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# Minister Surekha’s ‘Sorry’ Sends Political Circles Abuzz

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Minister Konda Surekha is a well-known, fiery personality in Telugu politics, and her outspoken nature has often drawn controversy. She recently made headlines by posting an apology on Twitter, which has sparked widespread discussion in political circles. This move marks a significant departure from her earlier stance, particularly regarding explosive comments she had made previously targeting the family of a prominent Tollywood actor, Nagarjuna, while alluding to opposition leader K.T. Rama Rao. Her past remarks had

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created a storm, but they appear to have cooled down now. “I regret if my comments have caused distress to anyone,” her tweet read, leading to immediate speculation about the reasons behind this sudden change of heart.

The major questions circulating are whether this shift was self-initiated after an acknowledgement that such continuous statements could be politically damaging, or if it was the result of external political pressure. Her controversial statements had previously ex-

ceeded the official party line. The current discussion revolves around whether her retraction and apology are a result of genuine introspection or a pragmatic response to political maneuvering, given the delicate climate surrounding the government’s relationship with the film industry.

Observers familiar with Surekha’s political journey, which is defined by her direct and unfiltered communication style, might be surprised by this “Sorry.” However, signals suggest new political calculations are at play. It is understood that in the current atmosphere, where film industry figures are strengthening ties with the

government, continuous sharp criticism from a Cabinet Minister directed at a leading actor could negatively impact the government’s standing. This pressure may have led Minister Surekha to soften her public statements. While the true motive—sincere regret or strategic political compliance—remains unclear, the apology has seemingly satisfied Nagarjuna’s fans. Politically, the episode underscores the crucial need to weigh public statements carefully, as unmeasured remarks can cause more damage than political gain. Whether this marks a temporary silence or a permanent change in Surekha’s approach remains to be seen.

## Hyderabad Gears Up for President, VP Visits

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President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to visit Hyderabad on November 21 to attend the ‘Bharatiya Kala Mahotsavam’ event at the Rashtrapati Nilayam, one of the Presidential Retreats. The President will arrive at Begumpet airport on November 21 and proceed directly to the Raj Bhavan before attending the cultural event at Rashtrapati Nilayam later that day. Following the event, President Murmu will stay overnight at the Raj Bhavan. The following day, on November 22, she will depart for Puttaparti in neighboring Andhra Pradesh, the birthplace of the revered spiritual guru

Sri Sathya Sai Baba, according to a release from the Telangana government.

In related news, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan will also be in Hyderabad just days earlier, attending an event at the Ramoji Film City on November 16. The Vice President is slated to reach the Begumpet airport on the afternoon of November 16. Upon arrival, he will attend a high tea hosted by Governor Jishnu Dev Varma at the Raj Bhavan. Following his engagement at Ramoji Film City later that evening, he is scheduled to leave for Delhi at 8 PM on November 16, concluding his brief visit to the state capital.

Meanwhile, Telangana Chief Secretary

K. Ramakrishna Rao held a crucial meeting with senior officials on Wednesday to review and finalize the arrangements for the high-profile visits of both the President and the Vice President. The Chief Secretary directed all concerned officials to ensure meticulous and fool-proof arrangements are in place for both dignitaries. He particularly stressed that the security measures must be executed with extra care and vigilance, citing the need for heightened security in view of the “present circumstances,” as mentioned in the official release. The comprehensive meeting aimed to coordinate logistics, protocol, and security to ensure both visits are conducted smoothly and safely.



## Security Tightened as Six Airports Get Bomb Threats

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A major security alert was triggered across India following bomb threats directed at six major airports. Mails were received by the offices of IndiGo Airlines and Air India threatening to blow up airports in several key cities. The airports specifically named in the threat mails were Hyderabad, Delhi,

Mumbai, Chennai, Trivandrum, and Goa. The threats necessitated immediate and extensive security measures across all six locations. A massive coordinated search operation was launched by bomb disposal squads and security personnel at all six concerned airports, confirming the gravity of the threat and the immediate security response. Security agencies,

including the bomb squads and local police, are currently conducting thorough inspections across the entire premises of the six airports. The security protocol is at its highest level. Further details on the origin of the threatening emails and the status of the ongoing searches are awaited as authorities work to secure the airports and track the source of the malicious communication.

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The Telangana High Court has adjourned the hearing on a series of petitions related to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) irregularities until the second week of January. The petitions were filed by key figures from the previous regime, including former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR), former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao, former Chief Secretary S. K. Joshi, and senior IAS officer Smitha Sabharwal. They are seeking orders from the court to quash the highly critical report submitted by the Justice P.C. Ghose (retd) Commission of Inquiry.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin decided to adjourn the case after the state government formally requested additional time to prepare and file its counter-affidavits in response to the petitioners’ argu-



ments. The court granted the government four weeks to submit its counter-affidavits, followed by an additional three weeks for the petitioners to file their rejoinders. Crucially, the bench extended its existing interim order, which restrains the state government from taking any punitive action against the petitioners based on the findings of the Kaleshwaram Commission report. This interim order was initially issued on September 2. This extension provides temporary relief to

the former leaders and officials while the legal battle over the commission’s legality and findings proceeds.

The state government had previously announced its decision to hand over the probe into the alleged KLIP irregularities to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on September 1. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made this announcement in the Assembly following an extensive debate on the Ghose Commission report. The

petitioners’ core contention is that the very constitution of the Commission was arbitrary and illegal, arguing it violated provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act. They further claim that the Commission made findings regarding their conduct and reputation without adhering to the required procedures under Sections 8B and 8C of the Act, thereby violating the fundamental principles of natural justice. The petitioners assert that the Commission’s report is

invalid, prejudicial, and defamatory. The one-man commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose, was constituted on March 14, 2024, to investigate alleged irregularities in the planning, design, and execution of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla Barrages. The Commission’s report held KCR “directly and vicariously accountable” for these issues and also indicted Harish Rao, Joshi, and Sabharwal.



# Abhaya Hastam Scheme Pays Off with 43 Interview Qualifiers

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka hailed the selection of 43 candidates for the Civil Services interview round as a commendable achievement for the Rajiv Gandhi Civil Services Abhaya Hastam scheme. Launched by the People's Government to support aspirants, the scheme has made a significant impact since its inception last year. To date, a total of 342 youth from Telangana have received financial assistance totaling 3.62 crore through Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). The scheme's core goal is to empower unemployed youth by providing crucial financial aid at critical stages of the rigorous Civil Services examination.

The "Abhaya Hastam" scheme provides 1 lakh to candidates who qualify for the Mains and an additional 1 lakh for those who reach the interview stage. This year, 202 candidates qualified for the Mains and received this financial encouragement.

Out of this group, 43 have now successfully progressed to the final interview stage, a result the Deputy Chief Minister described as highly praiseworthy and a testament to the state's talent. He announced that these 43 candidates would be immediately provided with an additional 1 lakh each, along with accommodation facilities in Delhi to support their final preparation for the personal-ity test.



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The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that at this success validates the People's Government's firm commitment to realizing the dreams of the state's youth. He congratulated the candidates and urged them to excel, bringing pride to Telangana. He recalled the scheme's initial success in its first year, where it supported 140 Mains qualifiers, 20 interview qualifiers, and ultimately 7 successful candidates who are now serving in the Civil Services. The increasing success rate in the second year, with 43 candidates advancing, solidifies the profound impact and necessity of this financial support initiative.

## CM Revanth Lauds Telangana's UPSC Mains Achievers

TPN Bureau | Nov 12, 2025, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended his congratulations to the successful candidates from Telangana who cleared the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Mains Examination 2025. The Chief Minister acknowledged that the state's candidates have demonstrated impressive capability in the highly competitive exam. Many of these achievers were direct beneficiaries of the state government's Rajiv Civil Services Abhaya Hastam scheme, an initiative designed to provide financial backing to aspirants from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The government provided financial aid of 1 lakh to each candidate from Telangana who qualified and appeared for the Mains examination this year, continuing the program launched last year. The scheme, implemented with the support of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), aims to provide essential financial stability for intensive preparation. This year, 202 candidates received this aid. The effectiveness of the scheme is clear, as 43 of the beneficiaries have now successfully cleared the Mains results and qualified for the final interview round, underscoring the positive impact of this targeted governmental support.

This supplementary financial boost is intended to fully cover the costs of meticulous preparation for the final personality test, ensuring they can focus entirely on achieving their goal without financial burden.

## Restore Lakes for Life, Not Just Looks: HYDRA Chief



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HYDRA Commissioner Sri A.V. Ranganath stressed that developing lakes must prioritize their ecological needs over mere aesthetic beautification. Speaking at the South India CSR Summit, he urged that lakes must be transformed into vital lifelines for all living beings. He stated that the fundamental focus must be on removing encroachments, clearing accumulated silt, and eliminating foul odors before any peripheral beautification is undertaken. He specifically directed corporate entities utilizing CSR funds to prioritize these core restoration activities to achieve genuine, sustainable environmental impact.

The Commissioner provided a detailed overview of HYDRA's restoration projects, including Bathukamma Kunta and six other lakes. He emphasized the critical need to deepen the lakes to boost their flood retention capacity for effective urban flood management, and to ensure that inlets and outlets are properly functional to regulate water flow. He also detailed HYDRA's efforts to prevent sewage from contaminating the lakes, which is essential for long-term ecological success and public health.

The Commissioner also appealed for the protection of nalas (stormwater channels), which are vital lifelines for the chain of lakes. He noted that their preservation is necessary to effectively mitigate city-wide floods. He quantified the necessity of lakes, explaining that one acre of lake, deepened by one meter, can hold approximately four million liters of water. He lamented that about 61% of the city's lakes have vanished. He reiterated HYDRA's commitment to restoration and called upon corporate bodies to contribute.

He stressed the need to consider lakes as permanent assets to be preserved for future generations, transforming the areas into peaceful environments for community use.

# Minister Tummala Cracks Down on Latecomers

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Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, Handlooms, and Textiles, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, conducted unannounced inspections across the headquarters of his departments on Wednesday, including HACA and the Seed Corporations. The purpose of these surprise checks was to enforce greater efficiency and adherence to strict disciplinary standards across the state administration.

During his rounds, the Minister expressed severe displeasure over the lack of punctuality among several high-ranking officers. He noted with frustration that outsourced personnel were timely, while regular employees, particularly General Manager and Manager level officials, showed negligence towards their duty timings. This prompted a strong reprimand, with the Minister emphasizing that strict punctuality is mandatory and that any form of negligence or

laxity in public service duties will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He stressed that high officials must set a responsible example, as accountability is key to efficient governance.

Minister Tummala issued explicit directives to the Commissioners and Managing Directors of the concerned departments, instructing them to initiate immediate disciplinary action against all officers who were not present during the surprise inspection. He mandated that rigorous measures must be implemented to ensure that all personnel, from the highest-ranking officers to the lowest-level staff, strictly observe their duty timings. The Minister highlighted that the ultimate goal of these stringent actions is to foster a responsible, timely, and responsive administrative environment. This action signals a clear zero-tolerance policy for negligence, reflecting the government's mandate to revitalize the bureaucratic machinery and improve citizen service delivery.



# CM Revanth to Pitch Telangana at US-India Forum

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to attend the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) meeting in New Delhi on November 13th, departing on Wednesday night. This attendance signifies the state government's commitment to strengthening economic ties and collaborative opportunities with the United States. The event offers a high-level platform for the Chief Minister to highlight Telangana's potential as a prime destination for foreign investment in sectors like IT, pharmaceuticals, and

manufacturing. The USISPF is a non-profit, non-governmental, and non-partisan organization with offices in Washington, D.C., and New Delhi. Its core mission is to build, advocate for, and facilitate sustainable partnerships between the United States and India through high-impact mechanisms like stakeholder dialogues and policy consultations, acting as a crucial bridge between the two nations.

The November 13th event is expected to attract numerous high-profile figures. Alongside Chief Minister Reddy, key Union Ministers

will also be in attendance, demonstrating the central government's commitment to the strategic partnership. Confirmed attendees include Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Minister Manohar Lal. The Chief Minister's participation is crucial for aligning Telangana's specific developmental goals with the broader US-India economic agenda, potentially securing new partnerships and investments vital for the state's continued growth trajectory in a competitive global market.





