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## All Eyes on Jubilee Hills as Counting Begins Friday



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**H**yderabad: All necessary arrangements have been finalized for the counting of votes polled in the crucial bye-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency in Hyderabad. The counting process is scheduled to commence at 8 a.m. on Friday at the designated counting center, the Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy Stadi-

um in Yousufguda, where tight security protocols have been implemented to ensure a smooth and transparent process. Election authorities have systematically arranged 42 tables for the vote tabulation process, which is expected to be completed in 10 full rounds. According to the Chief Electoral Officer, C. Sudharshan Reddy, the constituency recorded a voter turnout of 48.49 per cent of the total electorate. A total

of 1,94,631 votes were polled, which included 99,771 men, 94,855 women, and five from the 'Others' category. Additionally, 101 postal ballots, out of 103 issued to absentee voters (those above 85 years and Persons with Disabilities), have been utilized. The constituency has a substantial total of 4,01,365 registered voters. The bye-election was necessitated by the unfortunate death of the sitting MLA, Maganti Gopinath of the Bharat

Rashtra Samithi (BRS). A total of 58 candidates are in the fray, although the primary contest involves three major parties. The BRS, aiming to retain the seat, fielded Gopinath's wife, Sunitha, while the ruling Congress party nominated Naveen Yadav. The BJP once again fielded Lankala Deepak Reddy.

Exit polls conducted by several leading agencies have strongly projected a victory for the ruling Congress party, suggesting that the party is poised to wrest the seat from the BRS. The projections forecast that the Congress party is likely to secure a significant vote share of 46-48 per cent, whereas the BRS is expected to trail with 41-42 per cent of the votes. The BJP is projected to finish a distant third, securing only 6-8 per cent of the vote share. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud and several minis-

ters, who spearheaded the active campaign, expressed high confidence that the ruling party will secure a commanding win by a margin of 30,000 to 50,000 votes. Conversely, BRS leaders maintained confidence in retaining the seat, despite their claims of alleged large-scale irregularities by the ruling party during the poll. State BJP president N.

constituency includes

divisions such as Ven-gal Rao Nagar, Borabanda, Yousufguda, Erragadda, Shaikpet, and Rehmat Nagar (fully) and a part of the Somajiguda division, totaling approximately 4 lakh voters. The analysis reveals interesting trends across these divisions. The highest polling was concentrated in: Rehmat Nagar (15 centers over 60%), Borabanda (13 centers over 60%), Erragadda (3 centers over 60%), and Ven-gal Rao Nagar (1 center over 60%). The 192 centers that crossed the 50 per cent mark were dominated by Rehmat Nagar (73 centers), Borabanda (47), and Erragadda (30), clearly indicating that these areas are the key to victory.

Conversely, the lowest polling rates were predominantly found in the colonies of Shaikpet, Yousufguda, and Ven-gal Rao Nagar. A key observation made by EENADU reporters was the extremely low turnout in colonies

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## CM Revanth Reddy Pitches Bold Telangana Rising 2047 Vision at USISPF Conclave

NEW DELHI, November 13, 2025

**C**hief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's ambitious pitch for major global investments in Telangana—aimed at achieving a \$1 trillion state economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) by 2047—found great support and applause at the annual conclave of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in New Delhi. The Chief Minister presented his comprehensive Telangana Rising 2047 vision, seeking to position the state as the premier investment destination in India and the world. He emphasized the extraordinary and enduring opportunities awaiting global investors, stressing that despite various parties governing for decades, there has been consistent support for investments and investors for the last 35 years.

Former Cisco CEO and tech legend John Chambers was among the most prominent figures to endorse the vision. Chambers described CM Reddy's plan for Telan-



gana as "bold, clear, very achievable," and promised his fullest support. He praised the CM's detailed description of game-changer projects and their social impact as very impressive. Furthermore, Dr. Mukesh Aghi, CEO and President of USISPF, confirmed strong interest from the US corporate sector, stating that "most of us will try to attend the Telangana Rising Global Summit" being organized in Hyderabad on December 8 and 9 to fully unveil and showcase the comprehensive vision for the state. CM Reddy proudly touted the state's strategic advantages: being India's youngest, most exciting, and successful

investment included the Bharat Future City (a world-class city planned across 30,000 acres), the transformative River Musi rejuvenation (aiming to match riverfront experiences of London or Seoul and boost the city's night economy), and critical infrastructure like the dry port, Hyderabad Metro expansion, Regional Ring Road (RRR), and Radial Roads, as well as a manufacturing zone between the RRR and ORR. CM Reddy asserted that Telangana is aiming to become the "global answer to the China +1 alternative," a strong global manufacturing hub. He concluded with a unique proposal: naming important roads in Hyderabad after corporates like Google, Meta, TCS, and Infosys—a symbolic gesture to prioritize wealth creators over political leaders. He also made a strong appeal to top global academic institutions like Harvard, Stanford, and Oxford to establish offshore campuses in Hyderabad, which would offer quality education to students from the Global South at lower costs and with easier visa rules.

## Hyderabad Emerges as World's New Investment Magnet

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city in India. He stated that the Musi River rejuvenation would usher the Hyderabad Night Economy into a new phase, similar to the riverfront experiences of London, Tokyo, Dubai, or Seoul. Explaining the progress of key infra projects like the dry port, Metro expansion, Regional Ring Road, Radial Roads, and the manufacturing zone between the ORR and RRR, he confidently asserted that Telangana "will be the global answer to the China +1 model." Finally, he extended an invitation to Ivy League universities like Harvard, Stanford, and Oxford to establish offshore campuses in Hyderabad, which would offer quality education to students from the Global South at lower costs and with simpler visa procedures.

CM Reddy detailed his government's key priorities, which include women's empowerment, quality education, skills training for youth, and urban development focused on turning Hyderabad into an international-level city with superior amenities and the highest living standards. Highlighting projects from the last 23 months, he announced that the Bharat Future City, planned across 30,000 acres with magnificent infrastructure, will become a pioneering new

## Air India Crash Probe Aims to Find Cause, Not Assign Blame: Centre Tells SC

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**H**yderabad: The Central government today informed the Supreme Court that the preliminary report released on the tragic Air India Plane Crash at Ahmedabad Airport did not place blame on the pilot. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta communicated this to a Supreme Court bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and

Joymalya Bagchi, confirming that the investigation team from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) was constituted in accordance with international regulations.

The case before the apex court was filed by Pushkaraj, the father of Captain Sumit, one of the pilots who perished along with co-pilot Clive Kundur in the crash. The petitioner sought court-monitored investigation into the incident.

Advocate Prashant



During the hearing, Justice Bagchi clarified the specific purpose of the ongoing AAIB inquiry. He stated clearly that the AAIB investigation "is not meant to apportion blame to anyone, but to find the cause so that such a mistake does not happen again." This statement underscores the global standard for air crash investigations, which prioritize systemic safety improvements over individual fault.

However, Justice Surya Kant intervened, cautioning that the current proceedings should not devolve into a conflict between aviation companies. The Supreme Court then instructed Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to submit a formal response to the petition filed by Captain Sumit's father, and the case was subsequently adjourned for two weeks. This directive signals the court's intention to maintain oversight while allowing the official safety investigation to proceed according to established international protocols.

## Low Polling Rate in Jubilee Hills Bypoll Creates Uncertainty; Key Pockets to Decide Winner

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**H**yderabad: The final official polling rate for the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election has been confirmed at 48.49 per cent, according to details released by the Central Election Commission on Wednesday. Despite the overall moderate turnout, a distinct pattern has emerged: 34 polling stations recorded an exceptionally high turnout exceeding 60 per cent, with 192 centers registering over 50 per cent. These high-turnout centers, which also account for a significant number of voters, are now considered the decisive battlegrounds that will determine the final winner, regardless of the exit poll predictions. Following the release of the final figures, candidates and parties are intensely analyzing the polling station data to make their final calculations on victory. The

lowest polling rates were predominantly found in the colonies of Shaikpet, Yousufguda, and Ven-gal Rao Nagar. A key observation made by EENADU reporters was the extremely low turnout in colonies

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The legal dispute originated from certain controversial remarks or posts made by Minister Konda Surekha on her old Twitter account, which Nagarjuna deemed defamatory and harmful

to his reputation. The actor had subsequently filed a defamation lawsuit against the Minister in the Nampally Court in Hyderabad. However, the legal trajectory changed recently when Minister Konda Surekha, seemingly in an effort to resolve the matter amicably and respect the actor's standing, posted an apology on her former Twitter handle. In her apology, she specifically requested Nagarjuna's forgiveness for the prior statements.

