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Jubilee Hills bypoll witnesses 48.4% polling, ends peacefully

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Hyderabad: The by-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, crucial for the ruling Congress and also BRS, was held peacefully on Tuesday with a meagre 48.47 per cent of voters exercising their franchise. State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy told PTI that the polling was peaceful.

Asked about the complaints received from the Congress and BRS, he said they were reported to police, who acted on them immediately.

Police cases were booked against MLAs and other leaders for the violation of Model Code of Conduct, he said.

The BRS and Congress submitted complaints to the CEO against each other with allegations of violating MCC.

The BRS leaders said that non-local Congress leaders, who were camping in the constituency, were trying to influence voters, according to a party release.

The Congress stated that the BRS candidate Maganti Sunita held a press conference on polling day in violation of rules and that former BRS MLAs K Chander and Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar, who are not residents of Jubilee Hills, were campaigning and influencing



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Two cases were registered at the Madhurangar Police Station against Congress MLAs Beerla Ilaiyah, Ramachandra-

nayak, and Ramdas, a police release said.

One case has been registered at the Borabanda Police Station against former BRS MLAs Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar and others. Hyderabad Commissioner of Police V C Sajjanar, inspected the polling progress of the bypoll from the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) and also monitored the situation at various polling stations using drones.

Sajjanar said this is the first time in the country that the voting process is being supervised using drone technology for this election.

He said a total of 150 drone cameras were used as per the directions of the Election Commission. Meanwhile, BRS candidate Maganti Sunita held a dharna at a polling booth at Krishna Nagar alleging that Congress workers were casting votes using fake identity cards.

However, the grand old party submitted a complaint to the CEO alleging that Sunita and other BRS leaders threatened party leaders who were at the office of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav.

BRS MLC Sravan Dasaju alleged that the Congress government is misusing power and indulging in "bogus voting" due to fear of losing the bypoll. Voters were sent inside a polling booth at Shaikpet without voter identity cards being verified, he claimed.

The bypoll was necessitated due to the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath in June this year.

The BJP fielded L Deepak Reddy, while Gopinath's widow Sunita is the BRS candidate. The ruling Congress candidate Naveen Yadav enjoys the support of Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM. Though the bypoll result would have no bearing on the stability of the Congress government, the outcome would be seen as a referendum on CM Revanth Reddy's performance.

The election outcome is crucial as the ruling Congress is steadfast in its goal to further strengthen its electoral hold.

The main opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is looking to retain the seat and make a bounce back after its rout in the 2023 Lok Sabha polls, preceded by its shock defeat in the 2023 assembly polls.

The BJP was keen on emerging as an alternative to the BRS and Congress. The counting of votes would be taken up on November 14.



CM Revanth Reddy Pledges State Efforts for Padma Shri for Ande Sri

Hyderabad Bureau | Nov 11, 2025

Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy addressed the press today after paying his last respects to the departed renowned poet and writer, Ande Sri, at his funeral, which was held with full state honours. The Chief Minister also made a direct, public request to Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar to extend their complete cooperation and support in awarding the Padma Shri to the writer who penned Telangana's official song. He urged both the state and central governments to strive together to ensure this posthumous Padma award is bestowed upon the great Telangana writer, Ande Sri.

Addressing the press, the Chief Minister announced the State Government's commitment to securing the highest possible honour for the poet. He disclosed that the State Government had previously written a letter to the Union Government last year, officially requesting to confer the Padma Shri award on Ande Sri, but unfortunately, no positive response was received. Undeterred, CM Revanth Reddy declared that the government will write a letter again and issue a strong appeal to the Centre to immediately consider the demand for the Padma Shri award to Ande Sri.

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Telangana Leaders Anguished Over Delhi Blast, Demand Thorough Probe

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Several prominent leaders from Telangana, including Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, expressed their deep anguish and offered condolences over the tragic loss of lives in the high-intensity explosion that occurred near the Red Fort in Delhi. The blast rippled through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal on Monday evening, tragically killing at least nine people and gutting several surrounding vehicles, according to initial reports.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy posted on 'X' on Monday night, stating, "Deeply anguished by the tragic loss of lives in the horrific blast near Red Fort in Delhi. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the swift

recovery of those injured." Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar also termed the incident as "deeply tragic and heartbreaking." He assured the public that high-level investigative bodies were immediately activated, noting in his 'X' post that "Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri @ AmitShah ji said NSG, NIA, and forensic teams have begun a detailed investigation from all angles." Sanjay Kumar confirmed that the Home Minister has "directed officials to examine CCTV footage, ensure a thorough probe" to uncover the full details of the incident.

Separately, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi called for a thorough and swift investigation into the car blast and demanded the maximum possible punishment under the law for those



found responsible for the explosion. The Hyderabad MP stated on 'X' that he was "Very disturbed by the news of the #RedFort blast" and offered his prayers for the injured and patience for the bereaved. He stressed that those responsible for this "condemnable act must receive the maximum punishment under the law." Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and BRS Working President KT Rama Rao were also among the leaders who publicly expressed their grief over the loss of lives and conveyed their deepest condolences to the affected families. The unified response from across the political spectrum underscores the seriousness of the security incident and the collective demand for immediate justice.



Minister Thummala Reviews Oil Palm Companies' Performance

Secretariat Bureau | Nov 11, 2025

Today, Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, and Handlooms & Textiles, Shri Tummala Nageswara Rao, conducted a review meeting at the Secretariat concerning the performance and operations of Oil Palm companies operating in the state. The meeting aimed at accelerating the expansion of oil palm cultivation, a key focus area for the government's agricultural diversification strategy.

The meeting was attended by key officials and stakeholders, including the Commissioner of Horticulture and Managing Director of Oilfed, Smt. Yasmin Pasha, along with representatives from various Oil Palm factories and departmental officials. Minister Thummala meticulously reviewed crucial aspects of the sector. The agenda covered the expansion of oil palm cultivation area across the state, the facilities and support being provided to farmers who are transitioning to this cash crop, the operational efficiency and performance of the processing units, and the responsibilities and commitments of the oil palm companies operating under government agreements.

The Minister emphasized the need for a seamless ecosystem from cultivation to processing to ensure maximum benefit for the farmers and to meet the state's targets for edible oil self-sufficiency.

He instructed the companies to ensure timely payment to farmers and adherence to quality standards.

The review highlights the government's proactive approach to monitoring large-scale agricultural projects and ensuring that private companies fulfill their obligations in expanding cultivation and setting up necessary processing infrastructure to support the growing farmer base.

BRS Accuses Congress of Widespread Violations in Jubilee Hills Poll

Press Release | Nov 11, 2025, The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party has strongly protested the alleged violation of election rules by the ruling Congress party during the ongoing polling in the Jubilee Hills constituency, submitting multiple official complaints to the authorities. The BRS specifically raised serious objections to the Congress leaders' actions, which included deploying "non-locals" near polling booths and campaigning while wearing party-branded t-shirts, both of which are deemed illegal attempts to influence voters.

BRS leaders formally submitted a detailed complaint to the Returning Officer (RO), alleging that the Congress party was deploying external individuals near their booths in blatant contravention of election regulations. They sharply criticized the enforcement authorities, stating that the "police and officials are turning a blind eye" to these gross violations, suggesting a partisan approach. The complaint also highlighted the active presence and campaigning of various Congress MLAs and MLCs who were observed roaming around the Jubilee Hills constituency on election day, which the BRS views as a form of undue pressure. A serious incident cited was the alleged open assault by Congress leader Baba



Fasiuddin on BRS leaders in Borabanda, an action the BRS condemned as deeply concerning and a threat to democratic order. The BRS confirmed that it has lodged a total of 60 of

ficial complaints with the Returning Officer thus far regarding various infractions. The BRS vehemently criticized the Election Commission's perceived "partisan attitude", ar-

gent issue of Congress leaders distributing money even as polling was underway. A specific instance was reported in Bengal Rao Nagar, where a Congress worker was caught red-handed by the BRS while distributing cash and was subsequently handed over to the police. The BRS also reported incidents of Congress leaders allegedly intimidating voters using "bouncers", lodging complaints with election staff and the police at every reported location.

The BRS stated that it is continuously escalating these "anarchic acts" by the Congress to both the Returning Officer and the Chief Electoral Officer.

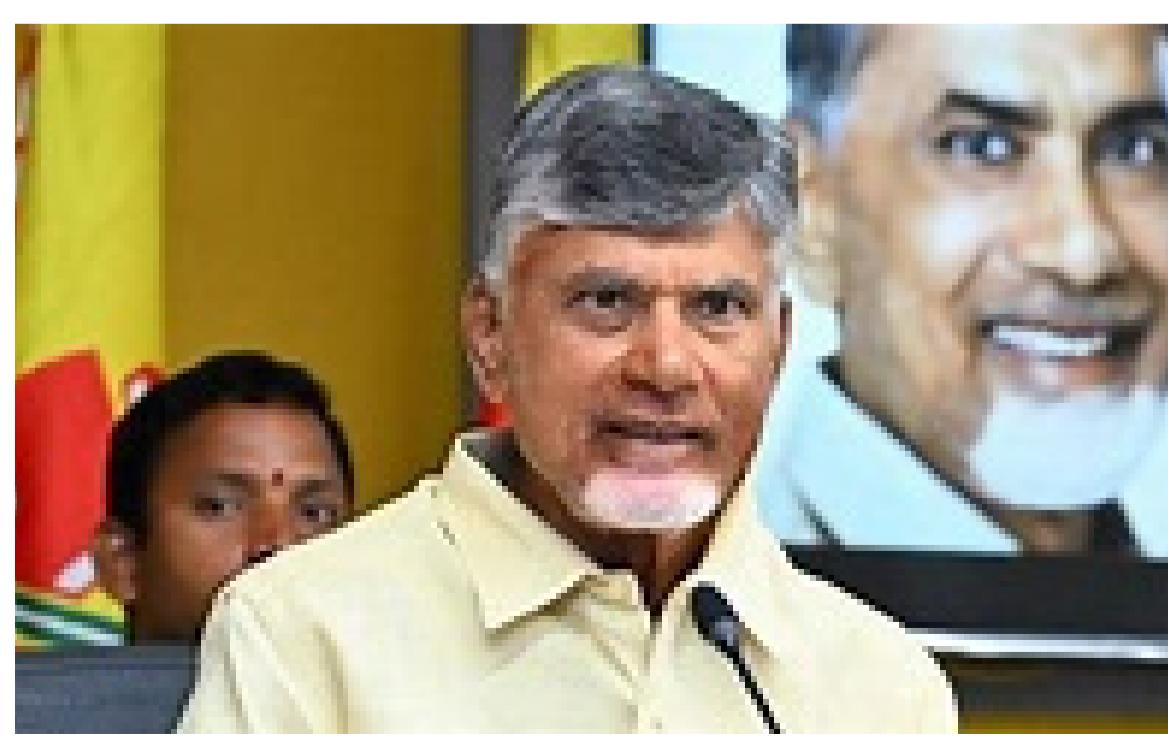
Telangana, AP CMs Pay Tribute to Maulana Azad on Birth Anniversary

TPN Bureau | Nov 11, 2025, Chief Ministers of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, A. Revanth Reddy and N. Chandrababu Naidu, today paid rich tributes to the revered freedom fighter and India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, on his birth anniversary, which is officially celebrated as National Education Day and Minority Welfare Day.