# Bhatti Orders Immediate Release of 163 Crore for Gurukul and Midday Meals

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has issued stringent directives to the Finance Department officials for the immediate release of 163 crore towards critical pending dues. These funds are designated for crucial welfare schemes, specifically covering payments related to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Minority Gurukul institutions, as well as the essential Midday Meal Scheme across the state. The directive was issued on Wednesday evening following a comprehensive review meeting held by the Deputy CM at Praja

Bhavan. The meeting brought together key officials from the Finance Department and administrators of the Gurukul institutions to assess the financial requirements and bottlenecks affecting the educational welfare programs. During the focused session, the Deputy Chief Minister provided specific breakdowns for the required immediate releases. He instructed that 51.36 crore must be disbursed immediately to cover pending diet, rent, and cosmetic charges for all SC Gurukuls, hostels, and their affiliated institutions across Telangana. This substantial allocation is vital for ensuring



the students' basic needs and living conditions are met without further delay. Similarly, he mandated the release of 47.61 crore to settle pending diet and rent dues pertaining to Minority Gurukuls and other educational institutions serving the minority communities. This two-pronged approach underscores the government's commitment to uplifting students from historically disadvantaged and marginalized sections of society, ensuring their access to high-quality education remains uninterrupted by administrative financial backlogs.

In a further move to shore up school nutrition programs, the Deputy CM also directed the officials to immediately release a significant sum of 63.92 crore towards pending payments related to the Midday Meal Scheme. This specific directive aims to ensure that the scheme, which provides nutritious meals to millions of school students, operates smoothly and that local suppliers and service providers are paid promptly. Recalling the People's Government's commitment, Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted the substantial enhancements made to student welfare since the administration took

office. The diet charges for students in Gurukul and hostels were increased by a notable 40%, and the cosmetic charges were boosted by a massive 200%, explicitly to ensure students receive highly nutritious, diverse, and quality food, alongside better personal care provisions. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that despite these financial boosts, administrators must never compromise on food quality and must rigorously adhere to the government-prescribed menu. To ensure transparency and accountability, he further instructed officials to conduct regular,

scheduled inspections of all government educational institutions. These mandatory visits, to be conducted as per a fixed calendar, are designed to review the facilities and provisions being offered to the students on the ground. He also directed that detailed and prompt reports of these visits must be submitted by the concerned administrators to maintain continuous oversight. Finance Department Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania and other senior officials participated in the crucial review meeting, committing to the Deputy CM's directives.

## Ministers Order Swift Completion of Medaram Shrine Works



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Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has directed officials to complete the development works at the Sri Sammakka Saralamma Temple in Medaram, Mulugu district, on a war footing by December 20. He issued a stern warning that there would be no compromise on quality, and any deviation would not be tolerated. Minister Srinivas Reddy, along with Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, and Minister for SC, ST, Tribal Welfare Aduri Laxman Kumar, and Mahabubabad MP Porika Balram Naik, visited the Medaram temple on Wednesday. They offered special prayers to the deities before conducting an on-site inspection of the development works. Subsequently, the Ministers held a high-level review meeting with senior officials and contractors at the Haritha Kakatiya Hotel to discuss the progress of the Jatara development works and the master plan formulation.

trances, arches, and the construction of four watchtowers and CC roads around the Prakaram (compound wall), all to be completed by the deadline. He stressed the need for 24-hour work shifts, increasing manpower and materials, and completing the road construction, dividers, and plantation within one month. The Master Plan's first phase includes constructing queue line sheds, four-lane road widening, temple development, and increasing the capacity of the Gaddelu area from 3,000 to 10,000 devotees. He ordered the Irrigation Department to immediately prepare proposals for check dams on the Jampanna Vagu, as requested by the Chief Minister, and directed the Tourism Department to prepare beautification proposals for the stream. He also instructed the National Highway officials to complete pending roadworks, including the Mallampalli and Katakshapur bridges, by December 15. Minister Srinivas Reddy confirmed he would re-visit on November 22 to check the progress. The Ministers asserted that the works were being done in consultation with tribal priests and would last for two hundred years, emphasizing that every rupee spent would be for permanent infrastructure.

## Transport Minister Tightens Road Safety Enforcement

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Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held a review meeting with key officials at the Secretariat to tighten the plan of action for continuous enforcement within the Transport Department, aiming to drastically reduce road accidents. The government has designed this robust action plan to ensure strict adherence to road regulations and mete out severe penalties for violations. To intensify enforcement, the Minister announced the formation of 33 district-level teams and 3 state-level Flying Squad teams across Telangana. These teams will conduct mandatory, daily surprise checks, with specific enforcement areas communicated by senior officials as early as 6 AM each day. The primary focus areas for these enforcement teams will include illegal overloading by lorries and buses, mineral transport violations (sand, fly ash, stone, building materials), vehicle fitness, pollution norms, and pending e-challans. Violating vehicles face additional penalties and immediate



seizure, particularly in cases of overloading. Each team will comprise a DTC, MVI, AMVI, and other staff, including personnel recently relocated from canceled check-posts. The Minister, however, strictly prohibited the teams from harassing auto-rickshaws carrying passengers or tractors used for agricultural purposes. Key enforcement guidelines mandate a month-long rotation of staff for the state enforcement squad for statewide surprise checks. The JTC-Hyderabad and all DTCs must ensure at least one enforcement team is operational on the road at all times, including on public holidays. Regions like Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Adilabad, and Sangareddy must inspect inter-state contract carriage (CC) buses at least twice weekly. Immediate seizure is mandated for goods vehicles and buses

with expired fitness certificates, chronically over-speeding vehicles, and all overloaded goods vehicles. Overloaded vehicles will not be allowed to offload the excess goods. Following a recent bus accident in Chevella, the Minister reviewed actions taken, noting that 2,576 cases were filed in the previous week, including 352 against overloaded lorries and 43 against buses. The Minister also directed the acceleration of Automatic Testing Stations, comprehensive training for Transport Department staff, and initiating steps to issue permits for 'Women Autos' to boost female employment. Lastly, he instructed officials to organize innovative awareness programs, including essay competitions and establishing Children's Awareness Parks in all districts, as part of the upcoming Road Safety Month.

## Scientific Efforts Underway to Rehabilitate Kaleshwaram Barrages: Uttam

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Irrigation & Civil Supplies Minister Capt N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that systematic and scientific efforts are underway to salvage the damaged Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project. After chairing a review meeting, the Minister stressed that the government's priority is to restore the barrages responsibly, thereby protecting the massive public expenditure incurred during the previous BRS regime. The Minister noted that reports from the Vigilance, National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), and Judicial Commission all pointed to systemic failures and irrational decisions, leading to the Medigadda

collapse and leakages in the other two barrages, citing lapses at both political and engineering levels. Recognizing the criticism faced by the Irrigation Department's Central Designs Organisation (CDO), the government decided to engage highly qualified independent technical institutions. They approached the Central Water Commission (CWC) for guidance, which advised that designs prepared by experienced experts would be vetted and approved by them. The government subsequently invited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from reputable firms, prioritizing those with formal tie-ups or MoUs with premier institutions like IITs or other

Government of India technical bodies. Once floodwaters recede, the Pune-based Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) will conduct a series of tests, including geo-physical and hydraulic investigations, to determine the extent of the dam age. The Minister confirmed that five agencies were initially shortlisted, from which three will be selected for the final stage. The chosen consultant will use CWPRS data to prepare detailed designs and cost estimates for restoring all three barrages. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy made it clear that the entire cost of testing and repairs will be borne by the original contractors responsible for the damaged structures.

## TPCC Chief Confident of Congress's Future In Telangana After Jubilee Hills Bypoll

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud interacted with the media at Gandhi Bhavan, expressing strong confidence in the Congress Party's political future in Telangana. He asserted that the Congress government would remain in power for the next ten years, facing no challenge. Goud also predicted a definite victory for the party in the ongoing Jubilee Hills by-election, praising the diligent work of ministers and party in-charges. He noted that while polling percentage should have been higher, city dwellers and youth must come forward to vote.

Goud dismissed allegations of rigging by BRS leaders, stating such activities are no longer possible in modern political eras. He attributed the BRS's accusations to the "agony of defeat." He criticized the BRS, saying their discussion of democracy was hypocritical, akin to "devils reciting the Vedas," given their alleged stifling of democratic rights during their decade in power. He credited the Congress government with implementing welfare schemes unmatched by any other state in the country. Goud stated that the Congress candidate in Jubilee Hills is a major asset and that a "positive wave" is evident in

Telangana, guaranteeing the Congress's return to power. Regarding the upcoming Local Body elections, he stated the party is ready to proceed according to the High Court's directives and is consulting with the AICC. He highlighted the Congress's commitment to providing 42% statutory reservations for BCs, claiming that the BJP at the Center, through leaders like Bandi Sanjay and Kishan Reddy, is obstructing this move because they do not want the BC community to prosper. He also dismissed BRS's "fake surveys" on paid YouTube channels as a temporary game born out of their fear of losing.

## Minister Vakit Srihari Slams BRS Allegations on By-Election



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Minister Vakit Srihari strongly criticized the BRS leaders' allegations regarding the Jubilee Hills by-election, comparing their attitude to people with jaundice seeing everything as yellow. He specifically called out the BRS for falsely claiming that the Congress Party engages in tactics that were habitual to the BRS itself. He stated that the BRS leaders talking about the Constitution and democracy was hypocritical, like "devils reciting the Vedas." The Minister accused BRS leaders of shedding crocodile tears over democracy, arguing that it was the BRS Party that "murdered democracy" during its ten years in power, alleg-

ing they made illegal arrests and stifled the right to speak. Minister Srihari contended that while the movement for Telangana was fought on the promise of water, funds, and jobs, KCR misled the public into believing he alone achieved statehood, leading to a decade of state regression. He pointed out that if the current government acted like the BRS, MLAs like Sudhir Reddy and Erravelli Dayakar Rao, who were seen violating election codes in Jubilee Hills, would have been jailed. He argued that the BRS is attempting to malign the government because they know the public verdict in the Jubilee Hills election is not in their favor, leading to their frustrated outbursts.

Minister Srihari asserted that the Election Commission conducted the Jubilee Hills by-election constitutionally, allowing people to vote freely according to their will. He dismissed the BRS's arguments as baseless rhetoric born out of the fear of defeat. He warned BRS leaders not to harbor the illusion that their baseless criticism of the Chief Minister and Ministers, often highlighted by "pink media," would fool the public. He advised them to control their language, or face the consequences from the public. He concluded by stating that the public's disillusionment with the BRS is why the Congress Party was voted into power.



# Hyderabad On High Alert After Delhi Blasts

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Following the car bomb blast near the historic Red Fort in Delhi on Monday evening, the Union Home Ministry issued a high alert across several states, prompting increased vigilance in major cities nationwide. In response to these security concerns, Cyberabad Police, under the directives of Commissioner of Police Avinash Mohanty (IPS), intensified preventative security

checks to ensure the safety of the public and maintain law and order.

CP Mohanty instructed all police stations to step up vigilance, conduct extensive checks in crowded areas, implement 'Naka Bandi' (checkpoints), and monitor sensitive locations closely to prevent any security breaches. As part of these enhanced security measures, a special operation was conducted in the busy areas under the Balana-



gar Police Station limits on Wednesday, led by CI Narsimha Raju. The team utilized the assistance of the Bomb Detection Squad (BDS) and officials from the Intelligence wing to conduct a thorough inspection of high footfall areas to identify any potential threats.

Balanagar police conducted hours-long searches in key public spots to prevent any untoward incidents. BDS experts carefully examined suspicious objects,

packages, and vehicles in areas including IDPL D-Mart, Vimala Theater, Durgha Matha Temple in Raju Colony, Sai Nagendralayam, and the Narsapur Crossroads bus stop. CI Narsimha Raju assured the public that surveillance would continue to maintain peace and order, urging citizens not to panic. He requested that the public immediately report any suspicious individuals or objects to the police by calling Dial 100.

