breath, or dizziness — are often ignored until it's too late. Conditions such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE), collectively known as venous thromboembolism, can recur and cause lasting damage or sudden death if untreated.

The Covid-19 pandemic drew brief attention to clotting disorders when infections were found to make blood more prone to clotting by damaging vessels and activating platelets. The D-dimer test, which detects fragments of clots in the bloodstream, became widely known. However, as the pandemic faded, so did public concern.

The risk of clotting is higher among people who are sedentary, obese, diabetic, recovering from surgery, or undergoing cancer therapy. Women face additional risks during pregnancy or while taking oral contraceptives, and soldiers stationed at high altitudes are also vulnerable due to low oxygen and dehydration.

Experts stress that prevention is simple — move more, sit less, and stay hydrated. Standing or walking every hour can significantly reduce risk. Treatment has also advanced, with modern anticoagulants such as dabigatran and rivaroxaban providing safer, more targeted options than older drugs like

warfarin. India has contributed to innovation in this field through the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's streptokinase enzyme and ongoing research at IISc and IIT (BHU) into nano-based therapies.

India's first national registry for clotting disorders, i-RegVeD, launched by the ICMR in 2022, is already helping shape hospital protocols. Still, experts call for a nationwide awareness campaign across workplaces, airlines, and hospitals.

Blood clots may kill silently, but with early recognition, prevention, and timely care, India can turn this silent threat into a preventable one.

PM Modi Flags Off Four New Vande Bharat Trains



TPN Correspondent | Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated four new Vande Bharat Express trains from Banaras railway station, expanding the network of India's semi-high-speed trains and improving connectivity across key regions.

The four new routes

flagged off include Banaras-Khajuraho, Lucknow-Saharanpur, Firozpur-Delhi, and Ernakulam-Bengaluru. While the Banaras-Khajuraho train was inaugurated in person, the other three routes were launched virtually by the Prime Minister. These new services are expect-

ed to significantly reduce travel time for passengers and enhance comfort with modern onboard facilities.

The Vande Bharat Express, India's indigenous semi-high-speed train, is known for its state-of-the-art coaches, faster speeds, and energy-efficient design. The introduction of

these four new routes is part of the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen regional rail connectivity and promote tourism and economic development.

The Banaras-Khajuraho route is expected to boost tourism in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, connecting two

prominent cultural and historical hubs. Similarly, the Ernakulam-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express will facilitate smoother travel between southern India's commercial centers.

The Lucknow-Saharanpur and Firozpur-Delhi services will improve inter-state travel in the northern region, offering a faster alternative to conventional trains while maintaining affordability.

Prime Minister Modi has often highlighted the Vande Bharat Express as a symbol of India's technological self-reliance in rail transport, with modern features such as automatic doors, onboard information, and bio-toilets. These trains are also designed for energy efficiency, reflecting the government's focus on sustainable transportation.

The inauguration of these four new Vande Bharat Express trains marks a continued push to modernize India's railway infrastructure, enhance passenger experience, and reduce travel time between important cities across the country.

Ex-Sabarimala Commissioner Sent to Custody in Gold Heist Case

TPN Correspondent | Thiruvananthapuram

Former Thiruvananthapuram Commissioner K.S. Baiju has been sent to custody until November 21 in connection with the Sabarimala gold heist, as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) ramps up its probe into the high-profile case.

Baiju, who served as the official custodian of all valuable assets in temples under the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), was arrested on Thursday and produced before the Ranni court. Investigators allege that during his tenure, Baiju recorded gold-plated layers of the dwarpalaka sculptures and the Srikant kattila panel as copper sheets in official records, allowing the prime accused, Unnikrishnan Potti, to replace and smuggle the items.

The SIT also noted that Baiju failed to sign key handover orders and was absent during critical



stages when gold-plated items were removed, preventing the High Court-appointed Special Commissioner from detecting irregularities. Officials suspect this lapse may have been deliberate.

Two other former TDB officials remain in custody: former Administrative Officer Murari Babu until November 10, and former Executive Officer Sudheesh

Kumar until November 12. Former TDB president N. Vasu may face further questioning following stern observations by the Kerala High Court.

The investigation has sparked political tensions ahead of the Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season. The BJP

launched a signature campaign aiming to collect one crore signatures, seeking the Prime Minister's intervention to safeguard Sabarimala assets and ensure better pilgrim facilities. BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar criticized the Kerala government for failing to protect temple wealth and called for administrative control to shift from the state.

Meanwhile, the Congress announced intensified agitation, with KPCC president Sunny Joseph

planning a 'Secretariat March' on November 12, alleging government complicity in corruption. The CPI(M) recommended reconstituting the TDB to restore transparency, a move with political weight ahead of local elections.

With both parties pressing their agendas, the Sabarimala gold heist case remains a focal point of political and administrative scrutiny in Kerala.

Complaints Over Street Distribution of SIR Forms in Bengal



TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has received multiple complaints regarding Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in West Bengal distributing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral forms at public places, sparking concern over procedural violations.

Political parties have reported that BLOs handed out forms at tea stalls, local clubs, street corners, and schools, instead of visiting voters' homes as mandated. In some areas, people were seen rushing to streets to collect the forms directly from officers. The irregularities have reportedly left the

state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) embarrassed. Following these complaints, the ECI issued a warning to senior poll officials, emphasizing strict adherence to guidelines. BLOs were reminded that their duty is to distribute SIR forms door-to-door, assist voters in filling out the forms correctly, and

address any doubts. The ECI stressed that the distribution of forms in public spaces violates electoral rules.

The Commission also directed District Magistrates (DMs) to monitor the process closely and warned of strict action if negligence persists. A district-level control room

has been mandated to supervise BLO activities, with one BLO supervisor assigned for every ten booths to ensure compliance.

ECI officials pointed to the Bihar model as a standard, where enumerators personally deliver forms and educate voters, ensuring both accuracy and transparency. The directive aims to prevent any misuse or confusion during the voter list revision process.