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extolled Maulana Azad for laying a strong and progressive foundation for the country's education sector. CM Revanth Reddy recalled the leader's pivotal contributions to the development of the education sector, specifically mentioning his in-

roduction of crucial policies such as adult literacy, universal primary education, compulsory free education for all children under 14 years, vocational training, and the establishment of the pivotal University Grants Commission (UGC). He also highlighted Maulana Azad's crucial role as the Chairman of the Central Advisory Board of Education. The Chief Minister stated that at the current state government is taking direct inspiration from India's first Education Minister and has begun implementing revolutionary changes in the education sector. He cited the ambitious project of building Young India Integrated Residential Schools in every constituency to

provide free, quality education to the poor at an international level. Furthermore, he mentioned the upgrading of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) equipped with state-of-the-art technology, alongside the establishment of the Young India Skill University and the subsequent appointment of qualified teachers and lecturers. The CM also commended Maulana Azad's invaluable services during the freedom struggle, including his role as the president of the All India Congress Committee and his active participation in the Khilafat Movement. Recalling Azad's opposition to the partition and his stress on Hindu-Muslim



Telangana Plans to Include Fish in Mid-Day Meals

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State Fisheries Minister Vakiti Srihari announced the government's strong commitment to the development of the fishermen community during the World Aquaculture India 2025 Conference, organized by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) at HICC Novotel. The Minister, who is from the fishermen community, expressed his pride in being the first person from the Mudiraj community to be given the Fisheries portfolio since the formation of Andhra Pradesh. He stated that the Congress government, in its very first cabinet meeting under CM Revanth Reddy, allocated an unprecedented budget of 123 crores to

revitalize the Fisheries Department, which he claimed was weakened in the past.

Minister Srihari highlighted that robust plans are being drawn up to make the Fisheries Department a key, active component of the state's economy. Telangana, blessed by the Krishna and Godavari rivers and the Kakatiya-era chain of tanks, possesses significant water resources, which are a great boon to the fishing industry. He detailed the extensive seed distribution program, confirming that 84 crore fish seedlings and 10 crore shrimp seedlings are being released into the state's nearly 26,000 water bodies. To ensure complete transparency, the distribution is overseen by a multi-



tier official system (Additional Collectors for reservoirs, RDOs for large tanks, MROs for small tanks), and signboards detailing the distribution are being installed at every water source.

Furthermore, the government has provided an insurance cover of 1.40 crore for fishermen. The Minister concluded by assuring a non-partisan approach to development, working with the

Central government, and confirmed that he will soon discuss with CM Revanth Reddy the decision to incorporate fish into the mid-day meal scheme as a vital food for human health.

BRS Files Complaint to EC Alleging Cash Distribution By Congress



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The BRS party's legal cell and representatives have maintained a continuous stream of communication with the Election Commission (EC) and the Chief Electoral Officer, lodging detailed complaints regarding alleged Congress "anarchies" in the Jubilee Hills by-election. An urgent recent complaint, sent via email, focused on severe violations at a specific location: Booth No. 203 in the Venkata Rao Nagar Division (Assembly Constituency 61). The BRS formally alleged that on the day of polling (November 11, 2025), Congress party leaders and workers were observed openly distributing cash to voters in clear violation of the Model Code of Conduct and the Representation of the People Act. The complaint stated that these activities were happening near the polling station, directly impacting voters' choices and supporting their candidate, Sri V. Naveen Yadav.

Of equal concern, the BRS claimed that the local police per-

sonnel on duty at Booth No. 203 witnessed these illegal activities but took no action, offering a "blind-eyed cooperation" that emboldened the Congress workers to continue bribing voters. The BRS asserted that these actions constitute "corrupt practices" under Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. In response, the BRS made several urgent demands to the EC: to immediately deploy senior police officials or Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to control the situation; to suspend or transfer the local police officers responsible for negligence; to seize the illegal cash being distributed and register cases under relevant laws; and to ensure the expenditure from the cash distribution is added to the election expenditure account of the Congress candidate, Sri V. Naveen Yadav. The BRS concluded by requesting immediate action and acknowledgment to safeguard the free, fair, and corruption-free conduct of the polling process at Booth No. 203.

BRS Leader: Congress MLAs Openly Distributing Cash

TPN Bureau | Nov 8, 2025

BRS State Leader Ennumula Rakesh Reddy launched a scathing attack on the ruling Congress party, accusing its elected representatives of unprecedented corruption and lawlessness during the Jubilee Hills by-election. Reddy alleged that Congress MLAs and MLAs have abandoned their official dignity and adopted the guise of "street roddies" purely to secure a win in this single by-poll. He claimed that Congress legislators were openly and rampantly violating election norms by using "wads of cash" to bribe voters, sometimes even brandishing polling slips while distributing notes. Reddy asserted that this level of electoral manipulation is unheard of in Telangana's political history and attributed the chaotic situation directly to the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, suggesting that his arrival has led to the entire government machinery descending into the



streets. He pointed fingers directly at high-ranking officials, including the Deputy Chief Minister, who he alleged was moving his convoy unchecked near polling booths. He also specifically criticized Deputy Speaker Ramachandra Naik, claiming Naik had forgotten his constitutional position and was seen distributing handfuls of cash on the roads. Rakesh Reddy questioned the purpose of holding an election, campaigning, and voting when the Congress was resorting to such blatant tactics, suggesting they should simply take the polling machines home and register their votes directly. He concluded that the desperate and degraded behavior of the Congress party, just two years into its term, is an admission of moral defeat and that their attempt to defeat "one woman candidate" (the BRS nominee) and subvert the democratic verdict would make it difficult for the party to survive in Telangana for the next 25 years.

CM Honors Ande Sri, Reversing BRS's Insult, Says Dayakar

TPN Bureau | Nov 8, 2025

TPCC General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar highlighted the stark contrast in how the BRS and the current Congress government, known as Praja Palana, have treated the poets and artists who fueled the Telangana statehood movement. Dayakar vehemently accused former Chief Minister KCR and the previous BRS administration of severely insulting the late poet and lyricist Ande Sri, noting that he was denied the respect he deserved during their ten-year rule. In sharp opposition to this, Dayakar praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for immediately honoring Ande Sri's legacy by declaring his celebrated song, "Jaya Jayave Telangana," as the official Telangana State Anthem. This act, he stated, is a profound recognition of the poet's contribution and the literary power that mobilized the movement.

Dayakar further asserted that poets and artists who fought for Tel-



angana were subjected to immense injustice under the BRS regime. He highlighted CM Revanth Reddy's personal commitment, citing the fact that the Chief Minister himself participated in Ande Sri's final journey and carried his bier, symbolizing the government's deep reverence for the poet's sacrifices. Beyond Ande Sri, the government has established the Gaddar Awards in the name of the great balladeer, further cementing the government's policy of giving a place of hon-

Dasoju Alleges Congress Irregularities and Police Collusion at Jubilee Hills

TPN Bureau | Nov 8, 2025

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan leveled serious allegations against the ruling Congress party concerning flagrant irregularities during the ongoing Jubilee Hills by-election polling. He specifically highlighted major anomalies occurring at Booths No. 66 and 67, located within the Al Falah School in Diamond Hills, Shaikepeta Division. Based on information received from local residents and BRS booth agents, Sravan claimed that the local police personnel assigned to the booths were providing "silent cooperation" to the Congress party's illicit activities and had failed to take any action despite being informed. He stated that the police's negligence allowed the Congress supporters and "rowdyism" aimed

at influencing voters in favor of their candidate. He asserted that this included alleged intimidation of booth agents and the illegal distribution of cash to voters.

A central point of his accusation was the alleged complicity of law enforcement. Sravan claimed that the local police personnel assigned to the booths were providing "silent cooperation" to the Congress party's illicit activities and had failed to take any action despite being informed. He stated that the police's negligence allowed the Congress supporters and "rowdyism" aimed

Bollam Mallaiah Alleges EC Failure and Police Operating as 'Congress Agents'



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In a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan, former BRS MLA Bollam Mallaiah Yadav strongly condemned the Congress party for its alleged flagrant violations of election regulations during the Jubilee Hills by-election polling. He accused non-local Congress leaders of attempting to bribe voters with "bags of cash," demonstrating a desperate attempt to influence the election outcome. Yadav directed his criticism squarely at the Election Commission (EC), stating that despite the BRS raising alarms and filing advance complaints re-

garding potential misconduct, the EC failed to take adequate preventive measures. He argued that this inaction allowed the situation to deteriorate.

Yadav further alleged that the local police were showing bias, operating in a "unilateral" manner and effectively working as "agents of the Congress party" rather than impartial law enforcement officers. He publicly named several Congress leaders, including Beerla Ilaiyah, Ramachandra Naik, Shankar Naik, and Amit Reddy, claiming they were caught "red-handed" violating the rules, and demanded that the EC take strict action against

Ponnam Condemns BRS's 'Sympathy Politics' in Jubilee Hills Bypoll



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State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar issued a strong rebuttal to the opposition BRS party's accusations during the Jubilee Hills by-election polling, asserting that the Congress party remains the one committed to the principles of democracy. Speaking to the media, he affirmed that Congress respects the process and desires a fair and democratic election. Minister Prabhakar addressed the BRS candidate's public statements, specifically condemning the attempt to evoke sympathy with rhetorical questions like, "Will

you kill me, or tell me to leave?" He characterized this as a form of "sympathy politics" arising from the BRS candidate's frustration and certain defeat, stating that such statements were an act of desperation.

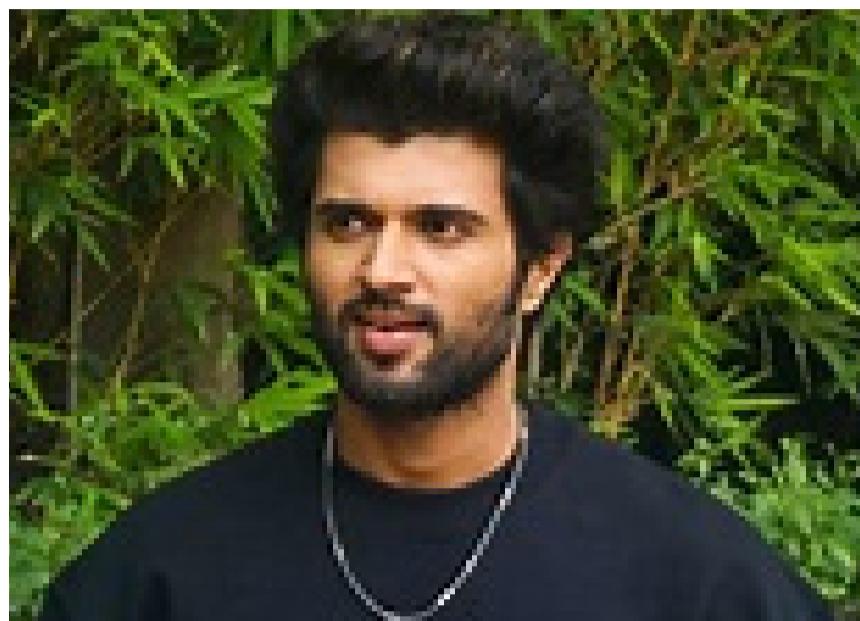
The Minister defended the Congress party's compliance with election rules, noting that their leadership had worked unitedly for their candidate's victory. He stated that, following the end of the campaign period, no Congress leaders were found moving around the constituency after the 5-hour cutoff. He appealed to the Election Commission to take

Actor Vijay Deverakonda Questioned in Online Betting App Case

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Telugu film actor Vijay Deverakonda today appeared before the CID (Criminal Investigation Department) of the Telangana government for questioning in connection with cases related to promoting illegal online betting and gaming apps. The actor had received notices from the CID to record his statement following the transfer of relevant FIRs, originally registered in Punjagutta, Miyapur, and Cyberabad, to the specialized investigative agency.

The Telangana government constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), under the overall supervision of the Additional Director General of Police, CID, to curb illegal betting and ensure a thorough investigation of these cases.



He further assured the authorities that he will not promote any gaming or betting apps in the future. The actor had previously appeared before

the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in August this year in a related money laundering case. At that time, Deverakonda clarified that he was

doing an endorsement for a gaming app and asserted that there was "no connection between gaming apps and betting apps."