## Nigerian National Deported For Illegal Stay & Drug Links

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The Hyderabad Narcotic Enforcement Wing (HNEW) apprehended and successfully deported a Nigerian national, Onyeukwu Kelechi Victor (28), to his native country to prevent him from engaging in activities detrimental to national security. Victor initially entered India on a Student Visa on October 29, 2021, and enrolled in a BCA course in Bangalore. However, he discontinued his studies due to financial issues and began associating with drug offenders, working for a Nigerian-based drug supplier.

He was involved in drug trafficking, collecting substances and delivering them to

peddlers and consumers in Bangalore and Hyderabad on a commission basis to earn easy money. Victor's visa expired on April 21, 2024, and he had been staying in India illegally since then. Although no drugs were seized from him when he was apprehended during an operation in the Banjara Hills police limits, he failed to provide proper explanation or valid documents for his presence in Hyderabad. He subsequently admitted to overstaying his expired visa. To ensure his repatriation and prevent his re-entry, HNEW initiated the deportation process with the assistance of the FRRO, Hyderabad, securing an exit permit and blacklisting him

from returning to India.

Victor was safely deported from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in the early hours of November 12, 2025. HNEW highlighted its continuous efforts against foreign nationals involved in drug trafficking; since 2022, HNEW has apprehended 23 foreign nationals (15 Nigerians among them) staying illegally and involved in the drug trade, successfully deporting them. In 2025 alone, 11 foreign nationals have been deported. HNEW also appealed to the public to refrain from substance abuse and report any drug-related information to them, urging parents to monitor their children to secure a drug-free Hyderabad.



## Hyderabad Fast Bowler Mohammed Malik Selected for India U-19 'A' Team



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Mohammed Malik, a promising young cricketer from Mallepally, Nampally, has secured a coveted spot in the BCCI Under-19 India 'A' Team. This selection follows his exceptional performance in the recent BCCI-organized Under-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy, where the Hyderabad fast bowler emerged as the top wicket-taker.

To celebrate this significant achievement,

Malik's father, Mohammed Abdul Subhan, led a celebratory event at the Magnet Infra company office in Lakdikapul, where they cut a cake and set off firecrackers with the staff. Mohammed Malik acknowledged that his continuous practice and motivation were inspired by Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj. Malik is scheduled to participate in a series against Afghanistan starting on November 17 in Bengaluru. The young

fast bowler clearly articulated his ultimate career ambition, stating that representing the senior Indian national team is his ultimate dream, and he is determined to deliver his best performance to move closer to that goal. His selection highlights the growing talent pool emerging from the Hyderabad cricket circuit and his potential to follow in the footsteps of other successful fast bowlers from the region.

## CISF Seizes Smuggled Drones and Electronics Worth 1.4 Cr At RGIA

TPN Bureau | Nov 11, 2025

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad successfully thwarted an attempt to smuggle a significant quantity of high-value electronic items. The operation, which took place on Wednesday, resulted in the seizure of goods, including banned drones and premium smartphones, estimated to be worth approximately 1.4 crore.

CISF personnel became suspicious of two passengers shortly after their arrival from Abu Dhabi on November 11. Acting swiftly, their baggage was subjected to screening via the Domestic Arrival Exit Gate X-BIS machine. The screening detected a large consignment of undeclared, high-value electronics. The seized



items included several banned drones, premium smartphones, laptops, and various accessories, totaling the substantial value of 1.4 crore. Upon questioning, the two passengers were

unable to produce any valid purchase documents or the necessary import clearance required for the recovered commercial goods, raising immediate red flags.

Following the seizure and failure to provide legitimate documentation, both passengers, along with the confiscated electronic items, were promptly handed over to the Customs authorities. The Customs department will now proceed with further necessary legal action as mandated by law concerning the attempted illegal import and possession of banned and undeclared goods. This action highlights the continuous vigilance of the CISF in curbing smuggling activities at the international airport, particularly regarding items that pose security or regulatory concerns, such as drones.

## Hyderabad to Host HYPEX-2025 Philatelic and Hobbies Exhibition

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Hyderabad is gearing up to host a grand three-day exhibition of stamps, coins, paper currency, and ancient artifacts. The 'HYPEX-2025' exhibition is being organized by the Philatelic and Hobbies Society and will take place from November 14 to 16 at the Federation of

Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) in Red Hills.

According to the Society's Secretary, Sagi Srinivas Raju, and Joint Secretary, Srikanth, the exhibition will feature over 60 stalls with exhibits from across the country. The event will be inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Veena Kumari,

Chief Postmaster of Hyderabad GPO. The Society aims to popularize these hobbies by organizing exhibitions, seminars, and workshops in schools and other institutions. The organizers also issued a crucial public advisory, clarifying that the Society has no connection with individuals engaging in fraudulent



activities on social media, who often attempt to scam people by claiming

to sell or buy old coins and notes. This exhibition offers enthusiasts a

## Four Arrested in Dhoolpet for Ganja Possession

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Mohammed Malik, a promising young cricketer from Mallepally, Nampally, has secured a coveted spot in the BCCI Under-19 India 'A' Team. This selection follows his exceptional performance in the recent BCCI-organized Under-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy, where the Hyderabad fast bowler emerged as the top wicket-taker.

To celebrate this significant achievement,



nificant achievement, Malik's father, Mohammed Abdul Subhan, led a celebratory event at the Magnet Infra company office in Lakdikapul, where they cut a

cake and set off firecrackers with the staff. Mohammed Malik acknowledged that his continuous practice and motivation were inspired by Indian fast

bowler Mohammed Siraj. Malik is scheduled to participate in a series against Afghanistan starting on November 17 in Bengaluru. The young fast bowler

clearly articulated his ultimate career ambition, stating that representing the senior Indian national team is his ultimate dream, and he is determined to deliver his best performance to move closer to that goal. His selection highlights the growing talent pool emerging from the Hyderabad cricket circuit and his potential to follow in the footsteps of other successful fast bowlers from the region.

## DGP Shivadhar Reddy Unveils Book on Asaf Jahi Heritage

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Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy today unveiled the coffee table book, JEWELS OF ASAF JAHIS - The Glory of WARANGAL. The book was authored by Kannekanti Venkata Ramana, Joint Director of the Information and Public Relations Department. The unveiling ceremony took place at the DGP's chamber in the DGP's office. During the event, the DGP expressed his desire for more extensive literature to be published on the rich history of Telangana.

The coffee table book focuses on the magnificent structures built during the Asaf Jahi dynasty's rule in Lakdikapul, along with the de-



tails and history of the Subedars (Governors) who administered the region from Warangal. The DGP noted that the book would be highly beneficial for history researchers and candidates preparing for com-

petitive examinations. He commended the author, who is a public relations officer, for publishing a historical coffee table book, enriching the documentation of the region's heritage.

While Warangal is

typically associated with the Kakatiya dynasty, the Thousand Pillar Temple, and Bhadrakali Temple, the book sheds light on the architectural marvels built by the Nizams from Kazipet to Mamunoor.

These structures include the Kazipet Railway Station and the Dharmasagar Filter Bed, which is the predecessor of the current Mission Bhagiratha water scheme. The book also contains rare and valuable information, including photographs of Nizam-built heritage structures, detailing the history and unique features of the Warangal Subah (province), which historically encompassed parts of present-day Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, and Khammam districts, and the Subedars who governed it. This publication serves as an invaluable resource for students, history scholars, and anyone interested in the layered past of Warangal.





# Bapu Bata’ Chariot Sets Out to Spread Gandhi’s Message

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In connection with the Gandhi Gyan Pratishthan Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Telangana State Arya Vysya Corporation and Minority Corporation have launched a unique program to collect one-foot Gandhi statues across the state. This initiative is a show of solidarity with the state govern-

ment’s plan to erect the world’s tallest Gandhi statue. The ultimate goal is to collect one lakh (100,000) statues for a grand exhibition in Hyderabad, after which they will be distributed to government and private offices, educational institutions, libraries, police stations, and public places to be kept on tables. To promote this ini-

tiative, the ‘Bapu Bata’ (Bapu’s Path) awareness chariot was officially flagged off at Gandhi Bhavan today by TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud. He was joined by Telangana State Arya Vysya Corporation Chairperson Smt. Kalva Sujatha and Telangana Minority Corporation Chairman Deepak John. This promotional

chariot will travel through all mandal centers across the 33 districts of the state, serving the dual purpose of collecting Gandhi statues and widely disseminating Gandhi’s principles. Dr. Gunna Rajender Reddy, Chairman of the organization, and Gandhari Prabhakar, Convener of the Gandhi Vignana Kendram Committee, stated that

the chariot will aid in conducting various activities at the grassroots level to ensure that Gandhi’s enduring philosophy is known to all. TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud praised the committee members for organizing this commendable program and assured them of the party’s full cooperation and support at all times.

# Not a Single Grain Will Go Unsold,’ Vows TGIIC Chairman

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TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy inaugurated a paddy procurement center in Kondapur and Gollapally on Wednesday. She also laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new Panchayat Bhavan in Aliabad, estimated to cost 20 lakh. Addressing the public, Nirmala Jagga Reddy asserted that justice for all sections of society is only ensured under Congress rule. She criticized the previous administration, noting that not a single ration card was issued in the last ten years. In



contrast, she highlighted the Congress Party’s history of implementing

loan waivers for farmers in a single tranche. She detailed the implemen-

tation of the party’s six guarantees, which include free bus travel for

women, 200 units of free electricity, and the provision of an LPG cylinder for 500. She also confirmed that the government would distribute fine rice to every household through ration shops. Reassuring the farmers, she made a firm promise that the government would purchase every last grain of paddy at the procurement centers, urging farmers not to be fooled by middlemen or brokers. Her statement aimed to instill confidence in the government’s procurement process and shield farmers from exploitation by private traders.

# Minister Steps In to Resolve Farmers’ Market



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Representatives of the Rythu Swarajya Vedika (Farmer’s Self-Rule Platform), led by Sri Kiran Kumar, met with the Agriculture Minister at the Secretariat today to submit a petition detailing the issues faced by farmers at the field level. In response, the Agriculture Minister directed state-level agriculture and marketing officials to address the concerns raised by the delegation and clarify their doubts. The Minister assured the delegation that the state government is taking all nec-

essary steps to resolve farmers’ issues in the markets. However, he noted that farmers are currently facing problems in cotton procurement due to a lack of adequate support and cooperation from the Central Government. The Minister mentioned that the state has requested the Centre’s permission to purchase discolored soybean crops. Regarding maize, the state is procuring the crop using its own funds. He also announced an increase in the procurement limit for maize from 18 quintals per acre to 25 quintals per acre fol-

lowing requests from farmers. Furthermore, to ensure transparency in crop loss reporting, the Minister instructed officials to display the crop damage reports on the Gram Panchayat notice boards. He also stated that if any farmer files a complaint regarding the report, officials will be directed to conduct a second field inspection and accurately record the damages. The Minister concluded by assuring the Rythu Swarajya Vedika that the state government is taking every measure to ensure farmers do not face

# Hyderabad Police to Host Mega Road Safety Awareness Event

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Director General of Police (DGP) Sri B. Shivadhar Reddy announced a large-scale road safety awareness program titled ‘Arrive Alive’ to be held on November 14 at the L.B. Stadium in Hyderabad. The DGP made the announcement during a special meeting with senior police officials and volunteers at the DGP office on Tuesday. The massive event is aimed at raising public awareness about the precautions required to prevent road accidents across Telangana. The DGP emphasized that the program will focus on the



principles of Defensive Driving and the need for Responsible Driving. The event is expected to draw

approximately ten thousand attendees, including road accident victims, cinema industry celebri-

ties, and public representatives. DGP Shivadhar Reddy announced that extensive public aware-

ness campaigns of this nature will be organized throughout December and January to educate motorists on the necessary safety precautions. The DGP stated that a full action plan would be finalized soon, ensuring the participation of all sections of society. During the meeting, the DGP officially unveiled the ‘Arrive Alive’ Road Safety Poster. Additional DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh M. Bhagwat, Police Commissioners V.C. Sajjanar (Hyderabad), Avinash Mohanty (Cyberabad), Joint CP (Traffic) Joel Davis, and other senior officials and volunteers were present at the meeting.