The actor, demonstrating grace and accepting the sincerity of the apology, subsequently informed the Nampally Court that he was withdrawing the defamation case. This move effectively brings the entire legal matter to a close, preventing a potentially protracted and complicated court battle that would have involved a high-ranking state minister and a major film personality.

The withdrawal of the case marks a positive resolution between the two prominent public figures. It underscores the potential for out-of-court settlements, even in sensitive defamation cases, when one party expresses remorse. The swift acceptance of the apology by Nagarjuna ensures that the focus of the Minister can remain on her governmental duties and political responsibilities, rather than on

defending herself in a legal trial. This development is particularly noteworthy given Konda Surekha's current influential position as a Minister in the Telangana cabinet. The incident serves as a public reminder of the importance of cautious communication, especially by individuals holding positions of power and influence, and the potential legal repercussions of statements made on public platforms like social media. The Nampally court is now expected to formally close the proceedings related to the defamation suit following Nagarjuna's affidavit confirming the withdrawal of the case.



## 43 Telangana Candidates Clear Civils Mains; CM Announces 1 Lakh Incentive



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In a moment of great pride for the state, a remarkable 43 candidates from Telangana have successfully qualified in the Civil Services Mains Examination. These candidates will now proceed

to the final stage of the prestigious examination process—the personality test (interview)—which is the final step toward securing a coveted position in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and other top central services.

The Civil Services Mains Examinations were conducted across the country from August 22 to 31. The release of these results has highlighted the hard work and intellectual capability of the Telangana youth. Chief Minister Shri

Revanth Reddy extended his warm congratulations and best wishes to all the selected candidates for their outstanding performance in the highly competitive examinations. He noted that the successful qualification of these 43 can-

didates is a testament to the effectiveness of the state's investment in civil services coaching and preparation. The Chief Minister specifically pointed out that all 43 selected candidates were beneficiaries of the state government's "Rajiv Gandhi Civil Services Abhaya Hastham" scheme. This initiative provides comprehensive financial assistance, coaching support, and mentorship to aspiring civil servants from underprivileged and deserving backgrounds, aiming to increase the representation of Telangana students in the nation's bureaucracy.

To further encourage and recognize the exceptional achievement of these candidates, the Telangana government has announced an additional incentive. The government will provide an extra cash incentive of 1 lakh to each of the 43 selected candidates. This financial encouragement is intended to help the aspirants cover expenses related to their preparation for the final personality test phase, which often involves travel to Delhi and specialized interview coaching. The Chief Minister stated that the state government is deeply committed to supporting its youth in achieving their highest aspirations and believes that providing such support is crucial for leveling the playing field. The success of these candidates is expected to inspire thousands of other young people in Telangana to aim for the Civil Services, reaffirming the state's growing presence in the national administrative framework. The government's continued support through the Rajiv Gandhi Civil Services Abhaya Hastham scheme is expected to further boost the number of successful candidates from Telangana in future examinations.



## Abandoned car triggers panic in Kacheguda

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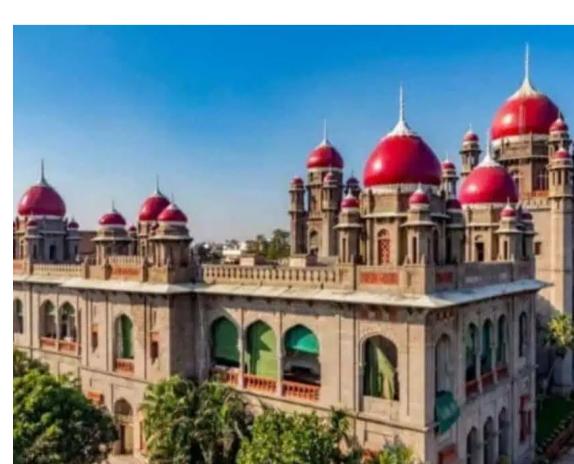
Hyderabad: Panic gripped the Kacheguda area after locals spotted a car abandoned near the Road under Bridge (RuB) on Thursday.

As per available information, the residents noticed the car parked across the road blocking it, with its headlamps on and the driver missing from the vehicle.

The Kacheguda police are investigating. Efforts are on to trace the owner and ascertain the circumstances under which the vehicle was left near the bridge.

The traffic in the vicinity was diverted briefly due to the incident.

## Telangana HC warns govt over laxity in filing counter-affidavits on radar station case



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Hyderabad: A Division Bench of the Telangana High Court, comprising Chief Justice Aparna Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin, on Thursday voiced sharp disapproval over the State government's persistent delay in filing counter-affidavits in pending matters, observing that such laxity undermines the very purpose of fixing specific hearing dates.

The observation came during the hearing of a Public Interest Litiga-

tion (PIL) that questions the allotment of around 2,900 acres of reserve forest land in Vikarabad district for establishing a Navy radar station. The PIL, filed by Damagundum Forest Protection JAC – Save Damagundum, raises environmental concerns over the diversion of forest land for defence purposes. It questions the adequacy of compensatory afforestation and flags possible ecological and health implications arising from the proposed low-frequency radar in-

stallation in the region. At the outset, counsel

appeared for both the Central and State governments sought three more weeks to file their counter-affidavits. The Bench remarked that the State had been taking an unusually long time to file its responses in several cases. "When we assign a particular date, it is because there is seriousness or urgency attached to the matter. If affidavits are not filed within time, the entire purpose gets defeated," the Chief Justice observed.

Recalling that the matter was last adjourned on October 15, the Bench

noted that the governments had already been granted sufficient opportunities.

"We have been liberal in extending time so far. Please convey this message to your colleagues further delay in filing counter-affidavits will invite costs," the court cautioned.

After recording the counsels' apologies, the Bench granted a final extension of three weeks and posted the matter for the next hearing accordingly.

# Government Accountable to People, 5 Lakh for Indiramma Housing: Bhatti

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka addressed a massive public meeting in Gandhasiri village, Mudigonda mandal, Madhira constituency (Khammam district), during the reconstruction program of a Kakatiya-era Shiva temple. He firmly stated that the Congress government is entirely dedicated to the people and remains accountable to them, in line with the promises made during the election campaign.

The Deputy CM began by tackling the critical issue of power supply, challenging the narrative of the previous ten-year ruling party. He stated that the Congress government has successfully established a robust power supply sys-

tem capable of meeting any surge in electricity demand without difficulty, ensuring uninterrupted supply. He reinforced the historical claim that it was always the Congress governments that successfully produced power and supplied free electricity to farmers. Extending this legacy, he proudly announced that it is the current Congress government that is providing 200 units of free electricity to eligible domestic households. Speaking on the Indiramma housing scheme, a key guarantee, he urged beneficiaries to speed up the construction of their homes, assuring them that the government will fast-track the sanctioning of their bills. He recalled his People's Padayatra before the

elections, where he met thousands of poor people who expressed their struggles and weariness after waiting ten years for housing under the previous regime. He specifically mentioned Priyanka, a girl from Mudigonda, who spoke of her pain, leading him to promise 5 lakh for every poor family to construct a house. He confirmed that in the first phase, 4.5 lakh houses (3,500 per constituency) are being constructed, and Priyanka herself has been allotted a house, symbolizing the fulfillment of the promise.

Deputy CM Vikramarka strongly emphasized the ethical use of state resources, asserting that every single rupee of public money will be spent solely for the welfare of the people. He issued a stern warning

against corruption, declaring that the government will under no circumstances allow exploitation or misuse of public funds, stating that the misuse of people's money is "extremely dangerous." The government is focusing heavily on human capital development, investing extensively in education to secure children's futures. To ensure global competitiveness for students, mess charges have been increased by 20% and cosmetic charges by a significant 200% to match market rates. He announced an investment of 2,500 crore to establish Young India Integrated Residential Schools in every Assembly constituency, each on 25 acres, with construction already progressing rapidly in Lakshmiapur village, Madhira

constituency.

Addressing women's empowerment, a cornerstone of the Congress guarantees, Bhatti stated, "We want every woman to live with dignity." To achieve this, the government is providing interest-free loans. He announced that the Indira Mahila Dairy with 60,000 women members in Madhira constituency will soon become millionaires with

in five years. He criticized the previous government for scrapping the Indira Mahila Kranti Pathakam and confirmed that the Indiramma government has revived interest-free loans. He announced that the Indira Mahila Dairy with 60,000 women members in Madhira constituency will soon become a model for the

entire nation, where each member will receive two milch animals, establishing a prestigious, women-managed dairy industry. The Deputy CM also highlighted the government's success in employment generation, having filled 70,000 government jobs in just two years and organizing job fairs in every con-

stituency to provide private sector opportunities for lakhs of youth. He concluded by honoring the sentiment of the Telangana movement, fought for self-respect and opportunity, and pledged to honor every single vote cast by the people of Madhira by dedicating himself to the welfare of the entire state.