The SIR drive, currently in its second phase, is a crucial step to update electoral rolls ahead of upcoming elections. The ECI's proactive measures reflect an effort to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process while addressing public and political concerns in West Bengal.

With complaints continuing to surface, the ECI is closely monitoring the situation to ensure that door-to-door delivery remains the standard for all BLOs in the state.

Rahul Gandhi Slams BJP Over 'Favouritism' in Bihar



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday launched a scathing attack on the BJP in Bihar, targeting what he called "favouritism" toward influential families and corporations.

Speaking at a rally in Bhagalpur, he criticized Jay Shah, ICC president and son of Home Minister Amit Shah, saying he "does not know how to hold a bat, yet controls cricket."

Rahul alleged that only the sons of powerful individuals like Adani, Ambani, and Shah were allowed to pursue big dreams in India. He claimed the BJP-led government at the Centre and in Bihar had turned the youth into "labourers" while building infrastructure such as bridges and expressways, but failing to provide jobs in their home state.

The Congress leader

also accused business tycoons of profiting from the sale of Chinese goods in India, aided by government policies that grant them land and media coverage.

He reiterated that demonetization and other economic measures had harmed farmers, small businesses, and labourers, contrasting this with Congress's focus on employment generation. Rahul emphasized his vision of promoting local manufacturing, including mobile phone production in Bihar.

He also raised concerns about electoral integrity, alleging the BJP had "stolen" elections in Haryana and might attempt a repeat in Bihar. He criticized government initiatives like setting up data centres for youth to make social media content, claiming they distract from pressing issues such as unemployment

and paper leaks in Bihar's education system.

Meanwhile, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav continued his campaign ahead of the November 11 Assembly polls, asserting that increased voter turnout in the first phase indicated a public appetite for change. He reiterated his commitment to providing one government job per family.

However, Tejashwi faced an awkward moment in Purnea, where MP Pappu Yadav joined him on stage, highlighting lingering tensions within the opposition.

Pappu had previously contested as an Independent in the Lok Sabha elections after disagreements with RJD over seat allocation.

The Bihar Assembly elections remain highly contested, with political rivals intensifying campaigns across the state.

44 Indians Serving in Russian Army, MEA Confirms



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India on Friday confirmed that 44 Indian nationals are currently serving in the Russian Army, with several reportedly coerced or misled into signing up for combat roles amid Moscow's ongoing war with Ukraine.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated at a weekly briefing that the Indian government had "come to know of several Indian nationals who have been recruited in the Russian Army," emphasizing that authorities are in touch with both the Russian side and the families of the affected individuals.

He said India had requested the early release of these nationals and urged Russia to halt the recruitment of foreign citizens into combat roles.

Jaiswal also issued a

strong advisory warning Indian citizens to avoid dubious agents promising jobs or military positions in Russia. "Such offers are fraught with danger to life," he noted. "Despite repeated warnings, some continue to enlist, but they must understand the risks involved."

Indian law enforcement agencies have reportedly taken action against networks and individuals suspected of luring citizens into joining Russian forces. Jaiswal stressed that efforts are ongoing to prevent such recruitment and safeguard Indian nationals from exploitation.

Reports over the past year have highlighted growing concern among families, particularly in Punjab and Haryana, whose sons have gone missing for

more than 15 months after allegedly being coerced into military contracts in Russia. Many of these young men had traveled on student or work visas, only to find themselves trapped in service with no viable way to return home.

The MEA's confirmation underscores the ongoing diplomatic and humanitarian challenge for India, as it seeks to protect its citizens abroad while navigating sensitive ties with Russia during the conflict in Ukraine.

The government continues to monitor the situation closely and maintain communication with affected families, reiterating the dangers of enlisting in foreign military operations without proper guidance or legal safeguards.

Turkey Issues Arrest Warrant Against Netanyahu Over Gaza



TPN Correspondent | Istanbul

Turkey on Friday announced it has issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and several senior officials, accusing them of genocide and crimes against humanity in Gaza. The announcement came from the Istanbul prosecutor's office, which listed 37 suspects, including Defence Minister Israel Katz, National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, and army chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir. The full list of names was not made public.

According to the prosecutor's statement, Israel has "systematically perpetrated" genocide and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip. The statement also referenced the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, which was built by Turkey in Gaza and later bombed by Israel in March, highlighting the humanitarian impact of Israeli military actions.

Turkey has a long-standing role in advocating for Palestinian rights and last year formally joined South Africa's case at the International Court of

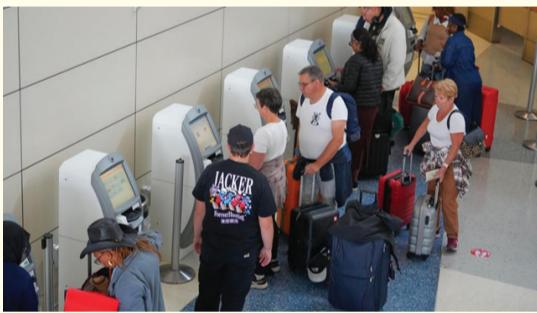
Justice (ICJ) accusing Israel of genocide. The move to issue arrest warrants is symbolic but underscores Turkey's continued stance on accountability for the conflict in Gaza.

A fragile ceasefire has been in place in the Gaza Strip since October 10, brokered under US President Donald Trump's regional peace plan, following weeks of intense violence that left large parts of the territory devastated and caused significant civilian casualties.

While the arrest warrants are unlikely to lead to immediate legal action against Israeli officials outside Turkey, they signal rising diplomatic tensions between Ankara and Jerusalem. Turkey's government has repeatedly criticized Israeli policies in Gaza and pledged support for humanitarian and reconstruction efforts in the Palestinian territory.

The announcement comes amid ongoing international scrutiny over the humanitarian situation in Gaza and calls for accountability, raising questions about the future of diplomatic relations and the broader push for justice in the region.

Over 1,000 U.S. Flights Cancelled Amid Shutdown



TPN Correspondent | TOKYO

More than 1,000 flights were cancelled across the United States on Friday, following orders from the Trump administration to reduce air traffic amid a federal government shutdown. The measure comes as air traffic controllers continue to work without pay, creating safety concerns and operational strain at major airports.