# School bus catches fire in Medak

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Medak: A stationary school bus caught fire, reportedly due to a short circuit in Narsingi mandal headquarters on Wednesday night. The bus belonged

to Akshara Techno School in Ramayampet and was parked in Narsingi after dropping school children on Wednesday. An hour later, smoke started emanating from the bus and flames soon engulfed it.

Local residents responded quickly and doused the fire before calling the Fire & Rescue Services personnel. They said a major accident was averted since the incident happened after students had been dropped off.

# SI, constable in ACB net for taking bribe in Telangana



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Hyderabad: A Sub-Inspector of Police and a constable were caught by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while allegedly taking bribe of Rs 50,000 in Siddipet district in Telangana. The accused officers-SI and his driver/police constable of Mulugu Police Station, Siddipet Commissionerate, were apprehended red-

handed within the premises of the police station on November 11 when the SI demanded and accepted the bribe from a complainant through the constable as a “reward” for doing an official favour; an ACB release said here on Wednesday. The official favour was “in respect of the eviction process of a residential property pertaining to the complainant’s elder sister

and handing over the possession to her and helping the complainant in connection with the case”, it said. The bribe amount was recovered from the possession of the constable. The accused officers have performed their public duty “improperly and dishonestly” to obtain undue advantage, the ACB said. The case is under investigation, it said.

# Tensions Flare As Prisoners Clash In Chanchalguda Jail

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A tense situation erupted at the Chanchalguda Jail in Hyderabad following a violent clash between two remand prisoners. The conflict involved a rowdy sheeter named Jabri, who had been recently remanded to judicial custody for a new case, and another inmate identified as Dastagiri. The clash reportedly stemmed from old rivalries existing between the two individuals. The violent incident occurred within the Mulaqat (Visitor’s) Room, where Jabri and Dastagiri engaged in a mutual assault. The intensity of



the confrontation resulted in serious injuries to both Jabri and Dastagiri, necessitating their immediate

transfer from the jail premises to a hospital for urgent medical treatment. Jail authorities have launched a

formal inquiry into the incident to determine the exact cause of the renewed conflict and to review security proto-

cols within the facility to prevent similar occurrences involving prisoners with known grudges.



# AI and Capitalism Threaten the Middle Class



The middle class, long considered the backbone of modern societies, is facing an existential crisis as artificial intelligence (AI) and capitalist priorities reshape the workforce. According to experts, corporate strategies are increasingly sidelining middle-tier employees, signaling a profound structural shift in employment.

Middle-class workers—defined broadly as white-collar professionals, managers, and skilled technicians—are now considered expendable. Corporates have realized that laying off a single manager often saves more than retrenching multiple blue-collar workers,

due to the higher salaries and associated benefits of middle-tier employees. This cost-benefit logic, amplified by AI and automation, is reshaping hiring and retention strategies across industries.

AI is a key driver in this transformation. Advanced algorithms and machine learning tools can now perform tasks previously reserved for mid-level professionals, including data analysis, financial modeling, customer support, and even decision-making processes. While automation has long replaced routine blue-collar jobs, it is now encroaching into sectors once considered

secure. AI not only boosts efficiency but also allows companies to reduce headcount and overhead costs, further marginalizing the middle class.

The economic rationale is stark: corporations prioritize profit maximization over job preservation. The pandemic and subsequent technological acceleration have taught firms that they can maintain productivity while trimming middle management, leaving the traditional middle class increasingly vulnerable. The social consequences, however, are severe. A shrinking middle class threatens economic stability, consumer

spending, and societal cohesion, as the gap between the affluent and the working poor widens.

Experts warn that without intervention, this trend will continue. Some suggest retraining programs, progressive taxation, and stronger labor protections to preserve middle-class relevance. Yet, corporate incentives remain aligned with automation and downsizing, making systemic change difficult.

The disappearance of the middle class is not just an economic issue—it is a cultural and social one. Historically, this group has provided stability, innovation, and civic

engagement. Its erosion may alter not only the labor market but also the fabric of democratic societies.

In summary, AI and modern capitalist strategies are reshaping employment in ways that threaten the middle class's survival. Companies are finding it more cost-effective to automate roles and eliminate mid-tier positions, leaving traditional safeguards for the middle class increasingly obsolete. Unless proactive policies are adopted, this trend may redefine the very structure of modern economies, leaving millions of middle-class professionals in a precarious position.

## The Global Phenomenon of “6-7” Captivates Gen Alpha



A curious cultural phenomenon has swept across social media and classrooms worldwide: the viral term “6-7”. Named Dictionary.com’s Word of the Year 2025, “6-7” is neither a word nor a number in the conventional sense. Its appeal lies in its ambiguity, acting as a universal gesture of indifference, irony, or playful engagement.

Originating from rapper Skrilla’s 2024 track ‘Doot Doot (6 7)’, the term quickly transcended music. Fans speculated wildly about its meaning—from a reference to Philadelphia’s 67th Street to a symbolic nod to transformation—but its true power is that it has no fixed definition. Its viral rise was amplified when NBA star LaMelo Ball appeared mouthing the phrase, giving it a visual and numerical context, followed by “67 Kid,” a child whose enthusiastic chant and hand gestures turned the phrase into a global meme.

The term has become a generational inside joke, especially among Gen Alpha. It functions as a “shibboleth,” creating instant solidarity among those who understand it while baffling older generations. Teachers worldwide report disruptions in classrooms, with students breaking into coordinated chants of “six!” followed by “seven!”—a playful ritual of participation and rebellion against conventional instruction.

“6-7” exemplifies the performative nature of modern language. Its meaning is less in words

and more in gesture, tone, and timing. It demonstrates how linguistic creativity now thrives on recontextualization rather than invention. Numbers stripped of arithmetic value become tools for humor, social bonding, and digital virality. The phrase has spread internationally, from classrooms in Michigan to boat races in Malaysia, demonstrating how English serves as the lingua franca of global meme culture.

Sociologically, “6-7” signals the evolving dynamics of digital globalization. The phrase leverages content from American hip-hop and NBA culture but transcends borders through platforms like TikTok, creating a shared, planetary experience. For children, replying “6-7” is not failure to communicate; it is a demonstration of independence, algorithmic literacy, and playful resistance to defined meaning.

Though ephemeral—likely to be replaced by the next viral sequence in months—“6-7” stands as a six-foot-seven monument to modern communication, celebrating absurdity, creativity, and the collective joy of nonsensical expression. For now, it is a reminder that language is as much about connection and belonging as it is about definition.

Next time someone asks how you are, try it: a straight face, a gentle hand wobble, and a soft: “6-7.” If they laugh, you’re in. If not, welcome to the mystery.

## Trump’s Nuclear Testing Post Sparks Debate Amid Asia Tour



U.S. President Donald Trump embarked on his three-nation Asia tour, he stirred controversy with a startling post on Truth Social. In a message described as “disjointed and dangerous,” Trump called for the resumption of nuclear testing, claiming it was necessary to bring the U.S. “to the same level as China and Russia.” He then continued with a series of rants and tangents, leaving many observers puzzled about the rationale behind the statement.

Experts note that nuclear testing itself is unlikely to trigger immediate fear or a new arms race. Both Russia and China have substantial nuclear arsenals and resources, meaning a U.S. resumption of testing would not dramatically alter global power dynamics. Nevertheless, the post has reignited debates over Trump’s approach to international relations and nuclear policy.

Political analysts suggest that such statements may be part of a broader pattern in Trump’s communication style. By posting provocative messages on social media plat-

forms like Truth Social, he keeps the public and international observers guessing about his intentions. This unpredictability can amplify attention on his actions while also creating uncertainty in diplomatic circles.

The Asia tour, which is still ongoing, is expected to cover key geopolitical topics, including trade, security, and regional alliances. Trump’s recent posts have raised questions about whether his personal messaging might overshadow official diplomatic discussions or send mixed signals to allies and adversaries.

While nuclear testing remains a sensitive issue, experts emphasize that the practical impact of one country resuming tests is limited in today’s strategic environment. The focus now is on monitoring both the Asia tour outcomes and the continuing flow of statements from Trump’s social media activity.

The unfolding scenario underscores the challenges of navigating international diplomacy amid unpredictable political communication.

## Bangladesh Faces Banking Crisis Amid NPL Surge



Bangladesh, once hailed as one of Asia’s fastest-growing economies, is grappling with its “weakest banking system in the region,” according to the Asian Development Bank’s 2025 report. By December 2024, non-performing loans (NPLs) accounted for 20.2 percent of total loans (Tk 3,45,765 crore), the highest in South Asia, rising further to 27.09 percent (Tk 5,30,428 crore) by June 2025. In comparison, India’s NPL ratio was 2.5 percent, and Pakistan’s 6.3 percent.

Experts cite a combination of decades-long financial indiscipline, political turmoil, and poor governance for the crisis. Economist Mustafizur Rahman noted that politicians and business elites exploited the banking sys-

tem, overstating collateral and siphoning funds abroad, leaving banks with virtually worthless assets. The problem intensified under the Yunus administration, when NPLs nearly doubled in a year, and persisted despite reforms initiated after the fall of the Hasina government in 2024.

Bangladesh Bank has responded with a tight monetary policy, a flexible exchange rate, and sweeping reforms. The Bank Resolution Ordinance (BRO) 2025 grants the central bank authority to restructure or close failing institutions, while new loan classification rules and Risk-Based Supervision aim to improve oversight. Five struggling Islamic banks are set to merge into a single state-owned institution to pre-

vent systemic collapse.

Despite these measures, private sector investment remains stagnant at historic lows, constrained by high interest rates, political uncertainty, and cautious lending. Public sector credit growth is high, reflecting government borrowing needs, but banks’ excess liquidity and low deposit growth indicate weak private confidence. Analysts warn that the capital shortfall across 24 scheduled banks threatens financial stability, with state-owned banks holding 42.8 percent of loans as non-performing.

Signs of stabilisation have emerged. Inflation has moderated to around 8.3 percent, the taka has steadied at Tk 122 per dollar, foreign reserves exceed \$31 bil-

lion, and GDP growth is projected near 5 percent for FY25. However, economists stress that long-term recovery will require sustained reforms, political stability, and improved corporate governance.

“The Bangladesh economy is moving forward, but it will take four to five years to stabilise the financial sector fully,” said Rahman. He emphasized that continuity in reforms, combined with stable governance, is essential for economic recovery and investor confidence.

Bangladesh now faces a critical test: restoring trust, restructuring institutions, and ensuring that past financial mismanagement does not undermine the country’s hard-won growth gains.



# PM Modi Inaugurates Kalachakra ‘Wheel Of Time’ In Presence Of Bhutan King



**TPN Correspondent | Varanasi**  
On the second day of his visit to Bhutan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the sacred Kalachakra ‘Wheel of Time,’ marking the commencement of the Kalachakra Empowerment as part of the ongoing Global Peace Prayer Festival. The event was attended by Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan, and presided over by Je Khenpo, the

Chief Abbot of Bhutan. Sharing pictures of the ceremony on X, PM Modi described the event as a gathering that brings together Buddhist devotees and scholars from Bhutan. “Had the honour of inaugurating K lacakra ‘Wheel of Time’ Empowerment with His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan and His Holiness the Je Khenpo, which made it even more special,” he

wrote. The Kalachakra Empowerment is a ritual of immense cultural and spiritual significance for Buddhists globally. It forms a key part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival, which aims to foster peace and spiritual harmony while celebrating Buddhist traditions. A day prior, PM Modi joined the Bhutanese King to seek blessings from the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha at Thim-

phu’s Tashichhodzong. The relics, enshrined at the Grand Kuenrey Hall, were sent from India as a special gesture to commemorate the Fourth King of Bhutan’s 70th birthday and the festival. The Prime Minister also took part in the celebrations marking the 70th birth anniversary of Bhutan’s Fourth King, underscoring the centuries-old cultural and spiritual ties between In-

dia and Bhutan. PM Modi’s participation in these ceremonies highlights India’s enduring cultural, spiritual, and people-to-people connections with Bhutan, reinforcing the Himalayan nation as a key partner in the region. The visit reflects both countries’ commitment to strengthening diplomatic and cultural relations while honoring shared traditions and values.