## BC JAC Demands Clarity on 42% Quota Block

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Addressing the BC JAC Dharma Porata Deeksha (Righteous Struggle Fast) at Indira Park in Hyderabad, BC JAC leader Dandu Kumaraswamy issued a strong challenge to the government. He demanded that the authorities provide an honest explanation for why they are allegedly obstructing the implementation of the 42% reservation that was promised and declared for Backward Classes (BCs).

Kumaraswamy passionately stated that the current movement is a continuation of the spirit of the Mandal Commission agitation and the Telangana Statehood movement. He declared that the BCs' self-respect and reservation movement will not pause until the full 42% reservation

is secured through continuous fasts (deekshalu) and struggles (poratalu). He asserted that after 75 years of independence, the fact that BCs still do not have a proportionate share in education, employment, and political fields, commensurate with their population demographics, is a failure of democracy itself.

He expressed deep anguish over the persistent lack of representation, noting that over 100 BC castes in the state have not achieved any meaningful political or administrative presence. Kumaraswamy highlighted the dire living conditions of many BC castes, stating that several communities within the BC category, particularly the nomadic, de-notified, and primitive tribes, are still enduring a miserable existence, facing so-

## Mahesh Kumar Goud Hails Sudarshan Reddy as Nizamabad's True Minister

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud delivered a powerful address at a felicitation event held for Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy in Nizamabad. Kumar Goud highly praised Sudarshan Reddy's role, describing him not just as a Government Advisor but as the "Minister of the District" due to his deep influence and commitment. He characterized Reddy as the "elder brother" to the Nizamabad district, whose actions are guided by practical experience and thoughtful consideration for its welfare.

Kumar Goud emphasized that Sudarshan Reddy treats the issues of the public as his own personal concerns, demonstrating a selfless dedication to the constituents. He highlighted Reddy's defining characteristic of unwavering dedication and persistence (akunthita deek-

sha, pattudala)—a quality that ensures any project he initiates is brought to successful completion, benefitting the entire region. The TPCC President acknowledged Reddy's versatility, noting his commendable success in both the business and political arenas. He further underscored Reddy's monumental contribution to the district, specifically crediting him with playing a key role in securing the Medical College for Nizamabad. This achievement fulfills a long-standing aspiration of the local population for higher medical education and healthcare infrastructure.

Shifting to irrigation projects, Kumar Goud lauded Sudarshan Reddy's significant involvement in securing packages 21 and 22 for the district as part of the Pranahita-Chevella project. He also credited Reddy with the crucial task of bringing in necessary funds for the modernization of the existing canal systems. In contrast to these achievements, Kumar Goud launched a scathing critique of the previous BRS government. He alleged that the BRS government deliberately shelved (atiket-kichindhi) the project packages that were hard-won by leaders like Sudarshan Reddy. He accused the BRS party of wasting 1.2 lakh crore of public money into the Godavari River in the name of the Kaleshwaram Project, asserting that former CM K.C.R. grossly misused public funds in an unprecedented act of financial imprudence.

In defense of the current Congress administration, Kumar Goud highlighted several "historical" achievements. He mentioned that the government's scheme to provide fine rice (sanna biyyam) to the public is a landmark move in social welfare. He further championed the Congress Party's commitment to fulfilling its electoral promises, pointing to the remarkable achievement of waiving 21,000 crore in farm loans within just 15 months of coming to power, proving that the party honors its word. He also spoke of his personal contributions as PCC President, stating that he helped end the district's 35-year wait for an Engineering College by securing its sanction within one year. He also confirmed that an Agriculture College is soon to be established as part of a new University. Finally, he announced the sanc-

tion of a 350 crore road project connecting Karimnagar, Dharmapuri, Kondagattu, Vemulawada, and Limbadri Gutta to Basara, with plans for a similar road connecting Karimnagar to Nizamabad to be introduced soon. He concluded with a fresh announcement that the government had just issued a GO allocating 4 crore for the construction of a Tourism Guest House on the premises of the Limbadri Gutta Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Bheemgad, demonstrating the continued focus on regional development.

## Krishnaiah Rallies Students, Demands BC Quota Before Elections

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Telangana BC JAC Chairman and Rajya Sabha Member R. Krishnaiah issued a categorical demand to the state government: elections to local bodies must be conducted only after statutory provision is made for 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs). He strongly advised the government to abandon any plan (aloochananu viramichukovalani) to proceed with elections using the old reservation

quotas, asserting that the only acceptable path is to conduct the polls with the full 42% reservation in place.

To press this demand, R. Krishnaiah led a massive rally of students in Barkatpura, Hyderabad, signaling the mobilization of youth in the fight for BC rights. Speaking at the rally, he emphasized the critical steps already taken by the BC community and the government in this direction. He reminded the public that the government had already

conducted a caste census and subsequently passed a bill for 42% reservation in the Legislative Assembly, which was then sent to the Governor for approval. He asserted that because these legislative steps have been completed, there should be no legal hurdles (nyayaparamaina avarodhalu) remaining to the implementation of the 42% quota.

Krishnaiah urged the state government to strengthen its legal position in the ongoing court case related to

the reservation bill. He demanded that the government appoint highly competent and effective lawyers (samardhavanthamaina nyayavadulanu petti) to argue the case for the 42% reservation in the High Court. Despite the legal challenges, R. Krishnaiah expressed strong confidence (dheema vyaktam chesaru) that the BC community and the government will ultimately prevail in the legal process and successfully implement the 42% reservation.

## Dasoju Slams Speaker's Gag Order, Rips Into Congress Finances

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BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan held a press conference at Telangana Bhavan to vehemently criticize the restrictions imposed by the Speaker's office regarding the legislative tribunal proceedings on MLA defections. He accused the ruling party of attempting a cover-up while simultaneously launching a scathing attack on the Congress government's alleged financial mismanagement.

Dr. Sravan highlighted a bulletin issued yesterday by the Speaker's office regarding the defec-

tion probe currently underway in the Legislative Tribunal. The bulletin imposed highly restrictive access rules, specifically banning the entry of visitors and media personnel into the Assembly premises during the hearings. Furthermore, the order explicitly banned former MLAs, former MPs, and former MLCs, and restricted the movement of currently serving MLAs and MLCs only to their party's legislative office area. Most controversially, the bulletin ordered the advocates arguing the case not to carry cell phones into

the premises. Dr. Sravan vehemently declared this bulletin to be unconstitutional (rajyanga viruddham). He questioned the motive behind such sweeping prohibitions, asking pointedly what "secret plotting" (go upu) the government intended to carry out behind closed doors. He compared the situation to a thief-like agreement (dongalu dongalooru panchu kunnattu), suggesting a covert deal between the Speaker and the ruling party. He emphasized that even during arguments before a Supreme Court Full Bench, cell phones are

often allowed. He immediately wrote a letter to the Speaker demanding the immediate withdrawal of the bulletin. He further demanded that the proceedings be made accessible to the public via live streaming so that constituency voters could directly witness the arguments made regarding their elected representatives' defections.

Shifting his focus to the state's economy, Dr. Sravan launched a severe criticism of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration, accusing him of bringing the state's financial con-

dition to a state of ruin (adh gati p lu s ru). He pointed out that against a proposed state budget of 2.3 lakh crore, only 76,000 crore (33% of the target) had been realized by September. Revenue

collections were severely under target at only 40%, and GST collections were even lower at 42% of the target. He blamed the government's policies for destroying the real estate

sector" (riyal st nu sarvan ana c s ru), citing that against a target of 19,000 crore from Stamp and Registration revenue, only 7,000 crore (32% realized) was collected, with Excise revenue also below 35%. In stark contrast, he highlighted that the state's borrowings have alarmingly reached 83% of the target, with an alleged 3.48 lakh crore in debt accumulated over two years, plus an additional 1 lakh crore in off-budget borrowings. He asserted that despite this massive borrowing, the government has achieved nothing, con-

# Fire Breaks Out at Quthbullapur GHMC Circle Office; Staff Rescued

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A major fire accident occurred on the first floor of the GHMC Quthbullapur Circle Office today, causing significant disruption and potential damage to vital records. The fire broke out in the highly sensitive Revenue Section, a department where numerous historical and current files are stored. The blaze caused files to rapidly catch fire, leading to the office floor being quickly enveloped in thick, acrid smoke. Office staff immediately initiated a quick evacuation, fearing the fire's rapid spread.