IBS Hyderabad Celebrates National Education Day with Panel Discussion



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 IBS Hyderabad celebrated National Education Day today, marking the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, with an insightful panel discussion titled "Education: Innovation, Inclusion and Impact." The event, jointly organized by Club Speak Up and Club Verba Viva, focused on the evolving landscape of learning.

The panel featured eminent speakers, including Mr. Nikeelu Gunda, Mr. Bharat Ku-

mar Kakkireni, Dr. Vinita Pandey, and Ms. Elvina Menezes, and was moderated by Prof. Shailendra Singh Bisht. The discussion covered key themes such as the integration of Artificial Intelligence in education, achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education), innovation, and inclusion. Mr. Nikeelu Gunda stressed the importance of curiosity and AI journalism as future-ready skills. Mr. Bharat Kumar Kakkireni emphasized the need for education to be

meaningful and applied. Dr. Vinita Pandey noted that learning outside the classroom gains value when it is contextual, while Ms. Elvina Menezes inspired students to trust education as the path to success. Prof. Bisht concluded by stating that innovation is a mindset and inclusion is its foundation.

The event saw active participation from students and faculty, who were encouraged to view education as a life-

long journey of purpose.

Private Bus Catches Fire on Hyderabad-Vijayawada Highway; Passengers Escape

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A major accident was averted in the early hours of Tuesday on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway when a private bus caught fire, but all passengers managed to escape unhurt. The bus was traveling from Hyderabad to Kandukur when the incident occurred near

Pittampally in Chityala mandal, Nalgonda district, Telangana. The driver's quick thinking proved crucial for passenger safety. He noticed smoke emanating from the engine and immediately stopped the bus, swiftly alerting all passengers. All 29 passengers aboard the private travel agency vehicle safely disembarked before the fire rapidly engulfed the entire bus. By the time the fire engine arrived at the spot, the vehicle was completely

gutted. Police officials rushed to the scene and initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the fire. This incident is the latest in a troubling series of road accidents involving buses across the Telugu states in recent weeks. The report specifically recalled four other deadly or serious bus-related accidents that occurred between October 24 and November 3: a head-on collision between an RTC bus and a tipper truck in Rangareddy (19 lives lost); a private bus overturning in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh (1 killed, 10 injured); a private bus ramming into a truck in Sri Sathya Sai district (1 killed, 8 injured); and a devastating incident near Kurnool where a private bus caught fire after running over a motorbike (19 people burnt to death).

Iconic Moti Gunj Bridge on Mir Alam Tank to Be Constructed at 319 Crore

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Hyderabad is set to gain another iconic landmark with the finalization of the tender for the construction of the 'Mir Alam Iconic Bridge'. The project, long awaited by the city's residents, will be executed by the prominent construction firm KNR, which won the tender for 319.24 crores. The construction will be overseen by the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL).

Named after Mir

Alam Bahadur, Diwan of the Nizam State, the Mir Alam Tank was originally constructed in 1806 and currently spans 450 acres. The state government's aim is to construct a visually appealing bridge with four lanes over the reservoir, located adjacent to the Nehru Zoological Park and the Bengaluru National Highway. This initiative is designed to boost tourism while simultaneously mitigating traffic congestion in the area by connecting the Bengaluru National Highway directly to the Chintammet area. MRDCL engineers have already completed the preliminary soil work at the site, and the contracting firm is expected to begin construction soon. Senior officials have stated that the entire project is scheduled to be completed within two years. This iconic bridge is expected to significantly improve connectivity and enhance the scenic beauty of the Mir Alam Tank area, transforming it into a major urban leisure and transport hub.



Banned Cough Syrup, Alprazolam Tablets Seized; One Arrested

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The Ranga Reddy Enforcement Team successfully apprehended a suspect and seized a large quantity of banned cough syrup and Alprazolam tablets today (Tuesday). The accused, identified as Jalla Naresh, a medical representative by profession, was arrested, and a case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The raid took place in Munuganur village under the jurisdiction

of the Hayathnagar Excise Station. Naresh was operating from his residence, where he was secretly selling the controlled substances without attracting suspicion. The Enforcement Team successfully seized 714 bottles of government-banned cough syrup meant for children, along with 130 Alprazolam tablets, which fall under the NDPS classification. Ranga Reddy Assistant Excise Superintendent (AES) Jeevan Kiran stated that the seized Alprazolam tablets weighed approximate-

Stray Dog Menace Grips Kukatpally; 758 Biting Cases in One Month

TPN Bureau | Nov 11

The stray dog menace has reached an alarming level in the Kukatpally Constituency, with residents of various colonies being terrified by packs of dogs roaming the streets day and night. The dogs are reportedly aggressively chasing and biting locals, causing significant distress and a public health crisis.

The severity of the issue is highlighted by the official statistics: in the last one month alone, 758 people have received anti-rabies injections for dog bites across the Public



Health Centres (PHCs) in the Kukatpally constituency. The situation is particularly concerning in the Balangar PHC area, which reports over 20 dog bite victims every single day. The sheer number of cases indicates a serious failure in the local civic body's efforts to control the stray dog population through Animal Birth Control (ABC) and effective management strategies, prompting fear and calls for immediate, decisive action from the municipal authorities to ensure public safety.

Hyderabad Police Register Cases Against MLAs for MCC Violation

TPN Bureau | Nov 11

The Hyderabad City Police today issued a press note confirming that it has registered three cases against several individuals, including sitting and former MLAs, for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during the polling for the Jubilee Hills Assembly By-election.

Specifically, two cases have been registered at the Madhuranagar Police Station against sitting MLAs Shri Beerla Ilaiyah, Shri Ramachandranayak, and Shri Ramdas. A further one case has been registered at the Borabanda Police Station against former MLAs Shri Dasym Vinay Bhaskar and Shri Methuku Anand. The Hyderabad City Police emphasized that strict legal action is being taken



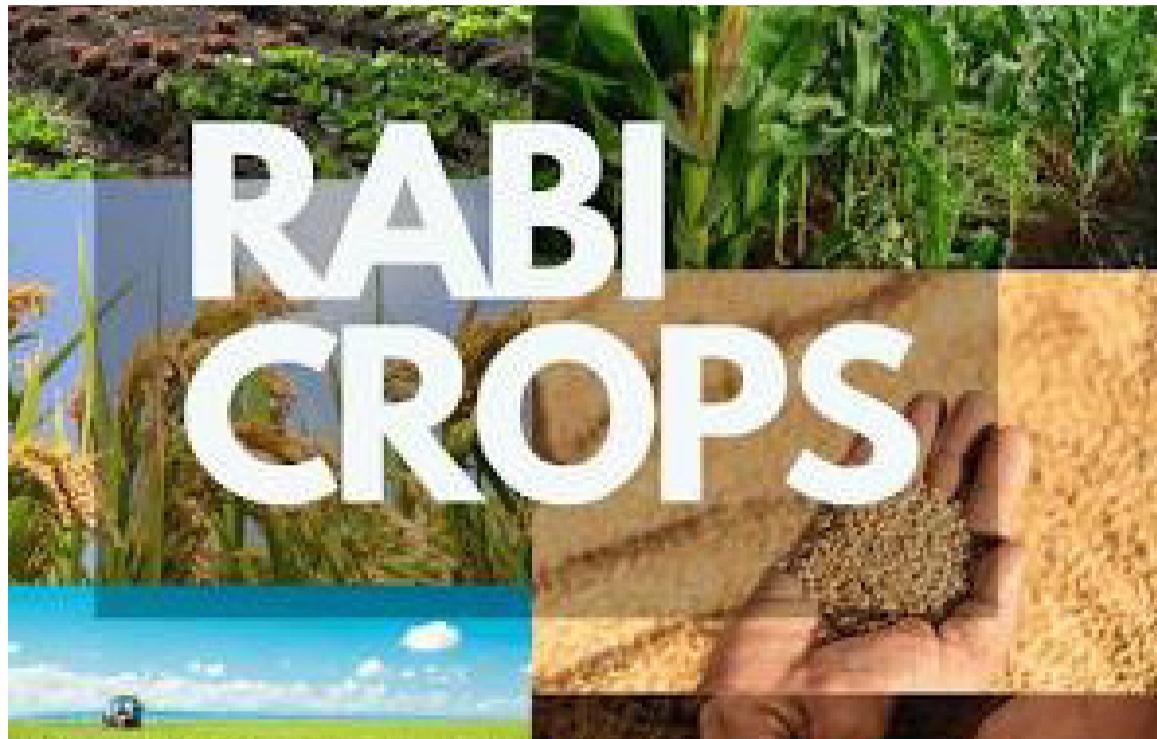
against all individuals found to have violated the election code regulations. The police stressed the importance of respecting the MCC for elections to be conducted peacefully and transparently, in line with democratic principles. The public was requested to

cooperate with the authorities and to immediately inform the Police by calling Dial 100 if they observe any person or party violating the election regulations, reaffirming their commitment to maintaining law and order during the electoral process.

Rabi Cultivation Target Cut by Over 11 Lakh Acres

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 | The Agriculture Department has finalized its cultivation targets for the upcoming Yasangi (Rabi) season and submitted a report to the State Government, showing a significant reduction in the expected area under cultivation.

The Telangana Agriculture Department submitted a comprehensive and detailed report to the State Government on Monday, formally finalizing the area under cultivation targets for the upcoming Yasangi (Rabi) season. The department's official forecast anticipates that a total of 68,67,413 acres will be brought under cultivation during this particular season. Crucially, this target marks a substantial reduction of 11,37,646 acres when compared directly to the previous year's Rabi cultivation area, which was recorded at 80,05,059 acres. The primary and most significant reason cited by the department for this drastic cut in the overall target is the adverse conditions and resultant damage experienced throughout the preceding Vaanakalam (Kharif) season. The department



specifically projects that the severe crop losses caused by heavy and incessant rainfall during Kharif will subsequently influence a large number of farmers to reduce planting a second crop during the Rabi season, thereby lowering the total cultivated area. The report indicates a major anticipated decrease in the cultivation area for

several key staple crops. Specifically, Paddy is projected to drop by 8,43,267 acres, Maize by 3,68,044 acres, and Jowar by 1,69,432 acres. Conversely, the department's careful assessment reported a projected increase in the cultivation area for certain specific commercial crops, namely Bengal Gram (Chickpeas), Sesame, Sunflow-

er, and Sugarcane, suggesting a calculated shift in crop preference among some farmers due to market conditions or perceived better returns. The detailed breakdown of the projected Rabi cultivation area is: Paddy (51,48,910 acres), Maize (6,45,574 acres), Bengal Gram (3,04,634 acres), Groundnut (2,60,033 acres), Jowar (1,98,006 acres), Black Gram (54,968 acres), Sesame (46,915 acres), Sugarcane (27,483 acres), Green Gram (23,296 acres), Bajra (13,933 acres), Sunflower (24,786 acres), Safflower (12,380 acres), Wheat (10,709 acres), and Cowpea (10,652 acres), with all other minor crops covering the remaining extent.

Rangareddy, Adilabad Clinch Senior Kho Kho Titles

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 | The 58th Senior Telangana Inter-District Kho Kho Championship for Men and Women concluded on Sunday in Peddapalli, with Rangareddy and Adilabad clinching the respective titles.