The flight cancellations affected forty airports nationwide, including some of the country's busiest hubs: Atlanta, Newark, Denver, Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles. Travelers faced significant disruptions, with many flights cancelled or delayed at short notice. Airports reported long lines at check-in counters and information desks as passengers sought alternatives.

The shutdown, now stretching into its second week, has forced federal agencies to scale back essential services. While controllers remain on duty to maintain air safety, the government has implemented temporary reductions in flight schedules to alleviate workload and maintain operational standards.

Airlines warned that

cancellations are likely to continue if the shutdown persists. Passengers were urged to check flight statuses before traveling and contact airlines for rebooking or refunds. Some carriers have also activated flexible booking policies to accommodate affected travelers.

The situation highlights the widespread impact of the federal shutdown on critical infrastructure and the economy. Beyond aviation, other sectors—including national parks, federal courts, and regulatory agencies—are facing disruptions as employees work without pay.

Experts warn that continued shutdowns could lead to long-term consequences for travel and commerce, with ripple effects on tourism, business travel, and cargo transport. The Trump administration has emphasized the need for a swift resolution, but negotiations in Congress remain tense.

As holiday travel approaches, authorities are under pressure to restore normal operations, and airlines are closely monitoring developments to adjust schedules and minimize disruption to millions of passengers nationwide.

US Grants Hungary Exemption On Russian Oil Sanctions



TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump granted Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban an exemption from sanctions on Russian oil on Friday, allowing Hungary to continue importing energy from Moscow despite EU efforts to cut ties. The move came during a White House meeting between the two right-wing allies.

Hungary, a landlocked country heavily reliant on Russian pipelines, had pressed Washington for relief from sanctions targeting Russian energy companies. Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto called the exemption a "major outcome," saying it ensures Hungary's energy security. Trump acknowledged Hungary's geographic constraints, noting it lacks ports and therefore cannot easily access alternative energy supplies.

Orban, who has often diverged from other EU leaders over the war in Ukraine, described the re-

liance on Russian energy as a "physical reality," rather than a political choice. He also proposed hosting a Trump-Putin summit in Budapest,

though Trump canceled plans in October after frustration with Moscow's refusal to end the war.

During the meeting,

Trump praised Orban on migration, urging the European Union to show greater respect for the Hungarian leader. Trump again linked migration to

crime, a claim not supported by US statistics, while highlighting Orban as a strong ally on immigration issues.

The exemption provides

a symbolic victory for Orban ahead of elections next spring, amid domestic economic stagnation and criticism from Brussels. Trump's administration has also rolled back sanctions against Orban aide Antal Rogan and restored Hungary's visa waiver status, though EU tariffs continue to impact Hungary's export-dependent economy.

Experts say Trump's decision reflects a broader strategy of supporting political forces that divide the EU. Orban's opposition to sending military aid to Ukraine, his refusal to back Kyiv's EU bid, and frequent clashes with Brussels over the rule of law have isolated Hungary within the EU, making the US exemption a significant diplomatic win for the Hungarian leader.

This meeting underscores the close personal and political alignment between Trump and Orban on energy, migration, and broader geopolitical strategy.

Nepal PM Urges Citizens to Register Ahead of Elections



TPN Correspondent | Kathmandu

Nepal's interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki has called on all eligible voters to register as the nation enters the final week for updating poll rolls ahead of the general elections scheduled for March 5, 2026.

In a video statement, Karki stressed that a democracy thrives on citizens' awareness and responsible voting. "In a democratic society, there are two fundamental tools—our collective conscience and the voter identity card, which allows us to express it," she said. She particularly urged Gen Z voters to participate, calling registration the first step toward building "the Nepal of our dreams."

Voter registration has been resumed since September 26, after President Ram Chandra Paudel cleared legal hurdles following an ordinance, allowing all Nepali citizens turning 18 by March 4, 2026, to register. The dead-

line for updating the rolls is November 16.

Across the country, dis-

seeing long queues, with youth participation notably high. Women, differently-abled citizens, and

first-time voters have also shown keen interest. According to Lumanath Pokhrel, Provincial Elec-

tion Officer of Madhesh Province, enthusiasm among the younger generation has been particu-

ly encouraging.

The Election Commission expects that over 150,000 new voters will be added in the final week. As of mid-April 2025, 18,148,654 voters were registered, up from 17,988,570 in 2022. Officials have acknowledged temporary service slowdowns due to heavy demand on the voter list server.

Karki highlighted the need for new faces in politics, encouraging citizens to vote for candidates committed to the nation's development. Residents like Brijesh Yadav of Dhanusha echoed this sentiment, calling for an end to re-pealed leadership by the same old politicians.

With elections approaching, authorities and civic groups are intensifying awareness campaigns, aiming to ensure maximum voter participation and strengthen the democratic process in Nepal.

Japan Resumes Seafood Exports to China After Two-Year Ban



TPN Correspondent | TOKYO

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.

Tata Consumer Signs ₹2,000-Crore Pact With Ministry Of Food Processing Industries

Tata Consumer Products Ltd. (TCPL) on Friday announced that it has signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, committing an investment of up to ₹2,000 crore over the next five years. The agreement, disclosed through stock exchanges, is part of the investment promotion activity for the upcoming World Food India 2025 event. This move reflects the company's long-term vision of expanding its presence in the food and beverage sector while aligning with the government's broader goal of promoting food processing as a key pillar of India's economic growth.

The MoU emphasizes investment in areas such as manufacturing, supply chain expansion, and value-added food processing. By strengthening infrastructure and creating opportunities across the sector, the pact is expected to enhance India's standing in the global food market. The government's push through World Food India aims to attract both do-



mestic and foreign investors, boost exports, and generate employment in allied industries.

While Tata Consumer has made it clear that the proposed investment is still subject to financial and business evaluations,

the intent marks a significant step in deepening its strategic collaborations with the government. For TCPL, which houses brands like Tata Tea, Tata Salt, and Tata Sampann, the investment would also provide a platform to

strengthen innovation, sustainability, and reach into newer product categories.