The JD-Metla Police demonstrated commendable quick-thinking and decisive action, acting swiftly to rescue eight GHMC staff members who were trapped inside the smoke-filled building,

unable to navigate their way out safely. Balanagar ACP Naresh Reddy later confirmed the success of the rescue operation, assuring the public that no injuries or casualties were reported among the staff or police personnel, a testament to the speed of the response. The Fire Department personnel arrived promptly at the scene with multiple tenders and successfully brought the intense flames under control after a concentrated firefighting effort. JD-Metla Fire CI Shekar Reddy stated that the exact cause of the fire is currently under investigation by a specialized team, suggesting that an electrical short circuit or other technical fault might be responsible. The immediate and coordinated response by the



police and fire department was widely credited with preventing any loss of life in the incident, which could have been catastrophic given the fire's location. How-

ever, a critical aspect of the ongoing assessment is the extent of the damage to the files in the Revenue Section. The loss of these administrative and legal documents

could significantly disrupt municipal services and record-keeping, making the documentation of the damage a top priority for GHMC authorities.

## Students Must Be Alert Against Drugs and Cyber Crimes: Balanagar CI

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Balanagar CI Narsimha Raju emphasized the critical need for students to be aware of the dangers posed by cyber crimes and drug abuse. He made these remarks during an extensive awareness program organized for 450 students at Bright Concept High School in the Balanagar division on Thursday. The event was attended by SI Saritha Reddy, School Correspondent Dr. Vinod Yadav, Office In-charge Ayesha Begum, and various teachers, underscoring the collaborative effort between law enforcement and educational institutions to safeguard youth.

CI Narsimha Raju provided crucial, actionable safety instructions for navigating the digital landscape. He firmly advised students to maintain a distance from online contact with strangers and never to share bank transaction details or any other personal information over the phone, regardless of the caller's pretense. Crucially, they should never dis-

close an OTP (One-Time Password) to unknown callers, as this is the final key to unauthorized transactions. He advised that any bank-related issues should always be verified and sorted out in person at the respective bank branch, reiterating the fundamental security principle that legitimate bank officials would never request private account details over the phone. Moving to the physical threat of drug abuse, the CI delivered a stark warning: the addiction to substances like ganja can permanently destroy one's future, shattering careers and families. He called for a collective community effort against drug trafficking, urging parents to be intensely vigilant about their children's social circles and activities. To support the police's enforcement efforts, he asked the public to report any information about drug suppliers or peddlers confidentially to Dial 100 or the nearest police station, aiming for a drug-free society.

The CI highlighted the rapidly rising threat of cyber fraud in the digital age, noting that approximately 80% of cyber crimes occur via mobile phones, making personal devices the primary vulnerability point for most users. He cautioned students to recognize the enticing concept of "easy money" as a deceptive scam,

## Nehru Zoological Park Prepares Animals for Winter



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The Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad has implemented comprehensive and species-specific arrangements to safeguard the health and overall well-being of its diverse population of wild animals throughout the imminent winter season. Curator Smt. J. Vasanth, IFS, is personally overseeing the massive effort and has directed all concerned officers to maintain an uninterrupted and constant vigil over the animals' health, ensuring they are safeguarded from the seasonal drops in temperature.

A detailed variety of winterization measures have been meticulously put in place across the park. Heaters are strategically provided in the night houses of carnivores, primates, and bears, with the intensity and type of heating customized based on the specific requirements of each species. To mitigate the severity of cold waves and actively prevent cold-related illnesses like pneumonia, gunny cloths are used to fully cover the night houses of carnivores, while green shade nets provide insulation for primates. Bird night houses are partially covered with nets or gunny rolls, and specialized nest boxes packed with insulating material are provided for exotic birds like macaws and cockatoos to nest in warmth. Smaller monkeys, such as squirrel monkeys and marmosets, receive small wooden boxes layered with dry paddy straw for bedding.

## Town Planning Officer Caught Accepting 75,000 Bribe

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted a highly successful raid at the Adibatla Municipal Office in Ranga Reddy district, effectively trapping a corrupt Town Planning Officer (TPO) for accepting a bribe. The official, identified as Varaprasad, was caught red-handed by the ACB while accepting a bribe amount of 75,000. The Assistant, Vamshi, was also implicated in the scheme, suggesting a coordinated effort of corruption within the department.

The TPO, Varaprasad, along with his assistant Vamshi, had directly and illegally demanded the bribe from an individual named Anand. The payment was required in



connection with the issuance of a crucial house construction permit, a necessary document for any new building project in the municipality. The demand for a bribe to expedite or approve routine administrative work is a classic example of petty corruption

that severely affects the common citizen and the ease of doing business. Acting decisively on a specific and accurate tip-off received from the complainant, Anand, the ACB organized a meticulous sting operation at the municipal office itself. The TPO was successfully

apprehended in the exact act of accepting the marked bribe money from the complainant, providing irrefutable evidence of the crime. Following the immediate arrest of the TPO, the ACB initiated comprehensive searches at the municipal office to prevent future instances of such systemic corruption.

## Fines Imposed for Dumping Garbage in Public Places

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Dundigal Municipal authorities took decisive and strict enforcement action against individuals found littering in public spaces, imposing financial penalties as part of a targeted special drive. The focused enforcement drive concentrated specifically on the road leading to the 2BHK housing area in Bahadurpally Ward under the Dundigal Municipal limits, an area often plagued by illegal dumping. Authorities successfully identified and immediately imposed a fine of 1,000 on two specific individuals who were caught in the act of illegally dumping garbage on the road, highlighting the zero-tolerance policy. Beyond punitive measures, the Municipal staff simultaneously engaged in a community outreach effort.

They actively educated several other residents who were present in the area on the severe negative consequences of littering—including public health hazards, environmental pollution, and aesthetic degradation—and issued



stern warnings against any future violations. Dundigal Commissioner N. Venkateswar Naik reiterated the official municipal stance, stating categorically that throwing garbage in open spaces within the municipal limits is a criminal offense subject to legal action. He issued a clear warning that any individual caught littering, especially those identified through the increasing coverage of CCTV cameras installed in key areas, will be tracked down and issued financial penalties. The administration is planning more such surprise drives to ensure continuous compliance and maintain high standards of public sanitation.

## 7-Year-Old Boy Dies Due to Builder's Negligence

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A profound tragedy occurred in the Dundigal Police Station limits today when a seven-year-old boy, Akash, lost his life due to the alleged and grave negligence of a builder in Bhourampeta. Akash, the beloved grandson of a watchman couple who were employed at a major construction site in the nearby VNR Venture, had traveled from his home to visit his grandparents at their workplace.

Akash's parents, Naveen and Veena, are residents of Kukkanoor village, Medak district, and maintain employment in Bhourampeta. The fatal incident

occurred yesterday evening (Wednesday) when the young boy was playing near the entrance of the under-construction apartment building. The crucial main gate for the building had been carelessly left unsecured and completely unfixated, merely leaning against a wall. When Akash, innocent and unsuspecting, approached the massive gate, it accidentally toppled over, falling directly onto him. The weight and force of the impact caused severe, immediate head injuries that tragically led to his death on the spot. His heartbroken grandparents, engrossed in their work nearby, rushed over only to

## Inter-State Criminals Arrested in Balapur; Gold and Silver Recovered

TPN Bureau | Nov 13, 2025, Balapur Police have successfully neutralized a systematic criminal operation, taking three inter-state criminals into custody for their involvement in a series of organized thefts across the region. The decisive action led to the recovery of substantial stolen property, including a Pulsar bike used for their crimes, ten tolas of gold jewelry, and one and a half kilograms of silver ornaments. Inspector Sudhakar of Balapur Police Station provided detailed case information, confirming that all the arrested individuals have been processed and remanded to judicial custody. The primary accused were identified as Kiran Patel and his friend Ramshetty Vatsal, both hailing from Bidar, Karnataka, who masterminded the operation. The duo maintained a

predictable but effective modus operandi: they would conduct detailed reconnaissance of potential targets during the day while riding their Pulsar bike and then return to commit burglaries specifically at night, exploiting the cover of darkness. The police confirmed their direct involvement in a minimum of six significant theft cases spanning the jurisdiction of the Medipally and Jawahar Nagar police station areas. The in-



vestigation further revealed that Patel and Vatsal were career criminals, having previously served time in jail for an NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) case in the Sangareddy Police Station limits, demonstrating a clear history of serious offenses. They were also implicated in a major theft case within the Balapur Police Station limits, specifically targeting residences in Surya Township.

# Temple Vandalized in Bahadurguda; Cash and Clothes Stolen

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A shocking incident of vandalism and theft occurred on Thursday in Kakatiya Colony, Bahadurguda, under the Dundigal Police Station limits. Unidentified assailants vandalized the idol of Nallapochamma Ammavari (Goddess) temple.