The 58th Senior Telangana Inter-District Kho Kho Championship for both Men and Women concluded recently at the India Mission High School in Peddapalli Town after four days of intense, high-octane competition. The championship was successfully organized under the combined aegis of the Telangana Kho Kho Association (TKKA), the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), and the Sports Authority of Telangana Olympic Association, ensuring wide participation and adherence to national standards. In the Men's final, Rangareddy district put up a commanding and strategically superior performance to decisively defeat Hyderabad by a



final score of 38-28, successfully securing the prestigious Men's championship title. Following the top two, Warangal and Adilabad teams finished third and fourth, respectively, in the Men's category, reflecting a tough contest across the bracket. Conversely, the Women's final witnessed Adilabad dominating their opponents, registering a convincing and comprehensive victory against

Rangareddy with a final score of 26-15 to claim the Women's championship title. In the Women's category, Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda claimed the third and fourth positions, respectively. The championship saw robust participation, featuring 11 men's teams and 11 women's teams, alongside a dedicated team from the Telangana Police in the men's division, adding competitive

SAP Cricket Club Lifts Vikarabad Premier League Trophy

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 | The Morning Vikarabad Premier League (VPL) Season 2 concluded today in Vikarabad with a grand ceremony, culminating in the SAP Cricket Club claiming the prestigious

The Morning Vikarabad Premier League (VPL) Season 2, a prominent and eagerly awaited cricket tournament characterized by a month-long series of thrilling and competitive matches, concluded today in Vikarabad with a magnificent closing ceremony. The SAP Cricket Club emerged as the deserving and ultimate champions, successfully claiming the



prestigious title following an overall excellent and consistent performance throughout the entire season. The highly anticipated final match of the tournament saw the SAP Cricket Club face off directly against the resilient Runners Club. Ultimately, the SAP team secured the championship after successfully registering a convincing victory by a margin of 34 runs. The team's remarkable success in the final was consistently attributed to a critical combination of factors: the cohesive collective effort and teamwork displayed by all of its players, the superb and economical bowling

performances of its bowlers who maintained constant pressure on the opposition's scoring rate, and the aggressive and decisive batting display by the key batsmen, which was essential in setting a challenging and ultimately winning total. The closing ceremony

was a spirited and well-attended affair, highlighting the tournament's significance in the region. The dignitaries congratulated the victorious team and all participants, praising the entire season for the enthusiastic spirit, exemplary sportsmanship, and the friendly

Minister Seethakka Leads Tributes at Poet Ande Sri's Funeral

TPN Bureau | Nov 11 | Minister Seethakka, along with her cabinet colleague and other dignitaries, participated in the final rites of legendary poet Ande Sri, paying her respects from his residence in Lalapet.

Minister Seethakka, accompanied by her cabinet colleague Minister Ponnambalam Prabhakar, senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao (VH), and Hyderabad Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha, participated today in the solemn final journey of the renowned Telangana poet and author of the state song, Ande Sri. The Minister joined the funeral procession as it commenced from the late poet's residence in Lalapet, demonstrating the state government's respect for the cultural icon. As an expression of deep reverence and tribute, Minister Seethakka

personally placed a floral wreath on the mortal remains of Ande Sri. She also spent time with the immediate family members of the deceased, offering them solace and heartfelt condolences during their period of immense grief. Throughout the funeral procession, Minister Seethakka emotionally raised and led the slogans of "Amar Rahe Ande Sri" (Ande Sri is Immortal), acknowledging and honoring the immense sacrifice and literary contribution the poet made towards the successful creation of the Telangana state. The prominent attendance of the Minister and other key political figures in these final rites underscores the current government's commitment to honoring the heroes and cultural icons of the state. Her participation reflects

the government's stance, recently articulated by the Chief Minister, on recognizing the invaluable contributions of poets and artists, a move that contrasts sharply with the alleged neglect faced by such figures under the previous administration. The massive turnout for the funeral, joined by top leadership, signifies the profound sense of loss felt across Telangana society for the poet, whose songs became anthems of the struggle. The Minister's gesture of attending the funeral, along with other political leaders from various parts of the state's political spectrum, highlights the collective respect and acknowledgment of Ande Sri's stature as a cultural and historical icon whose legacy is deeply intertwined with the formation of the state.

'TRIBAL YOUTH MUST THINK GLOBAL, NOT LOCAL,' SAYS MADHU YASHKI GOUD



TPN Bureau | Nov 11 | TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud inaugurated the 17th Tribal Youth Exchange Program, urging tribal youth to strive for high positions and global exposure.

TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud inaugurated the 17th Tribal Youth Exchange Program (Adivasi Youth Convention) at the TGACB - CTI in Rajendranagar, an event organized under the auspices of Mera Yuva Bharat and sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Youth from tribal villages across Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh attended the summit. Madhu Yashki Goud addressed the youth to pursue their chosen goals with determination and strive for higher positions, encouraging them to aim for roles like IAS, IPS, Doctors, and Lawyers, and also to actively participate in politics. He highlighted that the Constitution provides reservations for tribal youth and that the implementation of 33% reservation for women would create opportunities for them to contest elections from Sarpanch up to MP level. He expressed regret that many tribal villages still lack basic facilities like health centers, schools, bus services, and proper roads. Acknowledging the vital role of Adivasis in nation-building, he lamented that they do not receive commensurate wealth for their labor. He noted that socio-economic inequality is driving

Parliament Examines Flawed Bankruptcy Law Overhaul

Parliament is reviewing amendments to India's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016, aiming to speed up corporate insolvency resolution. The proposed bill introduces an alternative, largely out-of-court insolvency process that would allow debtors to remain in control of their companies, unlike the current system where a resolution professional takes charge.

The government claims this new "debtor-in-possession" model could save about a year by bypassing lengthy National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) proceedings. However, experts warn that the changes could increase timelines and unpredictability, undermining the original

law's intent. A major concern is equity among creditors. Currently, any creditor owed 1 crore can initiate insolvency, whether a vendor, employee, bank, or bondholder. The proposed model limits initiation to financial creditors notified by the government, excluding smaller creditors and employees from enforcing their claims. This could weaken the bargaining power of smaller lenders and make the process less equitable.

The amendments also introduce new layers of unpredictability. First, applicability depends on government notification, leaving creditors uncertain if a borrowing company will fall under the new model. Second, initiat-



ing the process requires approval from 51% of eligible financial creditors, a variable that can change over the life of the loan, making planning difficult. Third, unlike the current system, there is no automatic moratorium to halt parallel recovery proceedings; obtaining one requires additional approvals from the committee of creditors and the NCLT.

Since its inception, the IBC has undergone six major amendments and over 120 regulatory changes, creating legal uncertainty for lenders and borrowers. Experts argue that the new model risks further unpredictability, potentially increasing costs for businesses and delaying insolvency resolution

rather than shortening it.

While the intent of faster resolutions is welcome, critics say that retaining debtors in possession and limiting creditor access undermines the law's fairness and efficiency. The alternative model could make insolvency outcomes less predictable, favoring larger financial institutions at the expense of smaller creditors and employees.

The parliamentary debate will determine whether India's bankruptcy framework strengthens creditor rights or inadvertently introduces more delays and uncertainty, affecting the ease of doing business and overall financial stability.

Bihar Migration: Political Narratives May Backfire



Migration and migrants have become central themes in the 2025 Bihar elections, with opposition parties like the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress, and Jan Suraaj Party framing migration as distress-driven "palyan" (escape or displacement). These parties argue that migration causes social disruption, labor shortages, and emotional strain for families left behind, particularly women. Media narratives have largely echoed this perspective.

However, this framing re-

flects an outdated understanding rooted in 1970s-80s structuralist and neo-Marxist theories, which emphasize poverty and lack of livelihood as drivers of migration. While partially true, such a view ignores the aspirational and empowering aspects of migration that have emerged since the 1990s. Migration today is not merely a coping mechanism—it represents mobility, opportunity, and social upliftment. As BR Ambedkar highlighted, migration can empower marginalized communities and break oppressive social

hierarchies.

Bihar remains India's largest source of migrant labor, with over 50% of households involved in migration. Around 9.3 million people migrate seasonally, circularly, or long-term across sectors like construction, domestic work, industry, mining, trade, and agriculture, while a portion enters high-paying jobs. Migration provides crucial economic support through remittances, improving health, education, and household livelihoods. It also fosters social and gender empowerment,

with women gaining confidence and financial autonomy.

Historical and cultural narratives further challenge the opposition's framing. Migration in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has long been associated with dignity and social status. Colonial records and Bhojpuri folklore, such as Bhikhari Thakur's play Bidesiya, highlight both the struggles and respect accorded to migrants. Contemporary stories and songs reflect prosperity, lifestyle improvements, and social prestige of migrant families, emphasizing achievement over victimhood.

Fieldwork in rural Bihar indicates that migrants and their families reject narratives portraying them as victims. Political campaigns focusing solely on migration's hardships may therefore alienate voters who associate migration with opportunity, upward mobility, and dignity. Families left behind want stories of success and improved living standards, not reminders of sacrifice.

In this socio-political context, campaigns by RJD, Congress, and Jan Suraaj critiquing migration may misfire, failing to resonate with voters who see migration as a source of empowerment rather than suffering. Political messaging that misunderstands the complex realities of migration risks undermining electoral support.

Rupee Strengthens to 88.67 Against Dollar Amid Global Cues



The Indian rupee gained 6 paise to trade at 88.67 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, showing a modest appreciation amid a weaker greenback. The rupee opened at 88.79 and touched 88.67, before stabilizing around 88.71. The previous session saw the rupee close at 88.73.

Forex traders noted that the domestic currency's movement was supported by softness in the US dollar, driven by concerns over the long-term health of the US economy. Positive global cues, including progress on the US government shutdown bill and optimism over a potential US-India trade deal, also bolstered investor sentiment.

US President Donald Trump voiced support for a bipartisan deal to end the US government shutdown, signaling relief for global markets. He also mentioned that tariffs on India could be reduced in the future, following

India's steps to cut purchases of Russian crude. "The US is pretty close to a fair trade deal with India," Trump said, adding that he would lower tariffs on New Delhi eventually.

Despite these supportive cues, domestic market sentiment was tempered by muted trends in equities and foreign fund outflows. On Monday, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth 4,114.85 crore, reflecting cautious positioning ahead of global developments.

The domestic equity market also faced pressure, with the Sensex dropping 175.32 points to 83,360.03 and the Nifty sliding 51.60 points to 25,522.75 in early trading. This underlined that while the rupee gained slightly, broader market conditions remained subdued.

Globally, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against six major currencies, inched up 0.06% to 99.65, indicating modest resilience of the US dollar despite domestic weakness. Meanwhile, Brent crude prices softened slightly, trading 0.14% lower at \$63.97 per barrel in futures markets.

Overall, analysts suggest that the rupee's small gains are primarily a response to global developments, particularly the easing of US political uncertainty and trade optimism with India. However, domestic equity weakness and ongoing FII outflows indicate that investors remain cautious, and the currency is likely to continue trading in a narrow range in the near term.

In summary, the rupee's marginal rise to 88.67 reflects a combination of dollar weakness, potential trade deals, and global optimism, but domestic market pressures and foreign fund movements could limit sustained appreciation.

White-Collar Jihad: Radicalised Doctors Expose Ideological Threat



A shocking investigation has revealed a growing "white-collar terror" network operating within professional circles, as four radicalised Indian doctors plotted attacks with explosives and biochemical weapons. These highly educated individuals, expected to safeguard life, were instead in contact with foreign handlers in Pakistan and affiliated with banned outfits like ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGUH).

The arrests, spanning Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, and Gujarat, occurred within days of each other. Authorities recovered over 2,500 kg of bomb-making materials, rifles, pistols, and poison-formulating equipment.

One cell was exposed when a doctor carelessly pasted posters of JeM, which were caught on CCTV. These cases underscore that radicalisation is not limited to socio-economically disadvantaged youth, but can penetrate highly educated, well-off professionals.

Traditionally, policy-makers have framed radicalisation in India as a socio-economic issue, assuming lack of opportunity drives youth toward extremism. Yet, the involvement of accomplished doctors with bright futures challenges this assumption. For instance, despite high per capita incomes in regions like Kashmir, youth continue to be recruited into jihadist organisations,

demonstrating that prosperity alone does not deter

extremism.