Industry experts view the announcement as a milestone that signals the increasing role of large consumer companies in

India's food processing ecosystem. As India prepares to host World Food India 2025, initiatives like this pact not only reinforce confidence among stakeholders but also highlight the collaborative efforts needed to

make India a global hub for food production and processing. The ₹2,000-crore commitment stands as both a business opportunity and a nation-building exercise, combining growth with long-term impact.

Sensex, Nifty Slump as Trump's 100% Drug Tariff Triggers Sell-Off in Pharma, IT Stocks



Mumbai witnessed a sharp slide in equity markets on Friday (September 26, 2025), as benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty extended their losing streak to a sixth straight session. Heavy selling in pharma and IT counters dragged the indices nearly 1% lower after U.S.

President Donald Trump announced a steep 100% tariff on branded and patented pharmaceutical imports starting October 1.

The 30-share BSE Sensex plunged 733.22 points or 0.90%, closing at a three-week low of 80,426.46. During intraday trade,

it sank by as much as 827 points to touch 80,332.41. The NSE Nifty also dropped 236.15 points or 0.95% to settle at 24,654.70, its lowest in over three weeks. In just six sessions since September 19, the Sensex has shed 2,587 points, while the Nifty has fallen by more than 3%.

Pharma stocks bore the brunt, with Wockhardt plunging 9.4% and the BSE Healthcare index tumbling 2.14%. IT majors Infosys, Tech Mahindra, TCS, and HCL Tech also dragged the indices lower, compounding losses triggered earlier in the week by increased H-1B visa fees. Among

Sensex constituents, Sun Pharma, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, and Tata Steel were among the biggest losers. Bucking the trend, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Motors, ITC, and Reliance Industries managed to post gains.

The sell-off was fueled by Trump's clarification on Truth Social that only companies "building" pharmaceutical plants in America would be exempt from the tariff. Though generics were spared, uncertainty around exports hit Indian investor sentiment. Pharmexcil Chairman Namit Joshi noted that the immediate impact on India's pharma exports may be limited, but the long-term implications remain unclear.

Foreign Institutional Investors added pressure, offloading equities worth nearly ₹5,000 crore on Thursday. Asian markets mirrored the weakness, while European stocks traded higher. Brent crude slipped marginally to \$69.23 a barrel, offering little relief to jittery investors. With global headwinds intensifying, analysts caution that volatility in Indian equities may persist in the near term.

Supreme Court Defers Vodafone Idea Plea on Additional AGR Demand to October 6

The Supreme Court on Friday (September 26, 2025) deferred hearing Vodafone Idea's plea against an additional Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) demand of over ₹5,000 crore raised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). A Bench led by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai agreed to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's oral request to list the matter after the Dussehra break, scheduling it for October 6 when the court reopens.

The case relates to AGR dues for the financial year 2016-17. Vodafone Idea (VI) has argued that its liabilities had already been calculated and settled, and that the DoT's fresh demand amounts to a retrospective revision. The company has sought the apex court's intervention to quash the additional claim and order a comprehensive reconciliation of dues up to FY 2016-17.



comes against the backdrop of the Supreme Court's earlier rulings

that tightened the screws on telecom operators. In May this year, the court

dismissed petitions by Bharti Airtel, VI, and Tata Teleservices that

court had termed those pleas "misconceived." In September 2024, the apex court had also rejected a curative petition filed by telcos against its 2019 judgment, which upheld the DoT's move to recover nearly ₹92,000 crore in AGR dues from operators.

For Vodafone Idea, the stakes remain high. The company continues to battle financial stress, and any additional burden could affect its survival strategy, even after receiving government lifelines in the form of equity conversion of dues. The Chief Justice has repeatedly stressed the need for finality in the AGR dispute, which has dragged on for years and impacted the sector's financial stability.

The court's decision on October 6 will be closely watched, as it could set a precedent on whether AGR demands, once calculated and settled, can be reopened by the DoT.

Welspan's Global Order Book Nears ₹18,000 Crore After Fresh Middle East Deal



Welspan Corp Ltd. announced that its global order book has surged close to ₹18,000 crore following a fresh inflow of orders worth ₹1,600 crore from the Middle East. The new orders, which add significant momentum to the company's growth trajectory, are scheduled to be executed over Fiscal 2026 and Fiscal 2027, further strengthening Welspan's international footprint in the oil, gas, and water infrastructure sectors.

The Middle East deal underlines Welspan's strong positioning as a leading global supplier of line pipes and related solutions. The company has been consistently expanding its global presence, catering to critical energy and infrastructure needs across geographies. With this addition, Welspan's order book now reflects a healthy pipeline of projects that will drive revenues and operational performance in the coming years.

According to the company, the robust order inflows are not only a testament to its engineering and execution capabilities but also

Rupee Rebounds From Record Low, Rises 6 Paise to 88.70 Against U.S. Dollar



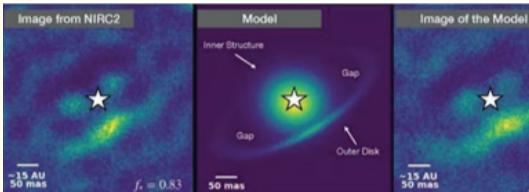
The Indian rupee recovered slightly on Friday, rising 6 paise to 88.70 against the U.S. dollar in early trade, after closing at an all-time low of 88.76 in the previous session. The rebound came on the back of a weaker dollar index and optimism surrounding progress in ongoing India-U.S. trade negotiations.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 88.72 and soon climbed to 88.70, supported by hopes of a breakthrough in trade discussions led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal in New York earlier this week. The delegation engaged with American counterparts on both trade and non-trade issues, raising expectations of an agreement that could ease bilateral tensions and improve investor sentiment.