# Jaishankar Meets Anita Anand at G7, Seeks to Rebuild India-Canada Ties

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met his Canadian counterpart, Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand, on the sidelines of the G7 foreign ministers’ meeting in Niagara, Canada, emphasizing the need to strengthen bilateral relations between the two nations. In a post on social media, Mr. Jaishankar congratulated Ms. Anand for successfully hosting the G7 foreign ministers’ gathering and expressed appreciation for the progress made in implementing the New Roadmap 2025, a strategic plan aimed at enhancing India-Canada ties. He highlighted the commitment of both countries to further rebuilding and expanding their partnership across multiple sectors.



such as trade, critical minerals, energy, and technological collaboration. The roadmap aims to deepen cooperation, facilitate investments, and strengthen economic and strategic

ties between India and Canada. During the discussions at the G7 sidelines, the ministers reviewed ongoing initiatives and explored opportunities to

boost collaboration in areas of mutual interest. The talks are seen as part of broader efforts to reset and revitalise India-Canada relations, which have been steadily growing in

recent years through diplomatic, economic, and cultural engagements. The meeting underscores the importance both countries place on dialogue and partnership within global forums like the G7, reflecting shared priorities on economic development, sustainability, and international cooperation. By engaging at such high-level platforms, India and Canada aim to consolidate their bilateral ties, address emerging global challenges, and create new avenues for collaboration in trade, technology, and strategic sectors. This interaction between Jaishankar and Anand marks a significant step in sustaining momentum in India-Canada relations and implementing initiatives outlined in the New Roadmap 2025. Tags: India, Canada, S. Jaishankar, Anita Anand, G7, Bilateral Relations, Trade, New Roadmap 2025

# J&K Police Raid Over 200 Locations In Crackdown On Jamaat-e-Islami



**TPN Correspondent | Kolkata**  
Jammu and Kashmir Police, along with other security forces, carried out extensive operations against banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) cadres in the Valley following the deadly terror blast in Delhi that killed eight people. Authorities said the crackdown aims to dismantle terrorist net-

works and curb the ground-level influence of JeI. Police in Kulgam district conducted coordinated raids at over 200 locations, targeting the homes and premises of JeI members and associates. Over the past four days, more than 400 Cordon and Search Operations (CASOs) have been

conducted in areas previously associated with militant activity and Over Ground Workers (OGWs). In Sopore, security forces carried out raids across multiple locations in Sopore, Zaingeer, and Rafiabad, focusing on individuals and premises linked to JeI, which has been banned under the

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Significant quantities of incriminating material, including documents, digital gadgets, and printed content connected to the organisation, were seized. Several individuals are being questioned in connection with unlawful activities. Anantnag police re-

ported that around 500 individuals connected to banned organisations, including JeI, as well as relatives of J&K natives operating from Pakistan (JKNOPs), have been interrogated. Many have been detained under preventive laws and shifted to District Jail Mattan. In Shopian district, searches targeted the residences of JeI activists, including those of Dr. Hameed Fayaz at Naidgam and Mohammad Yousuf Falahie at Chitragam. Investigations are ongoing to trace wider networks allegedly supporting terrorism. Authorities said intelligence suggests that the Delhi blast, linked to Dr. Mohd Umar, may have been part of a larger module intending to carry out a major terror strike. Security forces continue to tighten surveillance and conduct operations to prevent any resurgence of JeI-related activities in the region.

# India Rejects Pakistan PM’s Allegations After Islamabad Terror Attack



**TPN Correspondent | Delhi**  
India on Tuesday strongly dismissed as baseless the allegations made by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif linking a recent terror attack in Islamabad to New Delhi. The External Affairs Ministry described the claims as a “predictable tactic” by Pakistan’s leadership to create false narratives. The comments from India came in response to the suicide attack on Monday outside a court in the Pakistani capital, which claimed the lives of 12 people. In the aftermath, PM Sharif accused groups “active with Indian support” of orchestrating the attack. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Ran-

dhir Jaiswal said the international community is well aware of the reality and will not be misled by Pakistan’s “desperate” ploys. He termed the allegations as an attempt by the “delirious” Pakistani leadership to divert attention from its own internal security failures. India has consistently highlighted that it condemns terrorism in all forms and has repeatedly urged Pakistan to take concrete steps against terror groups operating from its soil. The MEA reiterated that blaming India for incidents within Pakistan is both baseless and counterproductive to regional peace and stability. The suicide attack in Islamabad drew wide-

spread condemnation from across the globe, with authorities focusing on securing the area and investigating the perpetrators. Security officials in Pakistan continue to probe the attack, while Indian officials stressed that linking India to such incidents undermines genuine efforts to fight terrorism. This latest exchange between the two countries underscores the ongoing tensions and mistrust in bilateral relations, especially regarding cross-border security issues and the fight against terrorism. Tags: India, Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif, Islamabad, Terror Attack, MEA, Randhir Jaiswal, Bilateral Tensions

# Bihar Records Highest Voter Turnout Since 1951 at 67%



**TPN Correspondent | Delhi**  
Bihar witnessed its highest voter turnout since 1951, with nearly 67% of voters casting their ballots in the two-phase Assembly elections, the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced. This marks a significant rise of 9.6% compared to the previous state elections. According to ECI data, 62.8% of men and 71.6% of women participated in the polls, reflecting strong engagement across gender lines. The higher turnout comes amid intense political campaigns by both ruling and opposition parties, highlighting the electorate’s enthusiasm in shaping the state’s political future. The Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) expressed confidence following the polling, claiming it would “break the record of the 2010 election results.” Meanwhile, opposition parties suggested a wave in their favor, urging party workers to remain vigilant against “vote thieves” and ensure a fair counting process. Long queues were seen across rural and urban constituencies on the final day of voting, as citizens turned out in large numbers despite logistical challenges. Election officials noted that the high turnout is indicative of the public’s keen interest in the state’s governance and development priorities. Political analysts say the increased participa-

tion could significantly influence the outcome, making the election highly competitive. The final results are expected to be closely watched, as they may reshape Bihar’s political landscape and determine the ruling coalition for the next five years. The Bihar Assembly elections this year have also highlighted the growing role of women voters, whose turnout exceeded that of men by nearly 9 percentage points. Observers believe this could be a decisive factor in several key constituencies. The state now awaits the counting of votes, which will determine which party or alliance secures the mandate to govern Bihar in the coming term.



# Trump Hosts Syrian President at White House



TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump has indicated a softer approach toward H-1B visa reforms, recognizing the critical role of specialized foreign talent in maintaining America's industrial and technological edge. During an interview with Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Tuesday, Trump defended the value of skilled immigrant workers, noting that complex roles in sectors such as manufacturing and defense cannot be quickly filled by long-term unemployed Americans without extensive training. "I agree, but you also have to bring this talent," he said when asked about H-1B visa reforms.

Trump stressed that while he supports raising wages for American workers, the US still needs to import expertise to sustain key industries. He cited Georgia's manufacturing sector as an example, where the removal of skilled South Korean workers created challenges in producing high-tech products like batteries, which require extensive experience and safety knowledge.

Earlier in September, Trump signed a proclamation overhauling the H-1B visa process,

imposing a sharp increase in fees from about USD 1,500 to USD 100,000 for new applications and lottery entries after September 21, 2025. Current visa holders and petitions filed before this date remain unaffected.

The President emphasized that certain specialized skills cannot be quickly learned by untrained workers. "You can't take people off the unemployment line and say, 'I'm going to put you into a factory where we're going to make missiles.' It doesn't work that way," Trump noted.

He also referenced recent ICE raids at a Hyundai plant in Georgia, highlighting the need for foreign expertise to train local workers in complex manufacturing processes.

Trump's remarks mark a significant shift from his earlier hardline stance on foreign worker visas, signaling a more pragmatic recognition of the importance of skilled immigrants in sustaining US competitiveness in high-tech and industrial sectors.

This pivot could influence ongoing debates over H-1B policies and the broader US approach to attracting global talent.

# Israel Reopens Zikim Crossing to Allow Aid Into Northern Gaza



TPN Correspondent | Gaza

Israel has reopened the Zikim Crossing in northern Gaza to allow the entry of humanitarian aid trucks into the war-torn enclave, the Israeli defense body COGAT (Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories) announced on Wednesday.

The reopening marks a significant development amid mounting appeals from U.N. aid agencies and humanitarian organizations that have repeatedly called for improved access to the northern regions of Gaza. The area has faced severe shortages of food, medicine, and essential supplies since the recent conflict and the subsequent Israel-Hamas ceasefire last month.

COGAT stated that the decision aims to facilitate the delivery of critical humanitarian assistance, including food, medical supplies, and relief materials, to civilians struggling in the devastated northern districts. Images shared from the area showed trucks carrying sacks of flour and other aid items crossing into Gaza, signaling the resump-

tion of relief efforts that had been halted for weeks.

The Zikim Crossing, located along the northern border of the enclave, has remained largely closed throughout much of the conflict, forcing aid deliveries to enter primarily through southern routes such as Kerem Shalom and Rafah. U.N. officials have warned that continued restrictions in the north were exacerbating an already dire humanitarian crisis, with thousands of displaced families living in makeshift shelters and struggling to access clean water and food.

Humanitarian agencies have welcomed the reopening as a positive step but emphasized that sustained and unrestricted access will be essential to meet the massive needs of Gaza's population.

The move comes as international pressure continues to mount on both Israel and Hamas to maintain stability following the fragile ceasefire and to prioritize the welfare of civilians caught in the crossfire.

# “New York Will Turn Into Mumbai”: Real Estate Billionaire On Mamdani’s Win

TPN Correspondent | New York City

Real estate billionaire Barry Sternlicht has warned that New York City could face a “really tough time” under mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, comparing the potential economic fallout of his policies to turning the city “into Mumbai.”

Speaking to CNBC, the Starwood Capital Group CEO criticized the Democratic socialist's proposed housing and social welfare reforms, claiming they could drive up costs and destabilize the real estate market. Sternlicht's comments come after Mamdani's sweeping victory, where he won four out of five boroughs to become New York's first Muslim and South Asian-origin mayor.

Mamdani's campaign promises include rent freezes in rent-stabilized apartments, free bus services, universal childcare for children aged six months to five



years, and city-owned grocery stores in each borough. While his supporters hail these as progressive reforms, business leaders like Sternlicht argue they could worsen the city's economic challenges.

“Every project in

New York has to go union, and it's super expensive. It leads to extremely costly housing,” Sternlicht said, blaming trade unions for stifling development and making blue states “difficult to add supply of housing

to.” Criticizing Mamdani's rent policies, he added, “If tenants don't pay and can't be evicted, it creates a domino effect—eventually you'll turn New York City into Mumbai.”

The billionaire also

raised concerns over public safety, referencing Mamdani's earlier stance on “Defund the Police.” He warned that reduced police support could drive families away and harm the city's stability.

Despite the backlash, Mamdani maintains that his administration will prioritize housing access, social equity, and affordability—an agenda that continues to polarize New Yorkers across economic and political lines.

# Bangladesh on High Alert Ahead of Sheikh Hasina Tribunal Verdict Date

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Bangladesh has been placed on high alert as the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) prepares to announce on Thursday, November 13, the date of its verdict in the case against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The charges against her include crimes against humanity and murder related to the July 2024 uprising that led to her government's ouster.

Security forces, including the army and police, have been deployed across the country, particularly at airports and key government installations, as tensions escalate ahead of the announcement. The Bangladesh Awami League (AL) has called for a nationwide dawn-to-dusk lockdown on Thursday, urging supporters to



participate in peaceful demonstrations.

Following the ban on Awami League activities by the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad

Yunus, party leaders have been using social media to coordinate the programme from undisclosed locations. In recent days, incidents of vehicle arson and

crude bomb explosions have been reported in various regions, including Dhaka, heightening fears of unrest.

Police have launched extensive operations to

arrest AL leaders and activists, while security checkpoints and vehicle inspections have been established in major cities to maintain order. Meanwhile, Awa-

mi League supporters have been holding flash rallies demanding Hasina's release and condemning the tribunal proceedings.

The legal case stems from the July 2024 student-led protests that toppled Hasina's government, during which more than 1,400 people were killed, according to a United Nations report. The former Prime Minister fled to India on August 5, 2024, after losing control of the government.