Globally, even wealthy

nations such as Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Belgium have witnessed citizens joining jihadist groups, further proving that ideology—rather than economic deprivation—is the primary driver of Islamist radicalisation. Analysts argue that Islamist extremism is fueled by a political-religious worldview dividing the world into Dar al-Islam (lands governed by Islamic law) and Dar al-Harb (lands considered adversaries). This ideological binary underpins pan-national jihad and explains why India, a secular and pluralistic society, is viewed as a target.

Shivshankar warns that political correctness and woke idealism in policy-making may blunt India's response to such threats. Learning from Western missteps, India cannot treat jihad purely as a socio-economic problem; it must confront the ideological underpinnings of terrorism directly. The "white-collar jihad" cases serve as a stark reminder that terrorism can thrive in professional settings, and that national security demands a pragmatic, ideology-aware strategy rather than symbolic virtue signaling.

In conclusion, the radicalisation of educated professionals exposes gaps in India's counter-terror framework and underscores the urgency for policies addressing ideological extremism alongside socio-economic factors, ensuring that even the seemingly secure corridors of society are not breeding grounds for terror.

Delhi Red Fort blast: All responsible will be brought to justice, says PM Modi



TPN Correspondent | Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday vowed that all those responsible for the deadly Delhi blast that claimed 12 lives will be brought to justice. Speaking at the Changlimithang celebration ground in Bhutan, Modi described the incident as "horrifying" and said it had shocked the en-

tire nation.

The blast, which occurred on Monday evening near the Red Fort, involved a car laden with explosives and left several others injured. Authorities have launched a multi-agency investigation, registering a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sahita. Delhi Police, along with national security agencies, are working to identify and apprehend all those involved.

During his remarks, Modi expressed deep condolences to the families of the victims, saying the nation stands united in grief and solidarity with those affected. He emphasized

that the government is leaving no stone unturned to investigate the conspiracy and ensure that the perpetrators face the full weight of the law.

The Prime Minister's statement came on the same day that Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck led prayers for the victims, alongside thousands of

Bhutanese citizens and monks. Modi, who is on a two-day state visit to Bhutan, highlighted the importance of regional solidarity in the face of terrorism and assured that justice would be delivered swiftly.

Officials have indicated that the blast may have links to organized terror modules, prompting heightened security alerts nationwide. Investigators are examining the involvement of various individuals, including professionals allegedly associated with terror networks.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated that the conspirators behind the Delhi blast will not be spared and reaffirmed India's commitment to countering terrorism, strengthening national security, and protecting citizens from such attacks. The government has assured the public that all investigative findings will be made public once the inquiry concludes.

This incident underscores the ongoing challenges of urban security in India, while Modi's remarks reflect a firm stance on accountability and justice.

"Top Agencies Investigating Delhi Blast With Full Intensity": Amit Shah

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep grief over the high-intensity blast near Delhi's iconic Red Fort, which killed at least eight people and injured 20 others. The explosion occurred around 7 pm on Monday at the Subhash Marg traffic signal, ripping through a Hyundai i20 and causing damage to nearby vehicles.

Amit Shah visited the blast site and met with the injured at the hospital, offering condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. In a post on X, he said, "Pained beyond words by the loss of lives in a blast in Delhi. My deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. My prayers for the quick recovery of the injured." He added that top investigative agencies are probing the incident with full intensity and promised an in-depth investigation.



Prime Minister Modi also expressed sorrow over the tragedy, stating, "Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in the blast in Delhi earlier this

evening. May the injured recover at the earliest. Those affected are being assisted by authorities. Reviewed the situation with Home Minister Amit Shah

Ji and other officials." Several central and state agencies, including the NSG, Delhi Police, and FSL, are present at the site conducting detailed investi-

gations. Amit Shah highlighted the rapid response, noting that teams from the Delhi Crime Branch and Delhi Special Branch reached the location within 10 minutes of receiving the alert. He confirmed coordination with the Delhi CP and Special Branch in charge to explore all possibilities and conduct a thorough probe.

The blast took place near Gate 1 of the Red Fort Metro station, causing widespread panic. Preliminary reports indicate multiple casualties and injuries among pedestrians. Authorities have assured the public that all angles, including potential criminal and terror links, are being investigated, with results to be shared promptly.

The incident has prompted heightened security and vigilance in Delhi, with multiple agencies working to ensure the safety of citizens while probing the cause and perpetrators behind the blast.

Opposing Vande Mataram is opposing Mother India: Yogi Adityanath



TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday asserted that those opposing Vande Mataram are "opposing Mother India." Speaking at a function in Barabanki, Adityanath emphasized that the national song is not tied to any religion or

specific form of worship but is a tribute to Bharat Mata.

"Anyone who is opposing Vande Mataram is opposing Mother India. Vande Mataram does not belong to any person, caste, or region," he said. Adityanath added that the song symbolizes reverence

to the nation rather than any religious practice.

He further explained that Vande Mataram has historically inspired unity and patriotism in India, transcending differences of region, language, or faith. "It does not link a person with any particular form of worship. In fact, it

shows reverence to Bharat Mata," he said.

Adityanath also linked the cultural ethos of India with its spiritual traditions, stating that worship of Goddess Saraswati, Goddess Laxmi, and Goddess Durga has provided strength to promote India's identity and values.

He highlighted the importance of Bharatiya (Indianness) in shaping the nation's progress and maintaining social cohesion.

The UP Chief Minister's remarks come amid ongoing debates in various parts of the country regarding the recitation and symbolism of Vande Mataram, with some groups raising objections on religious grounds. Adityanath reinforced that the national song is a unifying symbol, meant to honor India rather than any individual community.

He concluded by urging citizens to recognize Vande Mataram as a source of national pride and unity, reflecting India's rich cultural heritage and commitment to its motherland, regardless of faith or background.

By linking patriotism with cultural reverence, Yogi Adityanath underscored the message that honoring Vande Mataram is integral to respecting India itself.

Bihar Elections 2025: 60.4% Turnout in Second Phase



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Bihar witnessed a strong voter turnout in the second and final phase of its 2025 Assembly elections, with 60.4% of 3.7 crore voters casting their ballots across 122 constituencies till 3 pm, according to the Election Commission. The high turnout indicates an active engagement of the electorate in what is widely seen as a referendum on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's long tenure.

Polling began at a brisk pace, with turnout figures surpassing the corresponding period of the first phase held on November 6, when 121 seats had seen a record 65.09% turnout by the end of the day. Among districts, Kishanganj, the state's only Muslim-majority district, re-

corded the highest polling at 66.1%, followed by Purnea (64.22%) and Katihar (63.8%).

South Bihar districts also saw strong participation, with Jamui at 63.33% and Gaya at 62.74%. Even the district with the lowest turnout, Nawada, recorded a significant 53.17% participation by mid-afternoon.

Several key political leaders cast their votes during the day, highlighting the high stakes of the polls.

Among them were JD(U) acting president Sanjay Jha, Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Purnea MP Pappu Yadav, and State Congress chief Rajesh Ram. Other prominent voters included State Industries Minister Nitish Mishra, BJP's Shreyashi Singh,

and Independent candidate Jyoti Singh, spouse of Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh.

Earlier in the day, by 1 pm, turnout stood at 47.62%, with Kishanganj leading at 51.86%, followed closely by Gaya (50.95%) and Jamui (50.91%). Districts with relatively lower participation included Madhubani (43.39%), Nawada (43.45%), and Bhagalpur (45.09%).

The second phase polling marks the culmination of a highly watched election in Bihar, reflecting strong voter enthusiasm and a keen interest in shaping the state's political future. Final turnout figures and results are expected after the conclusion of polling across all constituencies.

Red Fort Blast: 9 Killed, Terror Links Probed



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Nine people were killed and 20 injured after a high-intensity blast near Delhi's historic Red Fort on Monday evening. The explosion ripped through a white Hyundai i20 at 6:52 pm near the Red Fort Metro Station, leaving mangled bodies and wrecked vehicles across the busy area.

The Delhi Police invoked the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) after forensic evidence and intelligence inputs suggested possible terror links. Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed that all angles are being probed and visited the site, along with the injured at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital.

He said, "Within 10 minutes of receiving the information, Delhi Crime

Branch and Special Branch teams arrived. The NSG and NIA teams, along with the

fire department, arrived at the scene.

The blast coincided with the discovery of 2,900 kg of explosives in Faridabad, 50 km from Delhi.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta urged citizens to avoid rumors and rely only on official updates, ensuring all possible assistance to victims.

Investigations involve multiple agencies, including the NIA, NSG, FSL, and Intelligence Bureau, with CCTV footage from the area being examined.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was briefed by Amit Shah, who assured a thorough probe and public disclosure of findings.

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Trump Hosts Syrian President at White House



TPN Bureau | Washington

In a historic first, President Donald Trump hosted Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa at the White House on Monday, marking the first visit by a Syrian head of state since Syria gained independence from France in 1946. The meeting signifies a major shift in U.S.-Syria relations, following the lifting of long-standing U.S. sanctions on the West Asian country.

Al-Sharaa arrived at the White House around 11:30 am and proceeded to a closed-door Oval Office meeting with Trump. For security and protocol reasons, he entered through West Executive Avenue, rather than the West Wing driveway traditionally used for foreign leaders.

The private nature of the meeting has fueled speculation about the agenda and possible agreements. Observers are closely watching whether this historic meeting will lead to formal agreements or joint counter-terrorism operations, and how it might affect Syria's regional standing.

The White House confirmed that the discussions focused on cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State (IS) group. The visit is being seen as an effort to reintegrate Syria into the international fold and encourage participation in a U.S.-led coalition against terrorism. This comes after years of

strained relations, with Syria often isolated diplomatically due to its civil war and associations with extremist groups.

Analysts note that the visit could also pave the way for economic and security cooperation, as the U.S. aims to stabilize the region while keeping a check on Iran's influence in Syria. Lifting sanctions and hosting a Syrian president in Washington underscores Trump's foreign policy shift toward engagement and strategic partnership, rather than continued isolation.

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This landmark visit marks a new chapter in U.S.-Syria relations, potentially reshaping the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East while signaling Washington's willingness to engage previously isolated states in global security efforts.

David Szalay Wins 2025 Booker Prize

For 'Flesh'; Kiran Desai Misses Double Victory



TPN Correspondent | Philippines

Hungarian-British author David Szalay has won the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel *Flesh*, edging out India's Kiran Desai and her much-acclaimed work *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny*. The award was announced on Monday night at a ceremony held at Old Billingsgate, London.

Szalay, 51, received the prestigious £50,000 prize and trophy from last year's Booker winner Samantha Harvey. *Flesh* was described by judges as a "hypnotically tense and compelling" novel that offers "an astonishingly moving portrait of a man's life" told through sparse yet powerful prose.

Chair of judges Roddy Doyle praised the book's originality, saying, "What we particularly liked about *Flesh* was its singularity. It's a dark book, but we all found it a joy to read."

Meanwhile, Kiran Desai, who won the Booker in 2006 for *The Inheritance of Loss*, narrowly missed becoming only the fifth

author in the prize's 56-year history to claim the honour twice. Her latest 667-page novel was hailed by the judges as "an epic of love and family, India and America, tradition and modernity."

Desai said she aimed to explore "global loneliness through the lens of a long, unresolved love story," depicting the complexities of modern relationships that transcend geography, class, and culture.

Other shortlisted authors included Susan Choi (*Flashlight*), Katie Kitamura (*Audition*), Ben Markovits (*The Rest of Our Lives*), and Andrew Miller (*The Land in Winter*). Each shortlisted writer will receive £2,500 and a specially bound copy of their novel.

This year's judging panel—comprising Ayobámi Adébáyo, Sarah Jessica Parker, Chris Power, and Kiley Reid—praised all six shortlisted books as "brilliantly human," reflecting the diverse ways individuals seek love, meaning, and connection in the modern world.

Sadiya Azhar, Jaish Women Wing Linked to Delhi Red Fort Blast

TPN Correspondent | Bamako

Authorities have uncovered links between the Delhi Red Fort car blast and the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). The blast, carried out using a Hyundai i20 packed with ammonium nitrate fuel oil, killed nine people near the historic monument.