Market attention is now focused on the Reserve Bank of India's upcoming Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting scheduled for October 1. Analysts believe the RBI's stance on interest rates and its measures to curb currency volatility will be crucial in determining the rupee's near-term trajectory. While Friday's recovery offered temporary respite, traders expect fluctuations to continue until there is clarity on global trade dynamics and oil price movements.

However, gains for the local currency were capped by persistent foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows and a rise in global crude oil prices. Higher oil prices typically weigh on the rupee, as India is a major importer of crude, thereby increasing the demand

Baby Planets Spotted Around Young Star HD 34282



Astronomers have captured the most detailed images yet of a planet-forming disk around the young star HD 34282, located about 400 light-years away. Using the Keck Observatory's advanced NIRC2 infrared camera, equipped with adaptive optics and a specialized aperture mask, researchers examined the dense dust and gas surrounding the star. This disk, known as a transition disk, shows gaps and clumps that are strong indicators of planets in the process of forming.

The new images revealed a complex structure: an inner dusty envelope separated from an outer disk by a gap of roughly 40 astronomical units. Bright clumps and uneven luminosity within the disk suggest areas where material is accumulating to form new planets. These features provide critical clues about the earliest stages of planet formation, a process that is notoriously difficult to observe directly.

World's Largest Spiderweb Found in Sulfur Cave



In a discovery that could terrify arachnophobes, scientists have found the world's largest spiderweb inside a dark cave on the Albanian-Greek border. The massive colony houses over 110,000 spiders, including 69,000 domestic house spiders and more than 42,000 dwarf weaver spiders, covering a total area of 1,140 square feet (over 100 square meters). This unprecedented find marks the first documented case of these species forming a cooperative, colonial web.

The colony resides deep within Sulfur Cave, in a permanently dark zone starting about 50 meters from the cave entrance. Remarkably, the spiders thrive in this extreme environment, despite the absence of sunlight and the presence of high levels of toxic hydrogen-sulfur gas.

Scientists remain intrigued by how such a large community can sustain itself under these harsh conditions. According to the study published in Subterranean Biology, the colony was ob-

Directly imaging infant planets is rare. To date, only a few, such as PDS 70 b and c, have been captured inside their disks. Other young systems like HL Tau have shown rings and gaps hinting at unseen planets. HD 34282 adds to this small but growing collection of systems that allow scientists to study planetary birth in unprecedented detail.

Although no planet has been directly seen yet in HD 34282, the clumps and gaps strongly point to the presence of nascent worlds.

The research team plans to continue surveying young stars and intends to use future instruments, such as the Keck Observatory's upcoming SCALES imager, to uncover more planets in the process of forming.

These findings not only provide a rare glimpse into the early life of planets but also refine our understanding of how planetary systems develop, helping astronomers map the intricate process of world-building in the cosmos.

Experts Divided on When AI Will Match Human Intelligence

The question of whether artificial intelligence (AI) will ever reach human-level intelligence continues to spark debate among leading experts. At the FT Future of AI Summit in London, pioneers like Geoffrey Hinton, Yoshua Bengio, Fei-Fei Li, Yann LeCun, and NVIDIA executives discussed timelines, possibilities, and limitations of AI achieving what is known as artificial general intelligence (AGI).

Geoffrey Hinton, often called the Godfather of AI, offered the most definitive prediction. He suggested that machines capable of outperforming humans in debates and complex reasoning could emerge within 20 years. Hinton traced AI's progress to his early experiments in the 1980s, emphasizing that advances were historically limited by insufficient compute power and data.

In contrast, Yoshua Bengio adopted a more cautious perspective. He acknowledged rapid growth in AI's planning and

problem-solving abilities over the past six years but stressed

"This place doesn't really feel that tropical... More like I am in a European country," he said, noting the presence of well-placed trash bins

and a generally tidy environment. The careful maintenance of beaches



in some tasks within five years, but he urged restraint in making sweeping claims, noting multiple possible trajectories for AI development.

Yann LeCun offered a more gradual outlook, warning that human-level intelligence will not appear as a single event. According to him, AI capabilities will expand progressively across different domains over the next five to ten years, eventually forming a new paradigm, but achieving true AGI will likely take longer.

The discussion highlighted a fundamental divide among experts—not only about timelines but also about the nature and purpose of AI. While some foresee rapid breakthroughs, others caution that human-level intelligence may emerge slowly and unevenly. Despite differing views, there is consensus that AI will continue transforming society, requiring careful consideration of its ethical, economic, and social impacts in the decades to come.

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.

Lead author Istvan Urak, associate professor of biology at Sapienza Hungarian University of Transylvania, emphasized that this discovery is unique. It challenges previous assumptions about spider behavior and social structures, showing that even species typically seen as solitary can work together under certain conditions.

The Sulfur Cave spider colony now stands as one of the largest ever documented, providing scientists with a rare opportunity to study complex social behavior in arachnids. Researchers hope further studies will reveal how these spiders coordinate, survive, and maintain such an extensive and resilient network in one of Earth's most inhospitable habitats.

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.

German Tourist Hails South Goa as Cleanest Place in India



and public spaces left a lasting impression on the vlogger, emphasizing the positive impact of local efforts to preserve the natural beauty of South Goa.

His video resonated with audiences, sparking curiosity about lesser-known destinations in India where nature and cleanliness are prioritized. South Goa's serene beaches, combined with responsible tourism practices, make it stand out as a rare example of sustainable coastal management.

Welder's visit highlights how South Goa defies common stereotypes about the region, showcasing an area where tourists can enjoy both scenic beauty and environmental responsibility. The viral video has brought attention to the importance of preserving natural spaces while offering visitors a glimpse of India that feels surprisingly like Europe in its cleanliness and order.

Australia, Pakistan Storm Into Hong Kong Sixes 2025 Semi-Finals

The Hong Kong Sixes 2025 tournament continued with thrilling action at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground on Saturday, as Australia and Pakistan sealed their places in the semi-finals after a dominant day of cricket.

Both teams delivered commanding performances in their respective quarterfinal matches, while India's campaign ended in disappointment, suffering three consecutive defeats.