Ironically, the ICT was originally established by Hasina's own administration to prosecute 1971 Liberation War crimes. The current interim government has amended the tribunal's legal framework to bring charges against her. Testimonies in the case are complete, and the tribunal will announce the verdict date on Thursday.

# PM Modi Returns After Bhutan Visit, Says Outcomes Will Strengthen Ties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to New Delhi on Wednesday after completing a successful two-day state visit to Bhutan, aimed at deepening the long-standing partnership between the two Himalayan neighbours.

Before departing from Thimphu, the Prime Minister shared a post on X, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the people and Government of Bhutan for their hospitality. “My visit to Bhutan has taken place when the people of this nation are marking several landmark programmes... The outcomes in sectors like energy, healthcare, and connectivity will add momentum to our bilateral partnership,” he wrote.

In a warm gesture, King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck personally accompanied Prime Minister Modi to the airport for



his departure. “I am grateful to His Majesty the King of Bhutan for coming to the airport as I board for Delhi,” Modi said.

During the visit, Prime Minister Modi held comprehensive talks with the King of Bhutan, the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme

Singye Wangchuck, and Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, focusing on enhancing cooperation in energy, connectivity, trade,

technology, and people-to-people exchanges.

A major highlight of the trip was the joint inauguration of the 1,020 MW Punat-

sangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, a landmark in India-Bhutan energy collaboration. The two sides also announced new initiatives in renewable energy, healthcare, and cross-border infrastructure.

Prime Minister Modi participated in the 70th birth anniversary celebrations of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo and joined the Bhutanese leadership at the Kalachakra “Wheel of Time” empowerment ceremony in Thimphu, attended by over 30,000 devotees as part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival 2025.

Reaffirming India's support for Bhutan's 13th Five Year Plan and the King's Gelephu Mindfulness City initiative, PM Modi emphasized that the visit reflects the enduring friendship and shared cultural values that continue to define the India-Bhutan relationship.



# Plastic Pipes Industry Faces FY25 Challenges, Eyes 10–12% Growth Ahead

India's plastic pipes industry has faced significant turbulence in FY25, struggling with subdued infrastructure investments, tight liquidity, and volatile raw material prices, according to a report released by JM Financial. However, the industry remains optimistic about its medium-term outlook, supported by stabilising input costs and sustained demand from key sectors.

## Navigating a Tough Year

FY25 proved to be a challenging year for the sector. Plastic pipe manufacturers—especially those reliant on PVC (polyvinyl chloride)—had to deal with erratic pricing patterns. Global factors, such as sluggish construction activity in major markets like China and developed economies, combined with a supply glut from large exporters like China, South Korea, and Taiwan, led to aggressive undercutting of prices in the Indian market.

PVC, which constitutes a major input cost



for the industry, dropped significantly over FY20–25, declining at a 4% CAGR, compared to its long-term growth trend of 2% CAGR over the last 25 years. After a prolonged downtrend, prices began to recover, rising by ₹7/kg over the last 4–5 months to reach ₹79/kg in September 2025. While this remains below the FY22 peak, it marks a potential turning

## Market Evolution and Future Drivers

Traditionally fragmented and focused heavily on agriculture, India's plastic piping sector has evolved into a more organised ecosystem, addressing critical needs in water supply, plumbing, sanitation, and industrial applications.

Despite current hur-

dles, long-term structural drivers remain intact. Government-backed programs like the Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and Housing for All are expected to boost demand significantly, alongside growing agricultural and replacement requirements.

JM Financial estimates the Indian plastic piping market at ₹600–650 billion, and forecasts

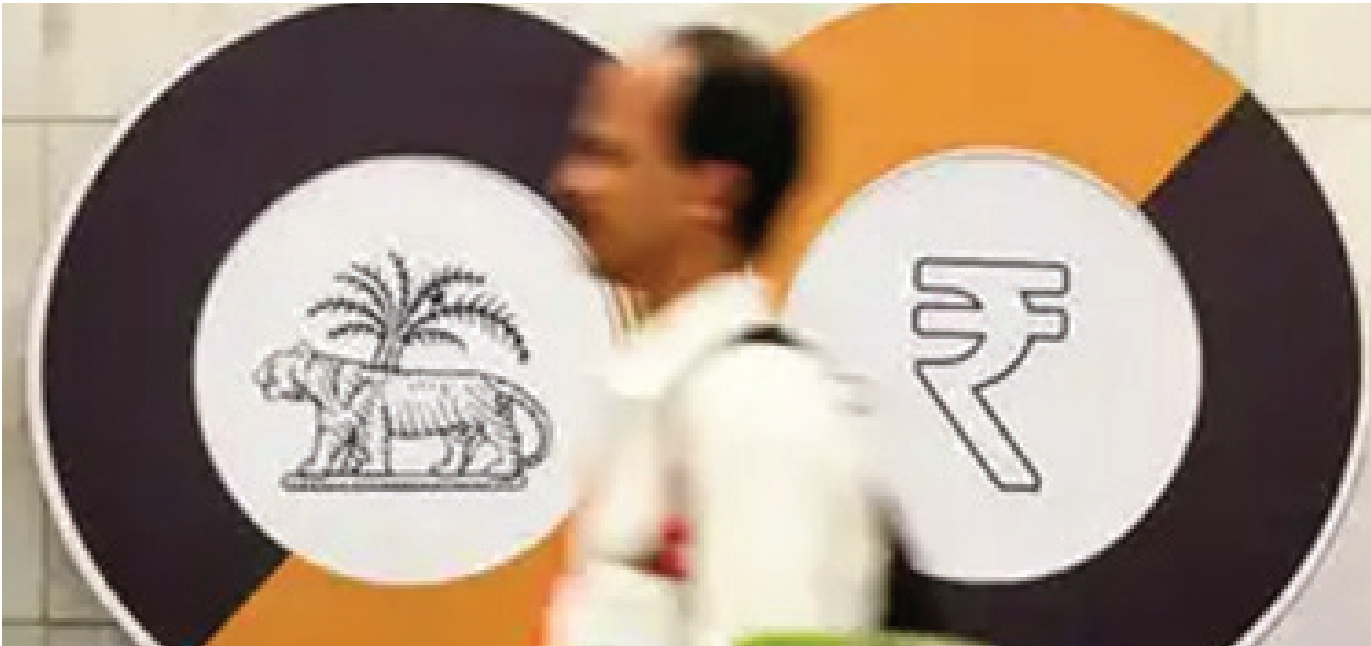
## a 10–12% CAGR growth between FY25 and FY30. Policy and Regulatory Tailwinds

Industry experts believe upcoming policy measures may offer additional support. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is expected to implement quality control norms for PVC imports by December 2025, which would restrict the in-

flux of substandard foreign products and offer a competitive edge to domestic manufacturers.

“Stabilising PVC prices should restore distributor confidence, reduce inventory risks, and aid margin recovery for organised players,” the report concluded, projecting a more stable and profitable path ahead for the sector.

# SBI Bats for 25 bps Rate Cut Ahead of RBI Policy Meet



Ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) bi-monthly monetary policy announcement on October 1, a State Bank of India (SBI) research report has recommended a 25 basis point (bps) rate cut, calling it the “best possible op-

tion” in the current economic climate.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, will begin its three-day meeting on Monday, September 30, amid global economic uncer-

tainty, rising geopolitical tensions, and the recent 50% tariffs imposed by the US on Indian exports.

The SBI report argues that a modest rate cut would support domestic growth without stoking inflation, especially

as headline CPI inflation remains within the RBI's comfort range. “A 25 bps cut would signal proactive policy support to insulate the economy from external shocks,” the report said.

However, several other

economists and analysts expect the RBI to maintain status quo on the repo rate, citing concerns about volatile crude prices, geopolitical risks, and the weak rupee. Many believe the central bank will prefer to wait and watch, especially as the US Federal Reserve remains hawkish.

India's repo rate currently stands at 6.50%, unchanged since February 2023. The central bank has maintained a “withdrawal of accommodation” stance, balancing inflation control with the need to support growth.

A rate cut now, according to SBI, would also help ease borrowing costs for businesses and consumers, just ahead of the festive season, potentially boosting consumption and credit demand.

The final decision will be announced by RBI on Wednesday, October 1, and will be closely watched by markets, banks, and industry stakeholders for its signal on the direction of monetary policy amid global uncertainty.

# Govt to Borrow ₹6.77 Lakh Crore in H2, Holds Near FY26 Target

New Delhi: The central government plans to borrow ₹6.77 lakh crore through dated securities in the second half (H2) of fiscal year 2025–26, aiming to stay close to its full-year borrowing goal.

Having already borrowed ₹7.95 lakh crore in H1, the Centre will revise the total gross market borrowing for FY26 to ₹14.72 lakh crore, narrowly lower than the original budgeted ₹14.82 lakh crore.

The shift is designed to balance fiscal discipline with market stability, despite increasing defence spending pressures.

Officials say that the H2 borrowing will be conducted over 22 weekly tranches, each totaling ₹28,000–₹33,000 crore, and is scheduled to conclude by March 6, 2026. Of the total, ₹10,000 crore is planned via sovereign green bonds.



In terms of maturity composition, the share of shorter-term papers (3–5 years) will be increased to 19.9% (from 15.9%), while the share of longer-term papers

(15–50 years) will fall from 51.8% to 43.7%. Medium-term securities (7–10 years) will also see a rise to 36.5% from 32.4%.

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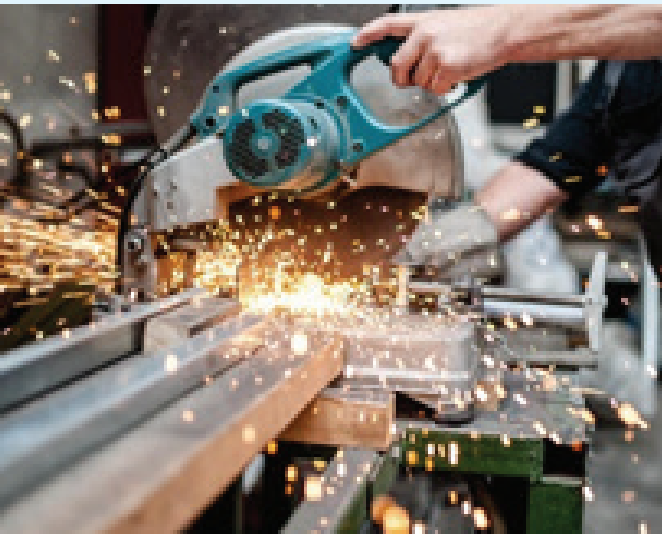
its commitment to keeping the fiscal deficit at 4.4% of GDP, compared to 4.8% in FY25. To manage liquidity mismatches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the

ways and means advances (WMA) limit for H2 at ₹50,000 crore.

Officials emphasise that despite uncertainties—like US-imposed tariffs and defence ex-

penditure—the borrowing plan remains predictable, aiming to avoid surprising the bond market and limit crowding out of state and private borrowing.

## India's Power Tools Market Set to Cross \$3.8 Billion by 2035



India's power tools segment is projected to more than double, reaching \$3.8 billion by 2035, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.8%, according to industry experts and a recent study by IMARC Group.

The growth is being driven by massive government capital expenditure in infrastructure sectors such as roads, railways, airports, and housing, alongside increasing demand from furniture manufacturing, the automotive aftermarket, and a rising Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture.

To reduce reliance on imports and tap into the growing demand, the Union Government is actively encouraging domestic manufacturing, which is beginning to show results. Local manufacturers are gradually scaling up production capacity in line with the “Make in India” initiative.

The broader hand tools, power tools, and fasteners market in India is also on an upward trajectory. The domestic hand tools market, currently valued at \$826 mil-

lion (2024), is expected to reach \$1.22 billion by 2033, reflecting a CAGR of 4.1%, the IMARC study noted.

This surge is being attributed to the modernisation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), increasing industrialisation, and strong aftermarket demand. Moreover, with India's booming construction and home improvement sectors, the need for efficient and cost-effective tools is only expected to grow.

Industry officials said that the DIY trend among urban consumers, especially in metro cities, is also expanding the market for portable and battery-operated tools. E-commerce platforms have further simplified access to such products, making them popular among younger, tech-savvy users.