Police sources said the terror module behind the attack had ties to JeM, the group responsible for the Pulwama attack in 2019 and the Pahalgam killings in 2025. Following these incidents, Indian military operations had targeted JeM bases in Balakot and Bahawalpur, killing several members, including relatives of terror chief Masood Azhar. Among them was Yusuf Azhar, husband of Azhar's sister, Sadiya Azhar.

Sadiya Azhar has been reportedly tasked with leading JeM's newly formed women's wing, Jamat ul-Muminat, aimed at recruiting and indoctrinating women through online classes. Reports indicate she focuses on the



wives of Jaish commanders and women from vulnerable communities near remaining training camps.

Two key links have emerged between the Red Fort blast and JeM's network. The first is the terror module that executed the attack. The second in-

volves Shaheena Shahid, whose Maruti Swift contained an assault rifle and ammunition. Shahid, a medical professional, worked with Dr. Mujammil Shakeel at Al-Falah Hospital in Faridabad and may head JeM's women wing in India. Both were arrested following a police crackdown that also seized nearly 3,000 kg of explosives in J&K and Haryana.

Another operative, Dr. Adil Ahmed Rather, was arrested from Uttar Pradesh, while Dr. Umar Mohammed reportedly triggered the Red Fort blast in panic after the arrests of Shakeel and Rather.

Officials noted the involvement of medical professionals underscores a new modus operandi by Jaish, indicating a shift toward using seemingly or-

dinary professionals for terror operations, complicating detection and prevention efforts.

This investigation highlights the continued threat posed by cross-border terror networks operating through intricate domestic cells in India.



Bhutan King Leads Prayers for Delhi Blast Victims

TPN Correspondent | Thimphu

Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on Tuesday led special prayers for the victims of the Delhi Red Fort car blast, expressing solidarity with India. The ceremony took place at the Changlimethang C in Thimphu, where the King, joined by thousands of Bhutanese citizens and monks, offered prayers for those who lost their lives in the November 10 explosion.

The Bhutanese leadership extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery for those injured in the blast, which killed at least eight people and left several others injured. Special prayers were also offered for all affected by the tragedy.

The prayers coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Bhutan. Speaking from Thimphu, PM Modi expressed grief over the incident, stating, "The horrific



incident that took place in Delhi yesterday evening has deeply saddened everyone. The entire nation stands with the affected

families." He assured that Indian investigative agencies were working tirelessly and that the conspirators behind the blast will

not be spared, promising justice for those responsible.

Earlier, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, at the Delhi Defence Dialogue hosted by MP-IDSA, conveyed condolences and assured that India's leading investigative agencies are

conducting a "swift and thorough" inquiry. Singh emphasized that the findings would be made public and those responsible would be brought to justice.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed that "all possibilities" were being explored in the multi-agency investigation. The blast occurred around 7 PM at the Subhash Marg traffic signal, damaging nearby vehicles and prompting a nationwide alert.

Delhi Police have registered cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sahita, with multiple agencies probing the motive and perpetrators.

The joint expressions of grief from Bhutan and Indian leadership underline strong regional solidarity and determination to bring the culprits of the high-intensity blast to justice.

India Airlifts 197 Citizens from Myanmar Cybercrime Hub



TPN Correspondent | Kathmandu

In a coordinated operation, the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday airlifted 197 Indian nationals from Mae Sot, Thailand. These citizens had been working in cybercrime hubs in southern Myanmar, involved in fraudulent operations targeting global victims. The evacuees were brought safely back to India via two special IAF flights, the Indian Embassy in Thailand confirmed.

The operation was personally overseen by Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul, who visited Mae Sot to ensure the smooth execution of the evacuation. PM Anutin reiterated his government's commitment to cracking down on cyber fraud centres operating in Myanmar, which have long been a hub for international scams.

The Indian government has been actively coordinating with Thailand to repatriate its citizens trapped in these centres. Most of the repatriated Indians had been employed in illegal call centres and

cyber scam operations, often lured by promises of legitimate jobs.

The Embassy of India in Thailand stated that the operation demonstrates

strong bilateral cooperation between India and Thailand in protecting cit-

izens from cross-border criminal networks. Authorities in Thailand had reportedly intensified surveillance and crackdowns on cybercrime hubs following repeated complaints from foreign governments, including India.

This repatriation is part of a larger ongoing effort by the Indian government to bring back nationals stranded in high-risk environments abroad. Officials highlighted that the welfare of citizens working overseas in vulnerable conditions remains a top priority, and such operations will continue wherever necessary.

The successful evacuation of 197 Indians from Mae Sot underscores India's capability to undertake complex airlift missions in collaboration with friendly nations, while sending a strong message against exploitation in illegal cyber networks.

The repatriated citizens are expected to undergo medical checks and counseling upon arrival in India, ensuring they are safely reintegrated after exposure to potentially dangerous criminal environments.

GAIL India Q2 Profit Falls 17% Amid Rising Costs

State-owned gas distributor GAIL (India) Ltd. reported a 17% decline in standalone net profit for the second quarter of 2025, as rising expenses weighed on earnings. The company's net profit fell to ₹2,217.24 crore compared with the same period last year.

GAIL's cumulative expenses for Q2 increased 9.3% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹33,000.62 crore, driven primarily by higher material costs, which rose 8.6% YoY. Analysts point out that the inflationary pressure on raw materials and procurement costs has been a key factor in squeezing margins for the company.

Despite the rise in expenses, GAIL's total revenue grew by approximately 6.5% YoY to ₹35,823.81 crore during the quarter. The increase in revenue was supported by higher gas sales and steady demand for the company's petrochemical and pipeline services across domestic and industrial markets.

GAIL, which plays a crucial role in India's energy distribution network, has been navigating challenges including



global commodity price volatility and domestic supply chain constraints. While revenue growth indicates robust demand for gas, the surge in operating costs highlights the need for

tighter expense management to protect profitability.

Company officials remain optimistic about long-term prospects, citing strategic expansions in pipeline infrastruc-

ture and natural gas marketing as potential drivers for sustained growth. They have also emphasized ongoing efforts to enhance operational efficiency and cost controls to counter

rising input expenses. As India's energy demand continues to grow, GAIL faces the dual challenge of capitalizing on market opportunities while managing costs amid inflationary

pressures. The Q2 results underscore the delicate balance between growth and expense management for the state-run distributor in a dynamic energy sector.

Sensex Falls 466 Points on Weak Global Cues, Bank Selling

Mumbai: The benchmark BSE Sensex declined for the second consecutive day on Friday, dropping 465.75 points or 0.55% to close at 83,938.71 amid heavy selling in private banking stocks and a weak trend in global markets. During the day, the index fell as much as 498.8 points to 83,905.66.

Market participants cited foreign fund outflows, mixed corporate earnings, and lingering uncertainty over the U.S. Federal Reserve's future rate actions as key factors weighing on investor sentiment. The broader Nifty 50 index also mirrored the downturn, reflecting cautious trading across sectors.

Private sector banks were among the biggest drags on the market, with investors booking profits after recent gains. Analysts said that ongoing concerns about global interest rates, inflation, and economic growth continue to impact risk appetite, prompting investors to shift funds away from equities toward safer assets.

Global markets were sub-



dued, with major indices in the U.S., Europe, and Asia showing modest declines amid mixed economic data and concerns over potential rate hikes by central banks. The domestic market's sensitivity to foreign institutional investor (FII) flows was evident as continued outflows contributed to the pressure on stock prices.

Despite the short-term volatility, experts suggested that the market fundamentals remain intact, and sectors such as IT, energy, and consumer goods could see selective buying in the near term. Investors are closely watching upcoming corporate results and global cues for guidance on market direction.

Friday's decline marked the second straight session of losses for Indian equities, highlighting the challenges posed by external uncertainties and domestic profit-taking pressures. Analysts continue to advise cautious trading until the global rate outlook and corporate earnings trends become clearer.

Rupee Slips to 88.27 Against Dollar

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

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

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

Sectorally, persistent



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

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

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

India Could Lose Nearly a Quarter of GDP by 2070 Due to Climate Change



India could face a potential GDP loss of up to 24.7% by 2070 due to the impacts of climate change, underscoring the urgency for immediate action, said Dr. Ewa Suwara, Deputy Head of Delegation, European Union to India.

She made the remarks at the Renewable Energy India (REI) Expo & The Battery Show India (TBSI) 2025.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Suwara highlighted that climate change is already taking a toll on global economic growth, affecting productivity, agriculture, infrastructure, and public health. She emphasized that transitioning to green energy and clean industries is no longer optional but essential for a sustainable and resilient future.

In this context, green energy and clean industries are not merely options but imperatives for a sustainable future. The European Union deeply values its partnership with India, especially as both regions stand committed to advancing climate resilience, fostering innovation, and ensuring that ambition is matched by ac-

tion," she said.

Dr. Philipp Ackermann, Ambassador of Germany to India, added that collaboration between European and Indian enterprises can accelerate the clean energy transition. He noted that European private sector companies bring advanced technologies and expertise in solar, wind, bioenergy, storage, and green hydrogen, while Indian companies contribute scale, dynamism, and local insights.

The EU delegation emphasized that stronger cooperation could help India meet its climate and energy goals while boosting economic growth. Experts at the expo stressed that public-private partnerships, innovation, and technology adoption are critical to mitigating climate risks and reducing potential economic losses.

The warnings come amid growing concerns over climate change impacts in South Asia, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, and extreme weather events, all of which could significantly affect India's long-term economic stability.

India's Forex Reserves Fall by \$6.9 Billion



India's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$6.925 billion to \$695.355 billion for the week ended October 24, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported on Friday. This follows an increase of \$4.496 billion in the previous week, when reserves had risen to \$702.28 billion.

The forex reserves, which include foreign currency assets, gold, special drawing rights (SDRs), and the country's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), are a key indicator of India's economic health and external stability.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs), the largest component of the reserves, also saw a decline during the week, reflecting movements in global currencies and market conditions.

Analysts note that fluctuations in the U.S. dollar, changes in oil import bills, and outflows related to debt repayments or portfolio investments can influence the reserves significantly on a weekly basis.

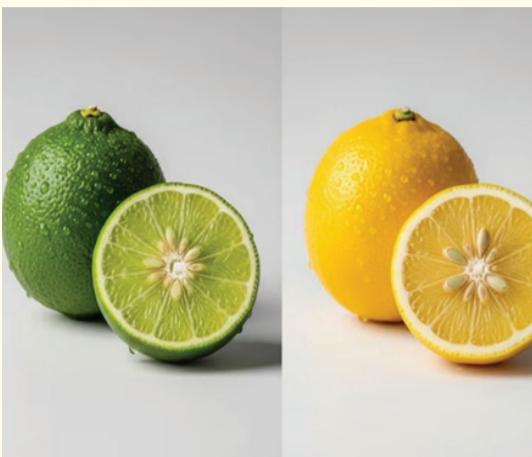
Gold reserves, anoth-

er component, remained relatively stable, while the country's holdings in special drawing rights and the IMF's reserve position showed minor variations. Despite the recent dip, India's foreign reserves remain among the largest in the world, providing a cushion against external shocks and supporting the rupee's stability.

Experts say that while weekly movements are normal, persistent declines could indicate pressure on the currency and may impact import costs, inflation, and overall economic confidence. The RBI continues to monitor global market trends and adjust its interventions to maintain stability in the forex market.

The reserves' movement comes amid a volatile global economic environment, including fluctuating crude oil prices, tightening monetary policies in major economies, and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties, all of which can influence capital flows and foreign exchange reserves.

Lemon vs Lime: The Subtle Difference Everyone Misses



They may look alike, taste similarly sour, and both boost immunity — but lemons and limes are not the same fruit. While often used interchangeably in kitchens around the world, these citrus cousins have distinct differences in appearance, flavour, and nutrition that set them apart.