In a must-win Pool C clash against Kuwait, India fell short by 27 runs while chasing 107, managing only 79/6. Kuwait's Yasin Patel starred with figures of 3/23, ensuring his team topped the group ahead of Pakistan. India finished third and dropped into the Bowl stage, missing out on the knockout rounds.

India's struggles deepened in the Bowl stage. Against the UAE, despite explosive knocks from Abhimanyu Mithun (50 off 16) and Dinesh Karthik (42 off 14), India couldn't defend their total of 108. UAE's Khalid Shah smashed a stunning 50 off 14 balls to



secure a four-wicket victory. In their final match versus Nepal, India endured a crushing defeat — Nepal piled up 137/0 in six overs before dismissing India for just 45/6. Nepal's Rashid Khan delivered an all-

round show, scoring 55 off 17 balls and taking 3/7.

Meanwhile, Australia powered into the semi-finals with a dominant 54-run win over Bangladesh, led by explosive fifties from Ben McDermott (51

off 14) and skipper Alex Ross (50 off 11). Spinner Chris Green contributed with 3/32. Pakistan, on the other hand, cruised past South Africa by five wickets, chasing 102 in just 3.5 overs as Abdul Samad

hammered a blistering 50 off 10 balls.

Australia and Pakistan will now clash in the first semi-final on November 9, while India will play their final Bowl fixture against Sri Lanka.

India Announces Men's Squad for Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025



Hockey India on Saturday unveiled the Indian Men's Hockey Team for the 31st Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025, set to be held in Ipoh, Malaysia, from November 23 to 30. Sanjay will lead

the team as captain for the prestigious invitational tournament.

India will kick off their campaign against Korea on November 23, followed by a clash with Belgium on No-

vember 24. The Men in Blue will then face hosts Malaysia on November 26 and New Zealand on November 27, concluding the league stage against Canada on November 29. The

tournament follows a round-robin format, with the top two teams advancing to the final on November 30.

The squad features goalkeepers Pawan and Mohith

Honnenahalli Shashikumar, while the defensive line includes Poovala Chandru Babu, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Yashdeep Siwach, Jugraj Singh, Amit Rohidas, and captain Sanjay. The midfield comprises Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar Pal, Nilakanta Sharma, Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem, Vivek Sagar Prasad, and Mohammed Raheel Mousene.

Leading India's attack will be Sukhjeet Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Selvam Karthi, Aditya Arjun Lalage, Dilpreet Singh, and Abhishek. Standby players for the tournament include Varun Kumar, Vishnu Kant Singh, Hardik Singh, and Angad Bir Singh.

India last lifted the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in 2010 and were runners-up in 2019. With a well-balanced squad combining experience and youth, the Men in Blue aim to reclaim the coveted title in Ipoh, showcasing their skills and determination on the international stage.

Sinner Targets ATP Finals Retention Amid Alcaraz Challenge



Jannik Sinner will begin his campaign to defend the ATP Finals 2025 title on Sunday, aiming to cap a turbulent year with another potential showdown against his top rival, Carlos Alcaraz. The Italian world number one, who won two Grand Slams this year including a Wimbledon triumph over Alcaraz, enters the tournament as the top seed.

Sinner and Alcaraz are expected to advance from their respective Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors groups, setting up a possible clash in the semi-finals or final. "The first match is really important because usually you don't play against one of the best eight players in the world," Sinner said, emphasizing the high stakes of the event.

The 24-year-old's season has been eventful, marred by a three-month suspension due to accidental contamination with a banned substance, clostebol, and criticism over skipping Italy's Davis Cup title defense. Despite controversies, Sinner remains a fan favorite in Italy and has expressed pride in representing the country.

Alcaraz, fresh from winning two Grand Slams including the Roland Garros final over Sinner, has trained with the Italian ahead of the Finals. The Spaniard acknowledged the competitive yet cordial nature of their rivalry: "Once we step on the court, we want to do our best to win. But afterwards, when we shake hands, we are the same person."

The Finals unfold amid ongoing tensions between top ATP and WTA players and Grand Slam organizers over revenue sharing, player welfare, and consultation. While women's number one Aryna Sabalenka voiced frustrations over stalled talks, Sinner and other men, including seventh seed Alex de Minaur, have played quieter roles in negotiations.

As the tournament kicks off in Turin, all eyes will be on Sinner's bid to retain the crown and whether Alcaraz can wrestle the year-end number one ranking from the Italian, promising high drama for fans and a compelling finale to a remarkable tennis season.

Spain Welcomes Lamine Yamal Back for World Cup Qualifiers



Spain coach Luis de la Fuente expressed delight on Friday as teenage sensation Lamine Yamal returned to the national squad for upcoming World Cup qualifiers against Georgia and Turkey. The Barcelona forward had been sidelined for Spain's previous two matches due to a groin injury but returned to club action ahead of Barcelona's Clasico loss to Real Madrid.

"He's fit again and we are delighted to have him back," De la Fuente said, highlighting Yamal's importance to the team. The 18-year-old has been under intense media scrutiny, particularly after a confrontation with several Real Madrid players during Barca's 2-1 defeat two weeks ago. De la Fuente stressed the need to support Yamal both on and off the pitch: "We need to help and guide him so he can mature as a person and a player. His club must back him up and the national set-up too."

Yamal is expected to feature against Georgia in Tbilisi on November 15, followed by a clash

with Turkey in Seville three days later. Spain, the reigning European champions, currently top Group E and are in a strong position to secure automatic qualification for the 2026 World Cup.

Alongside Yamal, Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Fabian Ruiz has also recovered from a leg injury sustained during PSG's Champions League win over Barcelona in early October.

However, Spain will be without several key players due to injuries, including Barcelona's Pedri, Manchester City's Rodri, Real Madrid captain Dani Carvajal, Athletic Bilbao winger Nico Williams, and Atletico Madrid defender Robin Le Normand.

De la Fuente acknowledged the challenges posed by these absences but remained confident in the squad's depth and experience. The return of Yamal, coupled with the presence of other key players, gives Spain a strong platform as they aim to maintain their dominance in European football and secure their spot at next year's World Cup.