Experts believe that sustained policy support, coupled with infrastructure and industrial growth, will transform India into a manufacturing and export hub for power tools over the next decade.

## India Becomes Top Expansion Market for APAC 3PL Firms



India has emerged as the most-preferred expansion destination for third-party logistics (3PL) companies in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, according to a new report released by CBRE on Sunday (September 28, 2025).

The study reveals that nearly 70% of APAC-based 3PL occupiers are planning to expand their footprint in India over the next two years. This marks the highest intent for expansion among all markets surveyed in the region.

CBRE attributed this growing interest to India's rapidly developing infrastructure, digital transformation in supply chains, and the booming e-commerce sector. Other contributing factors include favourable government policies under initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti and National Logistics Policy, aimed at enhancing logistics efficiency and reducing operational costs.

“India's position as a key supply chain hub is strengthening, driven by robust demand from retail, e-commerce, manufacturing, and

FMCG sectors,” said a senior CBRE analyst. “The country is now seen not only as a consumption market but also as a strategic distribution and logistics hub.”

The report also highlighted a rise in Grade-A warehousing demand, especially in Tier-1 cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai. Tier-2 cities such as Lucknow, Coimbatore, and Indore are also gaining traction due to lower costs and improving connectivity.

India's 3PL segment has seen double-digit annual growth in recent years, supported by increasing outsourcing of logistics operations by major industries. With rising investments in automation, cold chain facilities, and multi-modal logistics parks, the sector is poised for sustained expansion.

CBRE expects the Indian logistics real estate market to outperform its regional counterparts in the medium term, reinforcing the country's status as the logistics growth engine of APAC.



# Which Country Holds The Most Gold?



Gold has always been more than a shiny metal—it is wealth, stability, and power. Even in today’s digital age of cryptocurrency and online payments, gold continues to be a backbone of global economies. Nations with large gold reserves enjoy a buffer against inflation, rising investor confidence, and stronger currencies. The World Gold Council’s latest data highlights the top countries leading the gold game in 2025

At number one is the United States, holding a massive 8,133.46 tonnes of gold in the second quarter of 2025. This level has remained steady since the first quarter and makes the US the undisputed leader in official gold reserves worldwide. Germany follows at number two, with 3,350.25 tonnes, although this marks a 25-year low for the country, still placing it firmly behind America

In third position stands Italy, holding steady at 2,451.84 tonnes—a figure that has bare-

ly changed for decades, showcasing remarkable consistency. Close behind is France with 2,437 tonnes, maintaining stable reserves despite past fluctuations. Meanwhile, Russia secures fifth place with 2,329.63 tonnes, nearly doubling its long-term average and reflecting its aggressive push to build reserves in recent decades

These figures not only underline the global gold hierarchy but also signal how countries use gold as a hedge against economic uncertainties. While Western economies dominate the top ranks, nations like Russia have been catching up rapidly, using gold as a shield against sanctions and currency instability. For emerging economies like India, which also features in the top 10, gold reserves remain a crucial part of financial security and long-term strategy

The bottom line: gold is still king, and the countries that hold it the most continue to wield significant influence in the world economy

# Rare Black Tiger Captured by Indian Photographer



In a moment that has mesmerized the world, India has gifted a rare glimpse of nature’s magic. A photograph of the elusive black tiger, captured in Odisha’s Similipal National Park, is featured on the October 2025 cover of National Geographic. Wildlife enthusiasts and the online community alike are celebrating this extraordinary achievement.

The photographer behind this stunning shot is Prasenjeet Yadav, an Indian wildlife photographer and National Geographic Explorer. Known for his dedication and keen eye for nature’s hidden wonders, Yadav has once again brought India’s unique wildlife into global focus. The black tiger, also called the pseudo-melanistic tiger, is an extremely rare variant of the Bengal tiger, and Similipal National Park is the only place in the world where it is known to exist.

National Geographic highlighted the tiger’s striking appearance, with its dark coat and subtle stripes, which make it almost invisible in the dense forest. The image not

only showcases the animal’s rarity but also emphasizes the importance of wildlife conservation in India. By bringing attention to the black tiger, Yadav is encouraging awareness and protection of the forests that are home to such unique species.

The photograph has gone viral across social media, with enthusiasts, conservationists, and nature lovers praising the skill, patience, and perseverance required to capture such a once-in-a-lifetime shot. Many users expressed pride that an Indian photographer has achieved this global recognition while spotlighting the biodiversity of India’s forests.

For Prasenjeet Yadav, this moment is both a personal triumph and a reminder of the responsibility photographers hold in documenting and protecting wildlife. The October cover of National Geographic is not just about a tiger—it is about India’s rich natural heritage and the incredible stories it continues to offer the world.

# Charlie Kirk’s Anti-India Visa Remark Resurfaces Amid H-1B Shakeup

Conservative US leader and staunch Trump supporter Charlie Kirk, who was shot dead on September 10 in Utah, is back in the spotlight after his controversial post on Indians and immigration resurfaced. Just days before his death, the 31-year-old Turning Point USA founder declared that America does not need more visas for Indians.

On September 2, Kirk wrote on X that legal immigration from India had displaced American workers more than any other, insisting that America was “full” and should put “its own people first.” His remarks were in response to Fox News host Laura Ingraham, who argued that any US trade deal with India would involve more visas. Kirk’s post sparked backlash, with critics calling it xenophobic and damaging to innovation and bilateral ties, since most Indians in the US migrate as skilled professionals in the tech sector.

The controversy has resurfaced now because former President Donald Trump, back in the headlines, has announced sweeping changes to the H-1B visa programme. From September 21, 2025, applicants will face an annual \$100,000 fee, a move expected to drastically reduce Indian tech migration. The H-1B visa has long served as the backbone of Silicon Valley’s workforce, powering giants like Google, Microsoft and Amazon with Indian talent.

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# Bengaluru Techie Calls Traffic the City’s “Hidden Tax”

A viral Reddit post has reignited the debate on Bengaluru’s traffic crisis, calling it a “hidden tax” that drains time and productivity from lakhs of commuters. Shared in the r/Bengaluru community on Friday, the post narrates the ordeal of an Oracle employee living in JP Nagar, who says the city’s gridlock costs him nearly two and a half months of his life every year.

According to the post, the techie earns Rs 28 lakh annually, excluding stock options. Out of this, he pays Rs 6.5 lakh in income tax and another Rs 1.4 lakh through GST on daily expenses—already surrendering over three months of work to the exchequer. But the bigger loss, he argues, is time. His office, just 14 kilometers away, should be a 30-minute



commute. Instead, it takes an exhausting 90 minutes each way. Over the course of the year, this adds up to 2.5 months lost—time he believes is equivalent to another hidden tax paid not to the government, but to the city’s poor infrastructure.

The post has struck a chord with thousands of Bengaluru residents who

face the same grind daily. Many echoed the frustration that India’s “Silicon Valley” may be powering global innovation, but its broken roads, endless traffic jams, and inadequate public transport force professionals to pay with their most valuable resource—time.

Experts say such urban inefficiencies also take a toll on mental health, family life, and the city’s economy. While civic authorities have announced metro expansions, road upgrades, and tech-driven traffic management systems, citizens argue change is too slow to match the city’s exploding population and vehicle density.

For Bengaluru’s workforce, the message is clear: the real tax isn’t just in paychecks—it’s the endless hours wasted in traffic.

# Internet Shocked Over Sky-High iPhone 17 Prices in Pakistan

Apple’s latest iPhone 17 series has just hit global markets, but in Pakistan, it’s the jaw-dropping price tags that have caught everyone’s attention. While Indian fans queued up outside Apple stores in Mumbai and Delhi to grab the new device on launch day, social media in Pakistan is buzzing over how expensive the phones are across the border.

A viral post on X revealed that a resident in Pakistan will need to shell out between PKR 3.65 lakh (Rs 1.14 lakh) and PKR 5.74 lakh (Rs 1.79 lakh) for the new lineup. The iPhone 17 Pro Max alone costs around PKR 547,000—or roughly Rs 1.70 lakh. The iPhone Air comes in at PKR 483,680 (Rs 1.51 lakh), while the iPhone 17 Pro is priced at PKR 531,680 (Rs 1.66 lakh).

Reactions online have been hilarious and exasperated in equal measure. Some users quipped that “flats mil jayenge iss daam mein” (you can buy an apartment at this price), while others joked that buying an iPhone in Pakistan now requires taking out a loan. Many pointed out that with the country already struggling with inflation and economic challenges, these luxury prices make the iPhone 17 an un-



realistic dream for the average consumer.

Comparisons with India also dominated the chatter, where despite premium pricing, the iPhone 17 is still considerably cheaper. Indian fans, though, face their own problem—long queues outside Apple’s flagship stores in cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi.

For Pakistan, however, the bigger conversation is about affordability. With the iPhone priced like real estate, netizens are asking whether Apple’s latest innovation is even worth it—or if it’s time to settle for Android alternatives that don’t cost the price of a flat.



# Sinner, Zverev Advance to Paris Masters Quarter-Finals

Italy's Jannik Sinner and defending champion Alexander Zverev powered into the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Thursday, keeping their title hopes alive in dominant fashion.

Sinner eased past Francisco Cerundolo 7-5, 6-1 to reach the last eight, setting up a high-voltage clash with American Ben Shelton. The victory means Sinner remains on track to reclaim the World No. 1 ranking, following Carlos Alcaraz's shock early exit at the hands of Britain's Cameron Norrie.

"It was a crucial first set. Francisco is very talented and tough to play against, but I raised my level in the second," Sinner said after his win. The 24-year-old, who has yet to drop a set this tournament, is aiming for his fifth title of the season.

Shelton continued his dream season, beating Andrey Rublev 7-6(6), 6-3. The American fifth seed, who won his maiden Masters 1000 title in Toronto earlier



this year, also secured a debut spot at the ATP Finals in Turin. "It's the result of a year's hard work — the ups, downs, and comebacks," Shelton said.

Meanwhile, Zverev maintained his title de-

fence with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina. The German third seed will next face former World No. 1 Daniil Medvedev, who defeated Lorenzo Sonego in three sets. "Daniil is my krypt-

onite — he beats me most of the time," Zverev admitted.

Elsewhere, Alexander Bublik stunned fourth seed Taylor Fritz 7-6(5), 6-2 to meet Alex de Minaur, who cruised past Karen Khach-

anov 6-2, 6-2. Felix Auger-Aliassime also advanced, rallying past Daniel Altmaier 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, keeping his ATP Finals hopes alive as the Paris Masters heads into an electrifying final weekend.

# Australia Beat India by 4 Wickets in 2nd T20I, Take Series Lead



Australia defeated India by 4 wickets in the second T20I at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. The hosts chased down India's modest target of 126 with ease, maintaining their dominant form in the

series.

India, sent in to bat by Australian captain Mitchell Marsh, struggled from the start. The team was bundled out for 125 in 18.4 overs, losing early wickets under pressure. Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood

starred with the ball, dismantling India's top order in a sensational spell. He accounted for vice-captain Shubman Gill, captain Suryakumar Yadav, and Tilak Varma in the initial overs, putting India on the back foot immediately.

Amid the batting collapse, Abhishek Sharma stood out with a resilient 68 runs, while Harshit Rana, promoted to No. 7, contributed 35 runs, providing some resistance. Despite their efforts, India could not recover, as the middle

and lower order failed to capitalize on the platform created by Sharma and Rana.

Australia's chase was clinical, anchored by steady batting performances and disciplined bowling. The visitors managed the target efficiently without losing control, showcasing their experience and composure in tricky situations.

This win gives Australia an early edge in the five-match T20I series, placing pressure on India to respond in the remaining games. The Indian team will need to address their batting fragility, especially their vulnerability against fast bowling in powerplay overs, to remain competitive in the series.

The third T20I is scheduled to be played later this week, where India will look to bounce back and level the series, while Australia aims to consolidate their lead and secure a significant advantage in the contest.

# Abhishek Sharma Shines as Hazlewood Tears Through India in 2nd T20I

India were bundled out for 125 in the second T20I against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, with Abhishek Sharma the lone bright spot amid a top-order collapse. The first match of the five-game series in Canberra had been abandoned due to rain.