The culprits broke into the temple, damaged the deity's idol, and stole cash from the temple Hundi (donation box). They also took the Goddess's sarees. The thieves attempted to

steal the deity's jewelry but, upon realizing they were only rolled gold (imitation), they discarded the ornaments outside the temple premises. Police immediately arrived at the scene of the crime, and a clues team was deployed to gather forensic evidence. The Dundigal Police have registered a case regarding the vandalism and theft and have launched an investigation to identify and apprehend the perpetrators of this heinous crime against the place of worship.



# Nagarkurnool Collector Calls For Swift Cotton Procurement

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Nagarkurnool District Collector Badavath Santhosh expressed severe displeasure regarding the delays in the cotton procurement process across the district. On Thursday, he inspected the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procurement center at Vinayaka Cotton Mill in Chenna Muddunuru village, Telakapalli Mandal. The Collector thoroughly examined various aspects of the process, including procurement procedures, slot entry, gate entry passes, crop registration, and slot booking.

During the inspection, the Collector spoke with farmers to understand their issues. Farmers requested relaxation in the moisture content limit due to cold weather, provision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton damaged by unseasonal rains, an extension of purchasing hours, and the immediate procurement of cotton brought to the center. Collector



Santhosh responded positively and gave clear instructions to the CCI officials. He mandated that the procurement process must be completed on the same day the slot is booked, emphasizing the need for transparency and swift action. He ordered officials to use additional

staff and laptops to complete procurement by 6 PM daily, if necessary. The Collector assured the farmers not to despair, stating that the District Administration is fully committed to supporting them. He warned that strict action would be taken against anyone attempt-

ing to cause problems for the farmers during procurement. He clarified that the central government has fixed the MSP for cotton at 8,110 per quintal for the 2025-26 season. He reminded farmers that the acceptable moisture level is 8% to 12%, with a 1% price deduction for every 1%

increase in moisture above the minimum, and cotton above 12% moisture would not be purchased. He urged farmers to utilize the "Kapas Kisan App" for slot booking to ensure they receive the MSP without having to wait for long periods at the centers.

# Political Leaders Attend Wedding in Kamareddy

TPN Bureau | Nov 13, 2025 | Kamareddy

A notable political gathering was witnessed in Kamareddy today, where several prominent leaders from the Telangana government and Congress party attended a grand wedding ceremony. The event marked the marriage of the daughter of senior advocate Rajagopal Goud and the nephew of Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, drawing widespread attention in political and social circles.

The wedding, held at the Velama Convention Hall in Kamareddy town, was graced by State Government Advisor Shabbir Ali, who extended his heartfelt blessings to the newlyweds. Also present at the occasion were TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Bodhan MLA Sudharshan Reddy, and several senior leaders, party functionaries, and well-wishers.

The presence of these influential personalities added grandeur to



the celebration and reflected the deep social and political connections among Telangana's leadership. The

gathering served not only as a family celebration but also as an informal congregation of the state's political elite,

showcasing camaraderie and unity within the ruling circles. The ceremony concluded with warm exchanges, photographs, and felicitations, marking it as one of the most talked-about social events in Kamareddy this week.

# Minister Tummala Seeks Central Relaxation for Crop Procurement



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Minister of Agriculture Tummala Nageswara Rao has once again written to the Central Government, drawing attention to the serious issues faced in the procurement of Soybean, Maize, and Cotton crops due to the impact of the Monsoon Cyclone and unseasonal rains. He specifically appealed to Union Ministers Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Shri Giriraj Singh for special relaxations in the procurement standards for Soybean and Cotton crops procured by central agencies.

The Minister noted that Soybean, cultivated across 3,66,697 acres, was severely damaged by rains, leading to discolored and wrinkled grains

that fail to meet the FAQ (Fair Average Quality) norms. He urged the Centre to consider these special circumstances and relax the FAQ standards, directing agencies like NAFED and NCCF to purchase the Soybean according to the revised quality.

Regarding Maize, despite an estimated production of 16.85 lakh metric tonnes, the market price has fallen to 1,959 per quintal, below the MSP of 2,400, causing distress among farmers. The State Government stepped in to purchase Maize, having bought 48,757 MT benefitting 14,519 farmers to date, and Minister Tummala requested the Central Ministry of Agriculture to approve the procurement of the total estimated 16.85

lakh metric tonnes under MSP by NAFED and NCCF.

The Minister also addressed the issue of Cotton procurement, stating that the CCI's proposed limit of 7 quintals per acre would severely harm farmers already struggling with the Monsoon cyclone damage, especially small-scale farmers. He urged the Union Textiles Minister to relax the moisture content norms and base procurement on a higher yield of 11.74 quintals per acre. Minister Tummala appealed for immediate central intervention to protect millions of small farmers, adding that he has requested the Chief Minister, who is in Delhi today, to bring these issues to the notice of the Union Ministers.

# Minister Vakit Srihari Reviews Arrangements for Padamati Anjaneya Swamy Fair



PADAMATI ANJANEYA SWAMY TEMPLE

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Minister Vakit Srihari held a review meeting at the temple premises in Makthal town, Narayanpet district, to finalize arrangements for the upcoming Padamati Anjaneya Swamy Jathara (fair/festival). The grand Bramhotsavam is scheduled to commence on December 2 and will continue until December 9. Key events include the Prabotsavam on December 3, Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on December 4, and Pala Utta Utsavam (Milk Pot breaking ceremony) on December 5.

The Minister announced that on November 30, a Yagna and other rituals would be performed at the newly reconstructed Koneru (temple pond) near the temple. Following the

rituals, the first Abhishekam for Anjaneya Swamy would be performed with water drawn from this pond. He directed officials to make arrangements so that devotees can bathe in the pond before having darshan (viewing) of the deity. Minister Srihari expressed gratitude to Kalpana, who came from the USA to oversee the reconstruction of temple ponds in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, stating he wished to be a part of her team's efforts to renovate all ponds in the state. He proudly mentioned funding the pond's renovation from his own pocket despite budget delays and thanked locals for allocating land for the project.

Minister Srihari stressed that the Jathara must be celebrated with great

# Islamist Groups Hijack Bangladesh Student Movement



Bangladesh's student-led quota reform movement, initially celebrated as a peaceful campaign for equality and meritocracy, has been revealed to have been infiltrated by Islamist groups, leading to violent clashes and political instability. What began as a protest against systemic dis-

crimination morphed into an armed insurrection with ideological overtones, experts say.

The movement erupted as students demanded reform of job quotas and fair access to opportunities in public institutions. Widespread support came from university teachers, profes-

sionals, laborers, and ordinary citizens, creating a perception of a grassroots, non-violent struggle for justice. However, recent confessions by movement leaders indicate that the protests were far from peaceful. Coordinators openly admitted to orchestrating attacks on govern-

ment buildings and public infrastructure, including the Seti Bhaban and metro rail systems, resulting in the deaths of numerous police officers.

Intelligence reports and investigative journalism suggest that Jamaat-e-Islami and its militant student wing, Islami Chhatra Shi-

bir, played a key role in steering the movement toward armed confrontation. The groups reportedly recruited students, spread propaganda, and provided weapons to ensure escalation. Public statements by Jamaat operatives confirm their strategic involvement, highlighting how the move-

ment's original anti-discrimination message was used as a cover for ideological extremism aimed at undermining Bangladesh's secular foundations.

The violence has left a lasting toll: at least 44 police officers were killed during clashes, while many others were injured. Mean-

while, the deaths and injuries of students have been highlighted in political narratives, overshadowing the sacrifices of law enforcement and creating a complex moral and legal dilemma for the government. Questions remain about the source of the weapons used, with allegations of smuggling and external funding, raising concerns of broader regional involvement.

The interim government formed amid the unrest faces criticism for exceeding its mandate and curbing democratic processes. Opposition parties report intimidation, arrests, and disruptions of rallies, raising fears that the elections scheduled for February may lack genuine inclusivity and fairness. Analysts warn that without free, fair, and inclusive elections under a neutral caretaker system, Bangladesh risks further political fragmentation and erosion of public trust.

Experts and regional observers, including India, have expressed concern over the resurgence of Islamist influence and anti-India rhetoric, which could destabilize not only Bangladesh's internal governance but also regional security. The hijacking of a legitimate student movement underscores the urgent need for impartial investigations, accountability for violence, and a restoration of secular democratic principles.

Bangladesh's future stability depends on reclaiming the original spirit of the student movement—rooted in equality, justice, and non-violence—while confronting the ideological manipulation that threatens to rewrite the nation's democratic trajectory.

## Delhi Red Fort Blast: Unraveling a White-Collar Terror Conspiracy



A high-intensity explosion near Delhi's Red Fort on 10 November 2025 claimed at least 12 lives and left the area in chaos, marking one of the deadliest terror attacks in recent years. Initially suspected as a cylinder blast in a car, subsequent investigations confirmed it was a well-planned terror strike. The blast coincided with the discovery of nearly 2,900 kg of explosives in Faridabad, including IED components, ammunition, and electronic triggering devices, hinting at a coordinated, larger conspiracy.