Arjun, Pranav Shine at Chess World Cup 2025

India's Arjun Erigaisi continued his impressive run at the Chess World Cup 2025, outclassing Shammiddin Vokhidov of Uzbekistan in just 30 moves during the first game of their third-round encounter at Resort Rio. The second-seeded Arjun now requires only a draw in the second game to secure his place in the fourth round.

Arjun's performance has been a highlight of the tournament, marking his third consecutive victory and underscoring his status as one of India's top chess talents. Known for his aggressive style and sharp calculation, Arjun dominated the middle game and converted his advantage efficiently, leaving little room for Vokhidov to stage a comeback.

Fellow Indian Pranav also made a strong impression, posting an impressive win in his respective third-round match, showcasing strategic depth and composure under pressure. Meanwhile, top-seeded Gukesh was held to a draw by Germany's Frederik Svane, highlighting the competitive nature of the tournament. Praggnanandhaa shared the point with Armenia's Robert Hovhannisyan, keeping his chances alive but facing a challenging



path forward.

With India's young chess stars performing strongly, expectations are high for deeper runs in the tournament. Arjun's decisive start,

combined with Pranav's breakthrough win, has reinforced India's reputation as a rising powerhouse in global chess. Fans and analysts alike will be watching close-

ly as the third round concludes and the players battle for spots in the crucial fourth stage.

The Chess World Cup 2025 continues to be a showcase

of emerging talent and thrilling matches, with India's contingent demonstrating skill, resilience, and a hunger for victories on the world stage.

The Family Man 3' Trailer: Shrikant Tiwari Faces His Toughest Mission Yet



The wait is finally over for fans of The Family Man! Amazon Prime Video has officially dropped the much-anticipated trailer of Season 3, confirming that the hit spy-thriller series will premiere on November 21. Featuring Manoj Bajpayee reprising his iconic role as Shrikant Tiwari, the new season promises an intense mix of action, suspense, and trademark humor.

The trailer opens with a light-hearted yet emotional moment — Shrikant's son Athav (Vedant) discovering the truth about his father's secretive profession. But the tone quickly shifts as we're introduced to the formidable new antagonists, Meera (Nimrat Kaur) and Rukma (Jaideep Ahlawat), setting the stage for a gripping showdown.

This time, Shrikant's mission takes him to the North-East, where a volatile political situation and covert operations put his loyalty and survival to the ultimate

test. In a shocking twist, Shrikant's own intelligence agency brands him a most-wanted criminal, forcing him to fight not only against external enemies but also against the system he once served.

The trailer packs high-octane action, emotional drama, and moments of sharp wit — all hallmarks of The Family Man franchise. Manoj Bajpayee shines once again with his effortless blend of humor and intensity, while creators Raj & DK seem to have preserved the series' signature tone of balancing realism with entertainment.

With stunning visuals, fast-paced editing, and a fresh storyline that raises the stakes higher than ever, The Family Man 3 looks poised to deliver a perfect mix of thrill and emotion. The trailer has already struck a chord with fans, igniting immense excitement for what could be Shrikant Tiwari's most dangerous — and personal — mission yet.

'Akhand 2: Tandavam' Song Promo Roars Ahead of Release



The wait for Nandamuri Balakrishna fans is almost over as the makers of Akhand 2: Tandavam have kicked off the film's promotional campaign in full swing. The sequel to the 2021 blockbuster Akhand, directed by Boyapati Srinu, is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on December 5, 2025.

As part of the buildup, the team released the promo of the powerful song "Tandavam", composed by Thaman S, who also scored music for the original film. The promo, which dropped online on Friday, has taken social media by storm, giving fans a glimpse of the film's high-voltage energy and Balakrishna's fierce on-screen presence.

The Tandavam promo showcases Balakrishna in his trademark Aghora avatar, performing intense dance moves and powerful dialogues that echo his larger-than-life persona. With Boyapati Srinu's trademark mass presentation and Thaman's pulsating background

score, the song promises to be a key highlight in the sequel.

Akhand 2: Tandavam marks the fourth collaboration between Balakrishna and Boyapati Srinu, a combination that has consistently delivered major box-office hits. The film is expected to elevate the scale of the Akhand 2 universe, blending divine power, mass action, and mythological grandeur.

Fans have flooded social media platforms with excitement, hailing the promo as a "goosebumps moment." Thaman's energetic composition and Balakrishna's intensity have raised expectations sky-high for the full song and the film's release.

With promotions gaining momentum and hype building by the day, Akhand 2: Tandavam is poised to be one of the biggest mass entertainers of the year, promising yet another spiritual-action spectacle from the blockbuster Balakrishna-Boyapati-Thaman trio.

Koushik Gold & Diamonds Presents Jaanvi Swarup Ghattamaneni — A New Era of Grace and Brilliance

In the heart of South India, where tradition meets timeless artistry, Koushik Gold & Diamonds proudly unveils its newest campaign — featuring the radiant Jaanvi Swarup Ghattamaneni, in her first-ever on-screen appearance. The collaboration marks a historic moment for both — a beloved jewellery brand deeply rooted in craftsmanship and trust, and a rising star who carries forward a cinematic legacy of light.

In Jaanvi Swarup Ghattamaneni, Koushik Gold found its perfect muse. Daughter of actress-director Manjula Ghattamaneni and granddaughter of legendary Superstar Krishna Garu, Jaanvi represents a new generation of grace — poised, passionate, and purposeful. Her lineage is cinematic, but her presence is distinctly her own.

When the brand's creative team first saw Jaanvi's photographs on social media, they were instantly captivated. "There was something classic about her — not just beauty, but soul," says Mr. Kunal, The Managing Director of Koushik Gold & Diamonds. "She has that rare quality you can't design — authenticity. We knew right then that she was the face we'd been waiting for."