The lemon, easily recognised by its bright yellow colour and oval shape, is the larger of the two. The lime, by contrast, is smaller, rounder, and usually green. Both belong to the same citrus family and are rich in vitamin C, known for strengthening the immune system and promoting healthy skin.

When it comes to taste, lemons tend to be more sour yet slightly sweet, owing to their higher citric acid content balanced with mild sugar levels. Limes, meanwhile, have a sharper, more pungent flavour with a hint of bitterness.

Why Cyclones Move Towards Land



Tropical cyclones, powerful weather systems that form over warm ocean waters, are driven and directed by large-scale wind patterns in the atmosphere. These storms typically develop where sea surface temperatures exceed 26°C, providing the heat and moisture they need to intensify. However, their eventual movement — whether they make landfall or remain over the sea — is determined entirely by surrounding winds.

Cyclones generally form between 5° and 20° north and south of the equator, regions dominated by the trade winds. These winds blow from east to west as part of the Hadley circulation, a massive global convection system created by uneven solar heating. Warm air rises near the equator, moves poleward at high altitudes, cools and sinks around 30° latitude, and then flows back toward the equator near the surface.

Due to Earth's rotation, this returning air is deflected westward by the Coriolis effect, generating the easterly trade winds that push cyclones toward the west — and, in many cases, toward land.

Organic vs Non-Organic Foods: Which Is Better for Your Health?

Walk through any supermarket and you'll see shelves lined with products proudly labelled "organic." From fruits and vegetables to cereals and snacks, organic foods have become a global trend. Many consumers believe they're healthier and better for the environment, while others argue they're just pricier versions of regular produce. So, what truly sets organic and non-organic foods apart?

How They're Grown:
Organic foods are cultivated without synthetic pesticides, fertilisers, or genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Farmers rely on natural techniques like composting and crop rotation to maintain soil health. Non-organic foods, on the other hand, use modern farming methods and chemical inputs to increase yield and efficiency, which may leave small traces of residues — though typically within safe regulatory limits.

Nutritional Value:



Research shows that while organic produce can contain slightly higher levels of antioxidants,

the overall nutritional difference is minor. Both organic and conventional foods provide similar

amounts of vitamins and minerals. Experts suggest that eating a diverse range of fresh, seasonal

foods is far more important than focusing solely on labels.

Pesticide Exposure:

Organic produce generally has fewer pesticide residues. However, conventional foods are regularly tested and deemed safe. Washing or peeling fruits and vegetables can further reduce exposure, making non-organic options safe for most people.

Environmental Impact:
Organic farming supports biodiversity, enhances soil fertility, and reduces pollution. Conventional farming, though more productive, can deplete resources and harm ecosystems due to heavy chemical use.

Cost and Accessibility:
Organic food often costs more due to lower yields and higher labour needs. Budget-conscious consumers can mix and match — choosing organic for thin-skinned fruits like strawberries and non-organic for produce with protective peels such as bananas or avocados.

Ultimately, both options can be part of a healthy, balanced diet when chosen thoughtfully.

Why We Don't Feel the Earth Moving

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

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



look outside.

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

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

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

China's Heatwaves Threaten Hairy Crab Supply



China's famous "hairy crabs," a seasonal delicacy prized for their sweet meat and golden roe, are under threat as the country battles worsening heatwaves linked to climate change. Farmers say the last three years have been the most difficult in over a decade for crab cultivation, with extreme temperatures disrupting breeding and survival rates.

For farmers like Xie Dandan, 34, who has spent more than ten years raising hairy crabs, rising temperatures have become a major concern. "From 2022, it feels like the weather has been getting worse every year," she said, as she prepared freshly harvested crabs for customers at her farm in Jiangsu province — the heartland of China's hairy crab industry.

The labour-intensive process of cultivating these freshwater crustaceans begins with larvae being raised in ponds for about a year. They are then transferred to fenced wetland farms where they grow until harvest season in autumn. However, sustained high temperatures and reduced rainfall have heated water bodies, lowered oxygen levels, and increased the risk of disease — all factors that threaten crab survival.

Hairy crabs, traditionally enjoyed steamed and served with vinegar, are a symbol of Chinese culinary culture, especially around the Mid-Autumn Festival. But this year, farmers report lower yields and smaller crabs, leading to supply shortages and higher prices across

restaurants and markets.

Experts warn that climate change could make such challenges more frequent, forcing

farmers to adapt by investing in shaded ponds, aeration systems, and improved water management.

As the heat intensifies, the fate of China's beloved hairy crabs — once a reliable seasonal luxury — now hangs in the

balance, with both farmers and food lovers anxiously watching the changing climate's toll on this iconic delicacy.

Sinner Begins ATP Finals Title Defence with Win Over Auger-Aliassime

Italy's Jannik Sinner started his ATP Finals title defence in impressive fashion, defeating Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-5, 6-1 in his opening group-stage match in Turin. Backed by a roaring home crowd, the world No. 2 displayed sharp form and composure as he began his campaign to retain the prestigious year-end crown.

The first set was tightly contested, with both players holding serve until Sinner broke at a crucial moment to clinch it 7-5. Riding on that momentum, the Italian completely dominated the second set, showcasing his trademark power and precision from the baseline. Auger-Aliassime struggled to keep up with Sinner's aggressive pace, managing to win just one game in the set.

For Sinner, the victory not only marks a confident start to his title defence but also keeps alive his hopes of securing the year-end No. 1 ranking. To achieve that milestone, he must win the ATP Finals



and rely on Carlos Alcaraz not reaching the championship match.

Meanwhile, in another group-stage encounter, Taylor Fritz registered a solid win over Lorenzo Musetti, who stepped in as

a late replacement for injured world No. 1 Novak Djokovic. Fritz controlled the match with his strong serve and steady baseline play, ensuring a smooth start to his own campaign.

The 2025 ATP Finals promise high-voltage tennis, with the world's top eight players battling for glory in Turin. For Sinner, the tournament carries extra emotion — not only as the defending champion

on home soil but also as he chases history to potentially finish the year as the world's best.

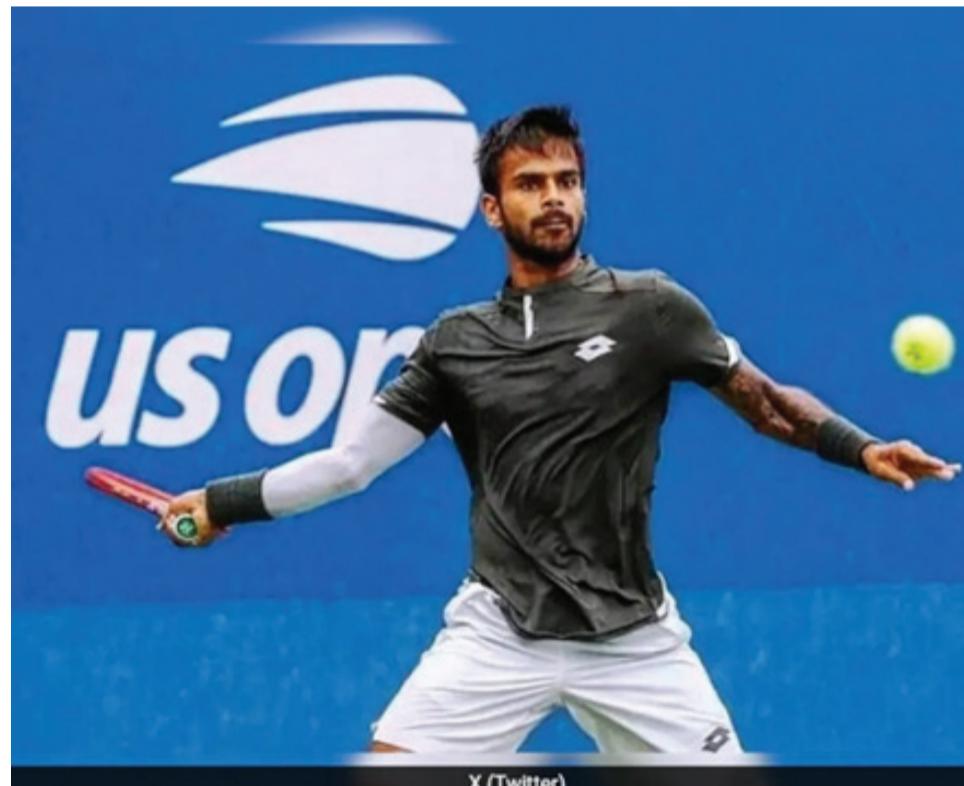
With his opening victory, Sinner has set the tone for another thrilling week in Italian tennis.

Sumit Nagal Faces Visa Hurdle Ahead of Australian Open Playoffs in China

India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal has hit an unexpected roadblock ahead of the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoffs, after his China visa was rejected without explanation. The qualifying event, which offers players a chance to earn a direct entry into the 2026 Australian Open, is scheduled to take place in Chengdu, China, from November 24 to 29, 2025.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Nagal appealed to the Chinese Ambassador to India and the Chinese Embassy in India for urgent intervention. "Respected @China_Amb_India and @ChinaSpox_India, I am Sumit Nagal, India's No.1 tennis player. I am supposed to fly to China soon to represent India at the Australian Open Playoff. But my visa was rejected without reason. Your urgent help would be much appreciated," Nagal wrote.

The 27-year-old from



Jhajjar, Haryana, is currently ranked 275th in the

ATP standings, making him India's highest-ranked

singles player. Having fallen outside the world's top

100, Nagal no longer qualifies for direct entries into Grand Slam tournaments and must rely on wildcard opportunities or qualifying rounds to compete in major events.

Nagal's visa issue now threatens his participation in the Chengdu playoffs — a crucial event that could determine his path to the 2026 Australian Open. Missing the tournament would be a significant setback for his season ambitions.

The Chinese Embassy and tournament organisers have yet to issue a response to the matter. Nagal last featured in the 2024 Australian Open, where he exited in the first round. Earlier this year, he played a vital role in India's Davis Cup victory over Switzerland, winning both his singles matches.

Fans and fellow players have voiced support online, urging quick resolution to ensure India's top tennis star can compete.

West Indies to Play Afghanistan in UAE T20I Series



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Echoing the sentiment, Nasib Khan, CEO of the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), expressed enthusiasm about the contest, saying, "Competing against the West Indies before a global tournament offers an excellent opportunity for our team to fine-tune its lineup and boost readiness for the World Cup."

The opening T20I will be played on January 19 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, followed by the second and third matches on January 21 and January 22, respectively, at the same venue.

CWI's Director of Cricket, Miles Bascombe, highlighted the importance of the series, stating, "This series provides an ideal platform for our preparation. Facing strong opposition in sub-continental conditions will help us sharpen our combinations and approach. It also gives our players a chance to build confidence on surfaces similar to those we'll encounter in India

and Sri Lanka."

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The West Indies, who co-hosted the previous edition of the T20 World Cup, reached the Super Eight stage but narrowly missed out on the semifinals. Afghanistan, meanwhile, made history by advancing to the semifinals for the first time.

In their past head-to-head record, West Indies lead Afghanistan 5-3 in eight T20I clashes.

The upcoming series promises to be a competitive and strategic prelude to the 2026 T20 World Cup, offering both teams a valuable opportunity to test their strengths under similar playing conditions.

India Clinch T20I Series Against Australia as Rain Halts Final Match



Team India secured a 2-1 series victory over Australia after the fifth and final T20 International at the Gabba was abandoned due to rain on Saturday. The downpour ended any hopes of a full contest, bringing the exciting five-match series to an early conclusion.

After being put in to bat, India's openers Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma gave the visitors a fiery start, racing to a 50-run stand in quick time. Gill looked in fine touch, unbeaten on 29 off 16 balls, while Abhishek smashed 23 off 13 deliveries before rain interrupted play in the fourth over. Unfortunately, the showers intensified, forcing the umpires to call off the game without a single ball bowled in Australia's innings.