Abhishek's 37-ball 68 featured aggressive strokes on the off-side, including slashes, check drives, and lofted shots, helping him reach a 23-ball half-century in his debut appearance at the iconic venue. His innings stood out as the only resistance against the relentless Australian pace attack.

Australia's Josh Hazlewood led the charge, wreaking havoc on India's top and middle order. He dismissed vice-captain Shubman Gill, captain Suryakumar Yadav, and Tilak Varma early, leaving India reeling at 5 wickets down in just eight overs. The rest of the batting lineup faltered under pressure, failing to build partnerships or mount a meaningful chase.

Harshit Rana, promoted to No. 7, scored a quick 35,



offering some late resistance, but it was not enough to lift India to a competitive total. The visitors' batting frailties, particularly against high-quality pace bowling in powerplay overs, were on full display.

Australia chased the modest target efficiently, with their openers and middle order keeping the scoreboard ticking. Hazlewood's stellar bowling spell ensured India never gained momentum, giving the

hosts a comfortable 4-wicket victory and a 1-0 lead in the series.

The defeat highlights India's urgent need to strengthen their top-order batting and develop strategies to handle quality pace

attacks. With three more T20Is scheduled, India will aim to regroup and bounce back, while Australia looks to consolidate their advantage and take a commanding lead in the five-match series.

# 16-Year-Old Ilamparathi A R Becomes India's 90th Chess Grandmaster



Ilamparathi A R, a 16-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, has become India's 90th Grandmaster after achieving his final norm at the GM4 Bijeljina 2025 Chess Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ilamparathi's journey to the Grandmaster title has been marked by consistent performance across international tournaments. He secured his first GM norm at the Hanoi tournament in Vietnam in December 2023, followed by a second norm at the Singapore International Open in 2024. Crossing the 2500 Elo rating at the Rilton Cup (2024-25) positioned him for the final push, and his performance in Bosnia sealed the prestigious title.

The achievement was widely celebrated in the chess community. AICF president Nitin Narang took to social media to congratulate Ilamparathi, saying, "Grandmaster No. 90 for Bharat! Congratulations to Ilamparathi A R on fulfilling all the requirements to become the 90th Grandmaster of the country."

Wishing you many more laurels and continued success in making the nation proud."

Legendary Indian chess player and five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand also praised the young prodigy, noting, "He has been missing the title on a few occasions, but each time he came back and worked harder. I really believe he has a lot of potential and we hope to work together towards greater achievements."

Ilamparathi's rise is seen as a continuation of India's growing prominence in international chess, following in the footsteps of players like Viswanathan Anand and Praggnanandhaa R. His achievement at such a young age highlights his talent, dedication, and the growing support system for chess in India.

The chess fraternity and sports enthusiasts across the country have hailed Ilamparathi's accomplishment, celebrating him as an inspiration for aspiring young players aiming to excel on the global stage.

# Oman Replaces Pakistan at Junior Hockey World Cup



Oman will join the lineup for the upcoming FIH Men's Junior World Cup 2025 in Tamil Nadu, following Pakistan's late withdrawal, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced on Wednesday. The tournament is scheduled from November 28 to December 10, with matches to be held in Chennai and Madurai.

Oman earned the spot as the next highest-ranked team from the Junior Asia Cup 2024, stepping in after Pakistan decided not to participate despite qualifying through last year's continental championship. The Pakistan Hockey Federation informed the FIH that the team would not accept the invitation, citing internal consultations with their government before the event.

Pakistan had been placed in Group B alongside India, Chile, and Switzerland. With Oman taking their place, the group composition has been updated ahead of the tournament. This late withdrawal marks the second recent instance of Pakistan

pulling out from a major hockey event in India, after the Men's Asia Cup in Rajgir, Bihar, where Bangladesh replaced them. The withdrawal also cost Pakistan a chance to qualify for next year's World Cup, as the Asia Junior Cup served as a qualifying event.

The FIH had initially postponed the official draw for nearly a month to accommodate Pakistan's decision-making, eventually holding the ceremony at its headquarters in Lausanne. The Men's Junior World Cup 2025 will feature 24 teams for the first time, alongside the Women's edition, reflecting the FIH's Empowerment and Engagement strategy aimed at promoting wider participation.

Germany enters the tournament as the defending champions, having won the 2023 edition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The inclusion of Oman ensures the tournament maintains full participation and competitive balance, while giving the Middle Eastern nation an opportunity to showcase its growing hockey prowess on the global stage.



Dhruv Vikram’s Bison Set for OTT Premiere on Netflix



After a successful theatrical run, Dhruv Vikram’s sports drama Bison is gearing up for its digital debut. Directed by the acclaimed filmmaker Mari Selvaraj, the film hit theatres on October 24 and earned praise for its emotional storytelling and Dhruv’s powerful performance. Now, audiences who missed the theatrical experience have reason to celebrate — Bison is reportedly set to stream soon on Netflix.

According to industry buzz, Bison will premiere on the popular OTT platform on November 21, available in Tamil, Telugu, and several other regional languages. Though Netflix has yet to make an official announcement, the news has already created excitement among fans eager to revisit or experience the film for the first time.

The movie, which explores the spirit of kabaddi and the struggles of rural youth through the lens of sports and social drama, marks another im-

pactful work from Mari Selvaraj, known for films like Pariyerum Perumal and Karnan. Dhruv Vikram, son of Kollywood star Chiyaan Vikram, delivers a career-defining performance that has been widely appreciated by critics and audiences alike.

Bison also features a strong supporting cast including Anupama Parameswaran, Pasupathi, Rajisha Vijayan, Aamir, and Lal in key roles. The film’s stirring music and background score by Nivas K. Prasanna add depth to its intense narrative.

Jointly produced by Applause Entertainment and Neelam Studios, Bison blends sportsmanship with social commentary, making it one of Tamil cinema’s most talked-about releases of the year. With its anticipated OTT release, the film is expected to reach an even wider audience, further cementing Dhruv Vikram’s position as one of the most promising young stars in Indian cinema.

Shiva Re-Release: Nagarjuna and RGV Chat with Sandeep Reddy Vanga



The legendary Telugu film Shiva, starring Akkineni Nagarjuna and directed by Ram Gopal Varma, releasing the cult classic on November 14, 2025, giving fans a chance to relive one of Indian cinema’s most path-breaking films on the big screen once again.

To mark the occasion, a special promotional video has been released featuring Nagarjuna, Ram Gopal Varma, and acclaimed filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The trio engaged in a candid conversation about the film’s legacy, its revolutionary filmmaking techniques, and how Shiva continues to inspire a generation of filmmakers even decades later.

In the video, Vanga—known for his intense storytelling style in Arjun Reddy and Animal—expresses admiration for Shiva’s raw energy and technical brilliance. He also highlights how the film re-defined action and realism in Telugu cinema.

Nagarjuna reminisces about the experience of working with Varma, recalling how the film’s gritty college backdrop and powerful themes changed the course of his career. Ram Gopal Varma, meanwhile, shares insights into the creative risks and vision that made Shiva a cinematic milestone.

Originally released in 1989, Shiva revolutionized Telugu cinema with its bold storytelling, realistic action sequences, and innovative sound design. It not only established Ram Gopal Varma as a visionary director but also turned Nagarjuna into a youth icon.

With its re-release, Shiva promises to evoke nostalgia among long-time fans and introduce new audiences to a timeless classic that shaped modern Telugu filmmaking. The enthusiastic response to the promotional campaign suggests that the film’s powerful legacy remains as impactful today as it was over three decades ago.

Chilling Trailer of 12A Railway Colony Promises a Gripping Psychological Thriller



The much-awaited trailer of 12A Railway Colony, starring Allari Naresh and Kamakshi Bhaskarla, has finally dropped, and it’s already creating a stir among movie enthusiasts. Directed by debutant filmmaker Nani, with music by Bheems Ceciroleo, the film appears to be a haunting psychological thriller that blurs the line between reality and illusion.

From the very first frame, the trailer immerses viewers in a chilling atmosphere filled with dread and suspense. It introduces a series of gruesome murders that form the core of the story while keeping every crucial detail tightly under wraps. Each character is portrayed with enough ambiguity to fuel speculation, making everyone a potential suspect in the unfolding mystery.

Allari Naresh stands out in a strikingly different avatar, stepping far from his trademark comic persona. His portrayal of a man haunted by visions and trapped in a psychological maze hints at one of his most intense performances yet. Dr. Kamakshi Bhaskar-

la’s role adds both emotional depth and intrigue, balancing the tension with her enigmatic presence.

Veteran actor Sai Kumar brings his trademark gravitas to the nar-

rative, while Viva Harsha’s appearance adds another layer of curiosity to the storyline. The gripping background score by Bheems Ceciroleo enhances the film’s eerie tone, comple-

menting its dark visuals and unsettling pace.

With its blend of psychological tension, emotional conflict, and mystery, 12A Railway Colony looks set to offer a thrilling cinematic experi-

ence. The trailer leaves viewers with more questions than answers—an intentional move that heightens anticipation for its theatrical release.

The film’s unique concept and Naresh’s dra-

matic transformation are already fueling discussions online, marking 12A Railway Colony as one of the most intriguing thrillers to watch out for this season.

Avatar: Fire and Ash Sets Record with Longest Runtime Yet



James Cameron’s much-anticipated Avatar: Fire and Ash (Avatar 3) is gearing up to take the world by storm on December 19, 2025. As the third installment in Cameron’s groundbreaking sci-fi saga, the film has already captured global attention — and now, its confirmed runtime is adding even more fuel to the excitement.

According to reports, Avatar: Fire and Ash is locked at an astonishing 3 hours and 15 minutes, making it the longest entry in the Avatar franchise. The extended duration has sparked intense curiosity among fans and critics alike, prompting questions about the

scale of storytelling and the depth of themes Cameron plans to explore this time.

Sources suggest that Fire and Ash delves into darker and more emotionally complex territory than its predecessors. The film promises deeper world-building, new civilizations within Pandora, and moral conflicts that could redefine the entire saga. Cameron, known for his meticulous attention to detail and technical innovation, appears set to deliver a grand cinematic experience that balances visual spectacle with emotional intensity.

Returning to lead the cast are Sam Worthington and Zoe

Saldaña, reprising their roles as Jake Sully and Neytiri. Backed by producer Jon Landau, Cameron continues his vision of expanding Pandora’s mythology while pushing the boundaries of filmmaking technology.

With its record-breaking runtime, ambitious storytelling, and high emotional stakes, Avatar: Fire and Ash is shaping up to be one of 2025’s biggest global events. Fans are bracing for a breathtaking journey that could surpass even the monumental success of its predecessors — proving once again that when it comes to epic cinema, James Cameron still reigns supreme.



The Girlfriend Crosses \$500K in North America

Rashmika Mandanna’s latest film The Girlfriend is making waves at the global box office, particularly in North America, where it has achieved an impressive milestone. The romantic drama, directed by Rahul Ravindran, has grossed over \$500K in the region, marking a strong overseas performance for the actress.

The film’s North American success reflects Rashmika’s growing popularity among international audiences. With enthusiastic word of mouth and positive reviews highlighting her nuanced performance, The Girlfriend continues to draw steady crowds across multiple cities. The makers expressed delight at the film’s warm reception and consistent box office trend, which shows no signs of slowing down.

Alongside Rashmika, actor Deekshith Shetty plays a pivotal role, complementing the emotional tone of the story. The film also features a talented ensemble cast including Rao Ramesh, Rohini, and Anu Emmanuel, each

adding depth to the narrative. Director Rahul Ravindran, known for his sensitive storytelling, appears to have struck the right emotional chord with audiences through a blend of romance, drama, and relatable human conflict.

Produced by Vidya Koppi-needi and Dheeraj Mogilineni, The Girlfriend also shines musically, thanks to Hesham Abdul Wahab’s soulful songs and Prashanth R. Vihari’s evocative background score. Both elements have been widely praised for enhancing the film’s emotional impact.

With this \$500K milestone, The Girlfriend joins the growing list of Telugu films finding major success overseas. As Rashmika continues to expand her global fan base, the film’s performance reinforces her position as one of South Indian cinema’s most bankable stars.

Industry watchers predict the film’s collections will rise further in the coming days as strong audience support continues across major North American markets.