The brand's decision to launch her in their campaign wasn't just strategic — it was emotional. "We feel honored to

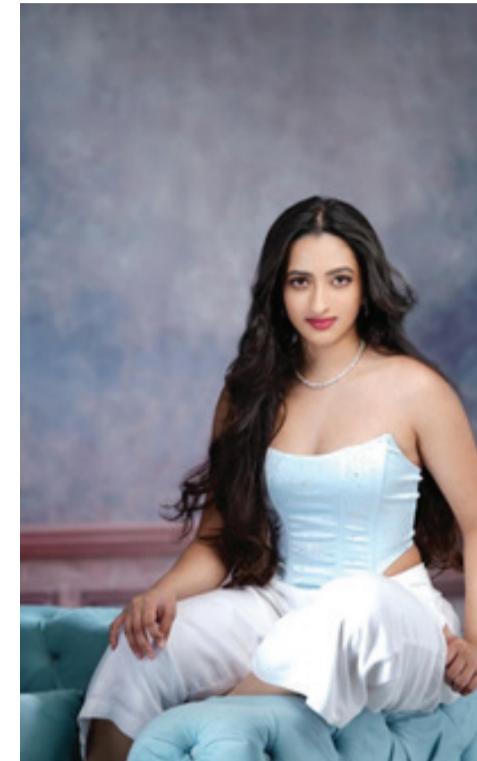
be the first to feature her," adds Mr. Kunal. "It feels like destiny chose us. Jaanvi embodies everything we stand for — purity, elegance, and the quiet confidence that comes from knowing who you are."

The ad film, shot with cinematic finesse, captures Jaanvi in a world of Koushik's creations — where every jewel tells a story and every frame glows with emotion. Dressed in their signature bridal and diamond pieces, she moves with the effortless grace of someone born for the camera.

The film isn't merely about jewellery — it's about emotion. It celebrates the moment a woman adorns herself not just with ornaments, but with self-assurance. Through soft hues, timeless melodies, and luminous imagery, the campaign evokes the essence of Koushik's philosophy: true beauty shines from within.

"It was important for us to create something that felt like poetry," says the Ad Film director SLN Rajesh. "Jaanvi brought that to life effortlessly. She doesn't pose — she emotes. She doesn't perform — she becomes. Her presence filled the set with calm energy and quiet radiance."

This collaboration symbolizes the union of two enduring legacies — the house of Koushik, built on purity and precision, and the house of Ghattamaneni, built on artistry and



heart. It's a rare alignment of heritage and hope, tradition and tomorrow.

"Koushik Gold has always represented the best of Telugu craftsmanship," says a senior brand consultant associated with the project. "And Jaanvi represents the best of the next generation — refined, rooted, yet refreshingly modern. Together, they form a narrative that speaks to every woman

who carries her heritage with pride while embracing her individuality."

For Jaanvi, this campaign is more than a professional milestone — it's a personal beginning. "This collaboration is special," she shared. "Koushik's jewellery has a warmth and authenticity that feels close to home. Their designs celebrate tradition but feel modern — that's exactly how I

see myself too."

Her mother, Manjula Ghattamaneni, expressed her joy at witnessing her daughter's first step into the world of cinema and glamour. "It's a beautiful moment," she said. "To see her shine in something so graceful and rooted — it feels like a mother's dream reborn. Koushik has captured her essence perfectly — delicate yet powerful, elegant yet full of spirit."

Samantha Sparks Buzz With Viral Pic Featuring Raj Nidimoru



Hyderabad: Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has once again set social media abuzz, this time with a picture that's fueling fresh speculation about her rumored relationship with filmmaker Raj Nidimoru of Raj & DK fame.

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Sharing the pictures, Samantha captioned the post, "Surrounded by friends and family Over the last year and a half, I've taken some of the boldest steps in my career... Taking risks, trusting my intuition, and learning as I go. Today, I'm celebrating the small wins... I know this is just the beginning."

In the photo, Samantha is seen with her arms around Raj, while he holds her by the waist, further adding to the buzz. The

post also featured glimpses of actress Tamannaah Bhatia, adding to the star-studded vibe of the celebration.

On the professional front, Samantha and Raj are currently collaborating on the actress's upcoming Telugu film Ma Inti Bangaram, produced under Raj's banner. Their bond reportedly began during the making of The Family Man 2 and continued through Citadel: Honey Bunny, leading to ongoing dating rumors.

While neither Samantha nor Raj has confirmed the relationship, this viral picture has undoubtedly intensified speculation among fans and the media alike.

pearance together on social media. The cozy pose quickly caught the attention of fans, sparking widespread discussion about their relationship status. Sharing the pictures, Samantha captioned the post, "Surrounded by friends and family Over the last year and a half, I've taken some of the boldest steps in my career... Taking risks, trusting my intuition, and learning as I go. Today, I'm celebrating the small wins... I know this is just the beginning."

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Kichcha Sudeep Unleashes Fury in Intense 'Mark' Teaser

Kannada superstar Kichcha Sudeep is back in action with his upcoming film Mark, following the success of his previous outing Max. The makers unveiled the film's teaser on Friday, and it has already set social media abuzz with Sudeep's fierce new avatar and the film's dark, gritty tone.

The 70-second teaser opens in a dimly lit warehouse filled with gangsters gathered under their leader's command. The atmosphere is tense as the leader declares, "Attention, my dear gangsters. I have uploaded a picture of a man on our group. Whoever manages to kill him will receive a mountain of money." This line immediately sets the stage for a city ruled by fear and violence.

The tension escalates when one gangster arrogantly asks, "Who is Mark? Is he more dangerous than me?" Another quickly cautions him,

"Never say his name out loud. If you ever need to talk about him, keep it to yourself." This chilling exchange hints at the mystery surrounding the titular character and the legend that surrounds him.

Kichcha Sudeep's brief appearance in the teaser — marked by his intense gaze, powerful screen presence, and commanding action moves — has left fans eagerly anticipating more. The background score and sharp visuals add to the overall intrigue, suggesting a high-octane thriller packed with action and suspense.

Directed by [Director's Name Yet to Be Revealed], Mark promises to be a gripping tale of power, vengeance, and survival. The film is expected to hit theatres in 2026, and with this teaser, it's clear that Sudeep is ready to deliver another blockbuster that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.