Intelligence agencies, the Delhi Police, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), and the National Security Guard (NSG) quickly swung into action. Home Minister Amit Shah visited the site to assess the situation, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a visit to Bhutan the following day, vowed stern action against the perpetrators. The Cabinet Com-

mittee on Security convened on 12 November to deliberate on national security measures in light of the attack.

Delhi has witnessed multiple terror incidents in the past, from the 2000 Red Fort attack by Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) to the 2008 serial blasts in commercial areas and the 2001 attack on Parliament by Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

Current investigations suggest the recent attack was part of a broader scheme, aimed at spreading terror across India. JeM and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) modules, operated by radicalized professionals and students with Pakistan-based handlers, were identified as the main orchestrators.

The Red Fort attack underscores a shift in terror dynamics—terrorism is no longer confined to conventional militants but increasingly involves radicalized, educated professionals, posing a complex challenge to national security.

ers, such as Dr. Adeel Majeed Rather and Dr. Ahmed Mohiuddin Sayeed, were found with materials to manufacture chemical weapons and explosives. Evidence indicates the car used in the Red Fort attack was likely driven in panic following earlier seizures.

The incident highlights the emergence of "white-collar" terrorists—highly educated professionals leading extremist cells. Experts warn this trend mirrors global patterns, where terror attacks have been orchestrated by well-educated individuals, complicating detection and prevention.

The attack also has clear links to Pakistan, especially following the country's perceived strategic setbacks during Operation Sindo.

Analysts suggest the blast may have been designed to provoke an Indian military response, reinforcing extremist narratives in Pakistan.

As India evaluates its response, security agencies are focusing on dismantling sleeper cells and enhancing intelligence coordination. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized that perpetrators will be brought to justice, while ongoing Tri-Service exercises aim to strengthen operational readiness across multiple domains.

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## Warm Bhutan-India Ties Reinforced By Modi Visit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Bhutan from 11–12 November 2025 has reinforced the deep and longstanding ties between the two nations, highlighting both strategic and developmental cooperation. Despite the recent terror attack in Delhi's Red Fort area, Modi's visit went ahead, symbolizing India's commitment to its close Himalayan neighbor.

During the visit, PM Modi and Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck inaugurated the 1,020 MW Putnatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project, marking a significant milestone in the India-Bhutan Friendship Project initiative. This project is expected to boost Bhutan's hydroelectric power capacity by 40%, reinforcing the kingdom's position as a renewable energy powerhouse with a negative carbon footprint. India also pledged a new concessional line of credit of ₹4,000 crore for Bhutan's further energy projects and development initiatives.

Bhutan, strategically located between India and China, has traditionally benefited from India's non-predatory support through concessional loans, electricity purchases, and a defence protection pact. During Modi's visit, the two countries signed three MoUs covering renewable energy, mental health services, and healthcare. These agreements strengthen cooperation across multiple sectors while reflecting Bhutan's emphasis on sustainable development and Gross National Happiness. India had earlier contributed ₹10,000 crore to Bhutan's Five-

Year Plan in 2024 to support infrastructure, agriculture, finance, and healthcare development.

Connectivity between Bhutan and India also received a boost during the visit. Plans are underway to connect Bhutanese border towns Gelephu and Samtse with India's railway network, enhancing trade and mobility. India will set up an immigration check post at Hatisar, near Gelephu, and support infrastructure development on its side of the border.

Bhutan, mindful of Chinese influence in the region, continues to navigate a careful balancing act between India and China. The visit reasserts Bhutan of India's reliable support while highlighting India's regional defense and infrastructure capabilities.

China's preoccupation with its domestic challenges and international setbacks, combined with India's growing strategic strength, has allowed Bhutan to maintain au-

nomy while benefiting from Indian collaboration.

PM Modi's visit, coinciding with the 70th birthday of King Jigme Khesar Wangchuck, underscores India's commitment to a partnership that goes beyond diplomacy, encompassing defense, development, and sustainable energy cooperation. The strengthened ties demonstrate India's role as a steady, non-predatory partner, and Bhutan's continued reliance on India for strategic, economic, and energy security in a complex regional environment.

This visit not only cements the bilateral relationship but also sets the stage for deeper collaboration in infrastructure, renewable energy, healthcare, and defense, reinforcing Bhutan's stability and India's strategic posture in South Asia.

# Cabinet decisions on exports to improve competitiveness: PM Modi

TPN Correspondent | Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday lauded the Union Cabinet's recent decisions aimed at enhancing India's export capabilities, asserting that the measures will improve global competitiveness and support the nation's journey toward self-reliance.

The Cabinet, chaired by Modi on Wednesday, approved key initiatives including an export promotion mission and a credit guarantee scheme for exporters. These steps are designed to provide financial support, reduce risks for exporters, and encourage Indian businesses to expand their footprint in international markets.

Addressing the significance of these decisions, Modi emphasized that boosting exports is central to strengthening India's economic resilience. "These initiatives will help our exporters compete globally and contribute to achieving the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat," he said.

The export promotion mission will focus on identifying new markets, enhancing supply chains, and providing technical



and marketing support to Indian exporters. Meanwhile, the credit guarantee scheme aims to ease access to working capital, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which are often constrained by limited financial resources.

Economic analysts view these measures as timely, given the growing global

demand for Indian goods and the need to diversify export markets amid geopolitical uncertainties. By reducing financial risks and supporting business expansion, the initiatives are expected to create new opportunities for manufacturers and service providers alike.

Modi's announcement reflects the government's

broader strategy to strengthen India's trade ecosystem while fostering entrepreneurship and innovation. Officials note that increasing exports not only contributes to economic growth but also generates employment and enhances India's standing in the global economy.

The Cabinet's approval

signals a proactive approach toward building a more competitive export sector, reinforcing India's commitment to self-reliance while integrating effectively with global markets. Stakeholders in trade and industry have welcomed the move as a positive step toward sustainable economic growth.

## ED Attaches Rs 61 Crore Assets of Bhupesh Baghel's Son in Chhattisgarh Liquor Scam

TPN Correspondent | Patna

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 61.20 crore belonging to Chaitanya Baghel, son of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the ongoing investigation into the Chhattisgarh liquor scam.

The attached assets include 364 residential plots and agricultural lands valued at Rs 59.96 crore, alongside movable assets such as bank balances and fixed deposits worth Rs 1.24 crore. The ED said the action is part of its continuing probe into the liquor syndicate that allegedly caused massive losses to the state exchequer.

The investigation was initiated following an FIR by the Anti-Corruption Bureau/Enforcement Wing (ACB/EOW), Raipur, under sections of



the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Police and ED investigations revealed that the liquor scam resulted in over Rs 2,500 crore of illicit proceeds, with Chaitanya Baghel positioned at the top of the syndicate.

According to the ED, Chaitanya Baghel controlled and managed the accounts of all illicit

funds collected by the syndicate and directed key decisions regarding the collection, channelization, and distribution of the proceeds. The probe further revealed that he laundered a portion of these proceeds through his real estate business, notably the "Vithal Green" project under his proprietorship, M/s

Baghel Developers.

Chaitanya Baghel was arrested by the ED on July 18 and remains in judicial custody. Earlier, the ED had arrested several high-profile individuals linked to the case, including former IAS officer Anil Tuteja, Arvind Singh, Trilok Singh Dhillon, Anwar Dhebar, Arun Pati Tripathi, and MLA Kawa-

si Lakhma, who was the excise minister at the time.

This latest attachment of Rs 61.20 crore comes in continuation of previous actions by the ED, which had already seized immovable properties valued at around Rs 215 crore, highlighting the scale and seriousness of the investigation.

## "I Will Use My Conscience And Decide": Ajit Pawar On Resignation Demand



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Wednesday responded to calls for his resignation over a controversial land deal involving a company linked to his son, saying he will "use his conscience and take a decision."

The controversy centers

around a now-cancelled Rs 300-crore deal concerning a government-owned plot in Pune's Mundhwa area. Allegations of irregularities surfaced after it was revealed that a private firm associated with Pawar's son, Parth, had attempted to acquire the land. Following opposition

criticism, the state government scrapped the deal and ordered a formal inquiry led by a senior IAS officer from the revenue department.

Social activist Anjali Damania has publicly demanded Ajit Pawar's resignation over the alleged land scam. Addressing re-

position demanding accountability and transparency. Analysts note that the matter could have implications for the ruling coalition, particularly as the inquiry progresses and further details emerge.