The washout meant India, who had already taken a 2-1 lead after victories in Sydney and Canberra, clinched the series despite Australia's win in Adelaide. It marks another successful outing

for India's young squad, led by Suryakumar Yadav, who showcased both flair and composure throughout the tour.

The series saw several standout performances, including explosive batting from Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rinku Singh, alongside crucial bowling spells from Mukesh Kumar and Axar Patel.

For Australia, Travis Head and Matthew Short were among the top performers, though inconsistent bowling hurt their chances of a comeback.

With this result, India continue their impressive T20 record in overseas conditions, extending their dominance ahead of next year's T20 World Cup. The team will now shift focus to the upcoming ODI series, while Australia look to regroup after a rain-marred finish in Brisbane.

Despite the anticlimactic end, India's young guns once again proved their mettle on foreign soil, sealing a well-deserved 2-1 series triumph.

Lionel Messi Hopes for Nou Camp Return to Bid Emotional Farewell

Football icon Lionel Messi has expressed his desire to return to Camp Nou one day to bid a proper farewell to the fans and club that defined his illustrious career. The Argentina and Barcelona legend, now 38, shared a heartfelt message after visiting the newly renovated stadium, evoking nostalgia among supporters worldwide.

Messi, who left Barcelona in 2021 due to the club's severe financial crisis, moved to Paris Saint-Germain before eventually joining Inter Miami in 2023. Despite his success abroad, the connection between Messi and Barcelona remains deeply emotional.

"Last night I returned to a place I deeply miss," Messi wrote on Instagram, referring to his recent visit to the revamped Camp Nou. "A place where I was immensely happy, where you made me feel a thousand times like the happiest person in the world."

He added, "I hope one day I can return, and not just to say goodbye as a player, as I was never able to do."

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner spent more than two decades at Barce-



lona, where he became the club's all-time leading scorer and helped them win four Champions League titles and ten La Liga crowns. His unexpected departure in

2021 left fans heartbroken, as he was unable to say farewell on the pitch due to pandemic restrictions and club turmoil.

Currently playing for In-

ter Miami, Messi continues to shine — scoring twice on Saturday to guide his side into the next round of the MLS Cup play-offs.

Messi's message has reig-

nited hopes among fans that Barcelona will organise a special farewell match at the Camp Nou, giving the football legend the send-off he truly deserves.

Globe Trotter's First Song "Sanchari" Becomes an Instant Global Hit



The buzz around SS Rajamouli's much-awaited film *Globe Trotter* is reaching new heights. Featuring Superstar Mahesh Babu in the lead, alongside Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj, the film has already become the talk of the town. Ahead of the official glimpse launch this weekend, the makers surprised fans by releasing the film's first single — *Sanchari*.

The song, composed by MM Keeravaani, has turned out to be an unexpected banger. Shruti Haasan lent her voice for both the Telugu and Tamil versions, infusing the track with her signature energy and emotion. The lyrics beautifully capture the adventurous and dynamic essence of Mahesh Babu's character, offering audiences a sneak peek into the hero's journey.

Unlike traditional Rajamouli soundtracks, *Sanchari* carries an electrifying rock vibe that instantly resonates with global listeners.

The fusion of Keeravaani's grand orchestration and Shruti's powerful vocals gives the track a universal appeal, aligning perfectly with the film's international scale.

Fans have been quick to praise the song's visuals and music, calling it "refreshing," "global," and "pure adrenaline." The makers revealed that the track was designed to bridge cultural boundaries, giving audiences worldwide a sense of the film's spirit and scale.

With Rajamouli's storytelling, Keeravaani's music, and Mahesh Babu's magnetic screen presence, *Globe Trotter* is shaping up to be a cinematic spectacle on par with global blockbusters.

The team's strategy to release *Sanchari* ahead of the film's glimpse has paid off, setting the perfect tone for what's expected to be one of the biggest international releases from Indian cinema. *Globe Trotter* is gearing up for a massive worldwide release soon.

Ram Pothineni Shines in "Andhra King Taluka" Title Promo



Energetic star Ram Pothineni is back in action with his upcoming film *Andhra King Taluka*, which is set for a grand theatrical release on November 28. The makers have kicked off promotions in style by unveiling the title promo and the first glimpse of the song *First Day First Show* on Tuesday.

The short promo has already caught the attention of fans, thanks to Ram's energetic dance moves and vibrant screen presence. The actor, known for his electrifying performances, once again delivers high-energy choreography that perfectly matches his dynamic image. The full song is scheduled to release on Wednesday, adding to the growing excitement surrounding the film.

Directed by P. Mahesh Babu of *Miss Shetty* fame, *Andhra King Taluka* promises to be a perfect blend of mass entertainment.

and youthful energy. Bhagyashree Borse plays the female lead opposite Ram, while versatile actor Upendra is set to appear in a crucial role, adding weight to the ensemble cast.

Produced by the prestigious banner Mythri Movie Makers, the film is expected to be a complete entertainer filled with lively music, stylish visuals, and Ram's trademark energy. The title promo gives a glimpse of the film's colorful vibe and festive appeal, suggesting it will cater to both youth and family audiences alike.

With catchy tunes, impressive visuals, and Ram's undeniable charisma, *Andhra King Taluka* is shaping up to be one of the most-awaited commercial entertainers of the season. Fans are eagerly counting down the days as the film gears up to hit theaters on November 28.

RGV Praises Ram Charan's Raw Energy in Peddi's Hit Song "Chikiri Chikiri"

Ram Gopal Varma (RGV) has showered praise on the first single from *Peddi*, titled *Chikiri Chikiri*, which has taken the internet by storm. The song became an instant sensation, crossing 60 million views in record time and trending across all major music platforms.

Composed by the legendary A.R. Rahman, *Chikiri Chikiri* has captivated audiences not only with its rhythm but also with Ram Charan's energetic and graceful dance moves. RGV, known for his sharp takes on cinema, lauded the song's impact and shared his admiration for its cinematic presentation.

"Every craft in cinema should be only to elevate the HERO," said Varma, praising how the song highlights Ram Charan's screen presence. He described Charan's performance as "raw, real, and explosive," appreciating the actor's powerful yet unglamorous portrayal.

The filmmaker also commended director Buchi Babu Sana for his creative approach, noting, "A star shines



brightest when stripped of unnecessary glitter." RGV admired how the director avoided excessive sets and background dancers, keeping the spotlight firmly on

the lead star. The *Peddi* team expressed their gratitude for Varma's words, saying they were thrilled by his response and encouragement.



Apart from Ram Charan, the film features a stellar ensemble cast including Janhvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, Divyendu Sharma, and Jagapathi Babu.

Backed by Vriddhi Cinemas, this ambitious pan-Indian project is one of the most awaited releases of next year.

Peddi is slated to hit theaters on March 27,

2026, promising an emotional and visually stunning cinematic experience powered by Rahman's music and Charan's magnetic performance.

Kaantha: Dulquer Salmaan's Period Drama Inspired by Real Incidents



Dulquer Salmaan, who is currently enjoying a dream run at the box office with a series of successful films, is now gearing up for his next big release — *Kaantha*, a unique period drama directed by Selvamani Selvaraj. The film has already captured massive attention with its intriguing trailer and star-studded cast.

The trailer hints at an intense clash between two towering personalities — a celebrated superstar and his mentor, a renowned filmmaker. Adding to the excitement, Rana Daggubati appears in a surprise role as a police officer, further ele-

vating the buzz surrounding the project.

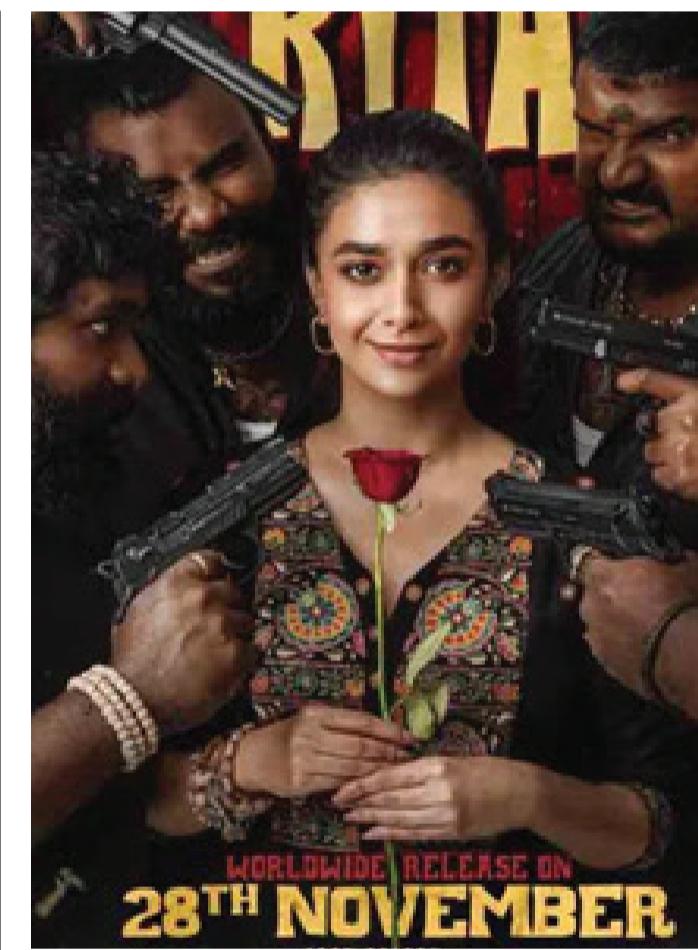
What makes *Kaantha* even more fascinating is its connection to real-life events. According to Rana and other members of the team, the story draws inspiration from true incidents that took place in the 1950s — a time when cinema was evolving rapidly but documentation was scarce. With limited media and no social platforms then, many significant happenings from that era have remained untold.

Kaantha aims to bring those hidden stories to light, weaving them into a gripping cinematic

experience. While the film's central characters are modeled after real-life figures from the Telugu and Tamil film industries, several supporting roles and subplots have been creatively developed to enhance the storytelling.

Blending fact with fiction,

Kaantha promises to be an engaging exploration of the golden yet turbulent age of South Indian cinema. With Dulquer in the lead and Selvamani Selvaraj's compelling vision, the film is poised to offer audiences a powerful mix of nostalgia, drama, and historical intrigue.



Keerthy Suresh's Action Thriller "Revolver Rita" Locks Release Date

National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh, known for her versatile performances, is gearing up for the release of her next film *Revolver Rita*. The makers have officially confirmed that the much-awaited action entertainer will hit theaters on November 28, 2025.

Directed by K. Chandru, *Revolver Rita* promises to show case a completely new side of Keerthy Suresh. The actress plays the role of an ordinary middle-class woman named Rita, whose life takes an unexpected turn when unforeseen circumstances compel her to pick up a gun. What follows is a gripping tale of courage, chaos, and transformation, blending high-octane action with entertaining comedy elements.

The film's storyline revolves around how Rita, an innocent woman thrust into extraordinary situations, navigates danger and discovers her inner strength. Keerthy, who has consistently im-

pressed audiences with diverse roles, is expected to deliver yet another power-packed performance in this female-led action thriller.

Veteran actress Radhika Sarathkumar plays a significant supporting role, adding depth and intensity to the narrative. The film's team has completed shooting and is now focused on final promotional activities leading up to its release.

Produced on a stylish and vibrant scale, *Revolver Rita* stands out for its fresh concept, slick action sequences, and Keerthy's strong on-screen persona. The first-look posters and teasers have already generated buzz, promising a perfect mix of entertainment and empowerment.

With its November 28 release, *Revolver Rita* is set to bring a refreshing female-centric action drama to the big screen, offering fans an exciting cinematic experience led by one of South India's most talented stars.