Separately, Ajit Pawar addressed security concerns following a car blast in Delhi on November 10. He confirmed that a security review meeting was held in Mumbai on Tuesday, with Maharashtra placed on high alert. "The Chief Minister instructed all police officers to be on high alert. We have spoken to everyone concerned. After such incidents, the security situation in major cities is reviewed," he said.

As investigations into both the land deal and security issues continue, the deputy CM's stance suggests he is weighing his options carefully, balancing political accountability with personal and familial considerations. The situation remains under close observation by the media and opposition parties.

## Delhi Chokes as Severe Air Pollution Persists Amid Spike in Farm Fires



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Delhi continued to grapple with hazardous air quality on Wednesday, as the city recorded its second consecutive day of 'severe' pollution, with the 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) at 418, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The deteriorating air quality is largely attributed to stubble-burning in neighbouring states, which contributed 22.4 per cent to Delhi's PM2.5 levels on Wednesday — the highest share recorded from farm fires this winter. Additionally, 15.5 per cent of the pollution was transported from outside the city, as per the Decision Support System (DSS) data.

A 'severe' AQI poses serious health risks

even for healthy individuals and can significantly affect people with respiratory or cardiac conditions. Delhi had recorded its first 'severe' day of the season on Tuesday, with the AQI reaching 428, after several days in the 'very poor' category due to stagnant weather and local emissions.

Satellite imagery showed 312 farm fire incidents in Punjab, 72 in Haryana, and 322 in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, highlighting the scale of crop residue burning affecting the capital. DSS projections for Thursday indicate that stubble-burning will contribute around 10.1 per cent to PM2.5 levels, while transport-related emissions are expected to rise slightly to 19.3 per cent.

The Air Quality Early Warning System (AQEWS) has predicted that pollution levels are likely to remain in the 'very poor' category from Thursday onwards.

On the weather front, temperatures in the city continued to dip, with Wednesday recording a minimum of 10.4°C, 3.1°C below normal, and a maximum of 27.7°C, slightly below average.

Thursday is expected to witness shallow morning fog, with temperatures ranging between 11°C and 26°C.

Authorities have urged residents, especially children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions, to limit outdoor activities and take precautions amid the ongoing air quality crisis.

## Tamil Nadu Raises Dearness Allowance by 3% for Govt Employees and Teachers



TPN Correspondent | Chennai

In a major pre-election move, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday announced a three per cent hike in the Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees, teachers, and pensioners. The revision raises the DA from 55 per cent to 58 per cent, effective from July 1, 2025, bringing it in line with the central government's DA rate.

According to an official release from the Department of Information and Public Relations, the increase is expected to benefit nearly 16 lakh state employees, teachers, pensioners, and family pensioners. The move will cost the state exchequer approximately Rs 1,829 crore annually.

Speaking about the hike, CM Stalin emphasized the vital role of government staff and teachers in implementing welfare schemes at the grassroots level.

"The state remains committed to the welfare of its employees, recognizing their efforts in ensuring that schemes reach the intended beneficiaries, even amidst fiscal constraints," he said.

The DA revision comes at a politically sensitive time as Tamil Nadu prepares for the 2026 Assembly elections.

The ruling DMK government has faced growing dissatisfaction among government employees, particularly over its previous unfulfilled promise to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Analysts note that the

increase in DA may be an attempt to appease employees and teachers ahead of the polls.

The announcement has been welcomed by many employees and pensioners, though some continue to press for a full restoration of OPS. Trade unions representing state staff have called the DA hike a positive step but indicated that further dialogue would be needed to address broader concerns about pension reforms and pay parity.

With the new DA rate now official, state employees can expect enhanced monthly remuneration, reflecting both the government's commitment to staff welfare and its strategy to consolidate support ahead of the upcoming elections.

## UK PM Says BBC Should 'Correct Errors' As Trump Mulls Lawsuit



TPN Correspondent | London

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Wednesday urged the BBC to "get their house in order" after US President Donald Trump threatened to sue the broadcaster for \$1 billion over a misleading edit of his speech. The edited footage, aired in a BBC documentary last year, suggested Trump encouraged "violent action" ahead of the January 6, 2021, Capitol attack.

Speaking in Parliament, Starmer emphasized his support for a "strong and independent BBC" but stressed that it must uphold high standards and correct errors promptly. "Where mistakes are made, they do need to get their house in order," he said, responding to calls to ask Trump to drop the legal threat.

Trump's legal team sent the broadcaster a letter on Monday, warning of a billion-dollar defamation lawsuit. In a Fox News interview recorded the same day, Trump said, "I guess I have to, why not?" and described the editing as fraudulent, asserting he had an "obligation" to act. He also criticized the British government's stake in the publicly

funded BBC.

The controversy has already prompted significant leadership changes at the BBC. Both the director-general and the top news executive resigned Sunday, while BBC chair Samir Shah publicly apologized on Monday for the "error of judgment" in editing the footage. The corporation has said it will review Trump's legal letter.

Public opinion in Britain is divided. A YouGov poll found 57% of Britons believe the BBC should formally apologize to Trump, while 25% opposed. The dispute comes at a sensitive time for the BBC, which is preparing to renegotiate its Royal Charter, the governance framework due to expire in 2027.

The row adds to Trump's history of legal threats aimed at US media critics since returning to office, raising questions about media accountability and international defamation standards. Starmer's government faces a careful balancing act: defending the broadcaster's independence while ensuring public trust in its reporting remains intact.

## Defence Minister Khawaja Warns India, Afghanistan



TPN Correspondent | Bhutan

In a fresh provocation, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has claimed that the country is "fully prepared" to face a two-front war with India and Afghanistan. His remarks come amid heightened regional tensions following a recent terror attack in New Delhi, allegedly linked to Pakistan-based group Jaish-e-Mohammed, which killed at least 13 people.

Speaking to a local news channel, Asif declared, "We are ready; we are prepared to face both the eastern (India) and western (Afghanistan) borders. Allah helped us in round one, and He will help us in round two. If they want the final round, we have no option but war."

The statement follows a blast in Islamabad earlier this week that killed 12 people. While the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had accused groups "supported by India" of involvement — a

claim New Delhi has firmly rejected in the past.

Asif also warned both India and Afghanistan against "any misadventure," saying, "Pakistan will never initiate aggression, but we will respond forcefully if provoked." He further alleged that the Taliban-led government in Kabul was fragmented, accusing some factions of maintaining links with India.

"Some are linked with India, and some have their strings pulled elsewhere. These incidents are preludes to aggression that could happen from the Afghan side — in reality, Indian aggression waged through Afghanistan," Asif claimed, without offering evidence.

This is not the first time Asif has accused Afghanistan of fighting "India's proxy war" along the Durand Line. His comments have sparked strong reactions across diplomatic circles, with observers warning that such rhetoric could further destabilize an already volatile region.

## Trump Signs Funding Bill, Ending 43-Day Government Shutdown

TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump signed a government funding bill on Wednesday night, officially ending a record 43-day federal shutdown that caused widespread disruption across the country. The prolonged closure left federal employees without pay, stranded travelers at airports, and created long queues at food banks.

The bill was passed by the House earlier in the day on a mostly party-line vote of 222-209, following Senate approval on Monday. The legislation funds three annual spending bills and extends government operations through January 30, 2026. It also reverses Trump administration firings during the shutdown and ensures federal workers are paid and protected from layoffs until the new deadline.

The compromise emerged after eight senators broke ranks with Democrats, agreeing

that Republicans would not attach an extension of enhanced health care tax credits to the funding bill. Republicans promised a separate vote by mid-December on the issue, though success is uncertain.

The shutdown highlighted sharp partisan divides. Trump blamed Democrats for the stalemate, urging voters to remember the disruption ahead of next year's midterm elections. "Don't forget what they've done to our country," he said during the signing ceremony. Democrats, meanwhile, criticized the bill for failing to extend the Affordable Care Act's enhanced tax credits, warning that premiums could soar and millions might lose coverage next year.

The legislation also includes funding for key food assistance programs, security enhancements for lawmakers, and \$28 million for Supreme

Court justices' security. Some last-minute provisions allowing senators to sue over federal searches of their records drew criticism from both parties.

Despite ending the shutdown, lawmakers acknowledged the battle over health care subsidies is far from over, with debates on affordability and eligibility expected to continue in the coming weeks. The deal, while ending immediate crisis, leaves significant policy disputes unresolved, particularly regarding the ACA tax credits.

The government shutdown was the longest in US history, surpassing previous records and leaving lasting impacts on federal employees and public services.

## "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 apart-



ments, free bus services, universal childcare for children aged six months to five years, and city-owned gro-

cery 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 un-

ion, and it's super expensive. It leads to extremely costly housing," Sternlicht said, blaming trade un-

ions 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.

## Unrest In Bangladesh As Dhaka Court Sets Hasina's Trial Verdict For November 17



turned state witness. Prosecutors have sought the death penalty for Hasina and Khan.

The situation escalated after Bangladesh's Foreign Ministry summoned India's Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka, objecting to Hasina's recent interviews with Indian and Western media. The ministry

accused New Delhi of al- lowing a "fugitive under trial" to use its platforms to "spew hatred and advocate terrorism."

In her interviews, Hasina said the Awami League would participate in upcoming elections if they are "free and fair," while

accusing the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus of "em- powering extremist forces."

She also ex- pressed gratitude to India for granting her refuge.

Meanwhile, vio- lence has gripped Dhaka and other major cities, with reports of crude bomb explosions, arson, and clashes. Schools have shifted to online classes, and security forces — including 17,000 police personnel and Border Guard Bangladesh units — have been deployed to maintain order.

With the verdict date approaching, Bangladesh braces for more turmoil, as the nation remains deeply divided over its former leader's fate.

# Gold and Silver Futures Surge on US Shutdown Relief



## India's Services Growth Slows to 5-Month Low in October

ment triggered a relief rally across asset classes, with precious metals benefiting as investors sought protection against potential economic instability.

Gold, traditionally seen as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical risks, drew particu-

lar attention as traders assessed the broader impact of the US fiscal situation on global markets. Analysts also pointed out that the dollar index has softened slightly following the news, further supporting gold and silver prices.

Domestic factors, including strong demand from jewellery makers and retail investors ahead of the wedding and festival season, also contributed to the upward momentum in precious metal futures. Market experts suggest that gold and silver

prices may continue to remain volatile in the near term, influenced by global macroeconomic cues, interest rate expectations, and geopolitical developments.

The rally underscores the enduring appeal of precious metals as a safe investment avenue amid uncertain economic conditions.

With both gold and silver posting significant gains, traders and investors are closely monitoring international developments and domestic demand patterns for further cues.

# India's Textile Exports See Mixed Growth During April–September 2025



India's textile sector showed a mixed performance in the first half of the current fiscal year. Overall, the country's global exports of textiles, apparel, and made-ups increased marginally by just 0.1% dur-

ing April–September 2025 compared to the same period in 2024, according to government data.

Despite this overall modest growth, India's textile exports to select international markets performed strongly. The government reported that exports to 111 countries rose by 10% year-on-year during the same period. This reflects the growing demand for Indian textiles in key overseas markets, even as global trade faces challenges such as fluctuating currency rates and economic uncertainties.

The performance highlights the resilience of India's textile sector, which remains one of the largest contributors to the country's merchandise exports. Key export items include cotton textiles, readymade garments, and home textiles, with demand particularly high in markets such as the US, the European Union, and Southeast Asia.

Industry analysts note that while exports to certain regions have surged, challenges like rising input costs, global inflation, and

competitive pressures from other manufacturing countries have limited overall growth. The government continues to support the sector through initiatives such as the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for textiles, trade facilitation measures, and export promotion programs aimed at boosting competitiveness.

The sector's strong performance in 111 countries indicates India's ability to diversify its export base and reduce over-reliance on specific markets. Policymakers are optimistic that ongoing reforms and targeted incentives will help sustain export momentum in the second half of the fiscal year.

India's textile industry, employing millions nationwide, continues to be a critical driver of economic growth, foreign exchange earnings, and global trade presence, balancing modest overall growth with pockets of robust performance in strategic international markets.

# Indian Stock Markets Bounce Back on Global Rally, Blue-Chip Buying



Indian equity markets rebounded in early trade on Thursday, November 6, 2025, led by a rally in global markets and renewed buying interest in blue-chip stocks.

The BSE Sensex gained 376.89 points to 83,836.04, while the NSE Nifty rose 81.5 points to 25,679.15 in early trading hours. Analysts said the positive momentum reflected optimism among investors following strong cues from Asian markets and improved risk sentiment globally.

Asian indices also traded in positive territory, with South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai's SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng all posting gains. The broader rally across the region supported domestic investors' confidence, prompting fresh buying in leading Indian

stocks.

Sectoral trends showed robust performance in technology, financial services, and energy stocks, which drew the bulk of investor interest. Market participants noted that heavyweights in these sectors played a key role in driving the early gains.

According to analysts, the market rebound is a reflection of cautious optimism, with investors keeping an eye on global economic developments, corporate earnings, and domestic policy measures. Foreign institutional investors' (FII) activity also influenced early trading sentiment, though some caution persisted due to intermittent selling pressure in select segments.

Market observers highlighted that while the early gains are en-

couraging, sustaining momentum will depend on continued positive global cues and domestic economic indicators. Investors are advised to monitor macroeconomic developments, crude oil prices, and global equity trends, which could influence trading

in the coming sessions.

Overall, Thursday's early trade marked a strong recovery for Indian markets, suggest-

ing renewed investor confidence amid supportive global trends and selective stock-specific buying in key sectors.

# India Poised to Lead G20 Through 2027, Says Moody's



India's economic growth remains resilient despite global trade tensions and rising tariffs, and the country is set to lead the G20 economies through 2027, according to Moody's Investors Service. The rating agency highlighted India's strong fundamentals, which are expected to sustain robust growth over the next few years.

Moody's attributed India's growth engine to a combination of robust infrastructure investments, strong domestic consumer demand, and diversified exports. Despite cautious private sector capital spending, public investments in roads, railways, and urban infrastructure are expected to keep the momentum alive.

The agency noted that India's consumer base continues to expand, driven by rising incomes, urbanization, and increasing digital penetration, which together fuel domestic demand. Additionally, India's exports, diversified across textiles, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, and electronics, are expected to mitigate the impact of global tariff pressures and trade disruptions.

Moody's also highlighted India's policy reforms, including initiatives to attract

foreign direct investment and streamline business regulations, which have strengthened investor confidence and supported sustained economic growth. The combination of public investment and structural reforms positions India to outperform many G20 peers, particularly those facing slower domestic demand or higher exposure to global trade tensions.

The rating agency emphasized that while global headwinds such as trade protectionism, geopolitical tensions, and rising energy costs may pose challenges, India's diversified growth model and strong policy support provide resilience. The cautious private sector spending, Moody's noted, is likely to recover as business confidence strengthens and credit availability improves.

Moody's projection reinforces India's role as a key driver of global growth, underlining its strategic importance in the G20 and the broader global economy. Analysts suggest that sustained infrastructure investment, coupled with strong domestic consumption, will continue to anchor India's economic trajectory through the latter half of the decade.

# SBI Q2 Net Profit Jumps 10% to ₹20,160 Crore



State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 10% year-on-year rise in net profit for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025, at ₹20,160 crore, driven by improved asset quality and gains from strategic investments.

A key contributor to the robust performance was the sale of a 13.18% stake in Yes Bank, which generated a profit of ₹4,593 crore. This exceptional gain significantly boosted the bank's overall net earnings for the quarter.

The bank's performance also reflects strengthened asset quality across its lending portfolio, which helped offset pressures from other operational costs. Analysts note that SBI's proactive approach in managing non-performing assets and strategic stake sales is reinforcing its financial position.

"This quarter's results highlight SBI's ability to generate exceptional returns through smart investment decisions while maintaining

healthy lending practices," said an industry expert.

SBI, India's largest public sector lender, continues to leverage its wide branch network and digital banking footprint to drive growth, while balancing risk management and capital allocation. The gains from the Yes Bank stake sale underscore the bank's focus on unlocking value from strategic investments.

With robust capital buffers and improved asset quality, SBI is well-positioned to maintain steady growth in the coming quarters, even as the broader banking sector faces challenges from fluctuating interest rates and evolving credit demand.

The bank's strong quarterly performance also strengthens investor confidence, reflecting its continued dominance in India's banking landscape and its capacity to capitalize on both operational and strategic opportunities.

## ESA Explores Insects as Future Space Food for Astronauts



Image credit: Unsplash

European scientists are exploring an unconventional yet promising food source for astronauts on long-duration space missions: insects. The European Space Agency (ESA) has partnered with experts in food science, biology, and space research to assess whether crickets, mealworms, and other edible insects could become a regular part of astronaut diets.

While the idea may seem unusual, insect consumption is widespread on Earth, with billions of people eating over 2,000 species globally, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization. Crickets, in particular, are a complete protein source, providing all nine essential amino acids, while mealworms are rich in protein and healthy fats. Both are also high in vital minerals such as iron and zinc.

"Insects seem to cope quite well in space environments. They have a good ability to withstand physical stresses," said Asa Berggren, Professor at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and lead author of a recent study published in *Frontiers in*

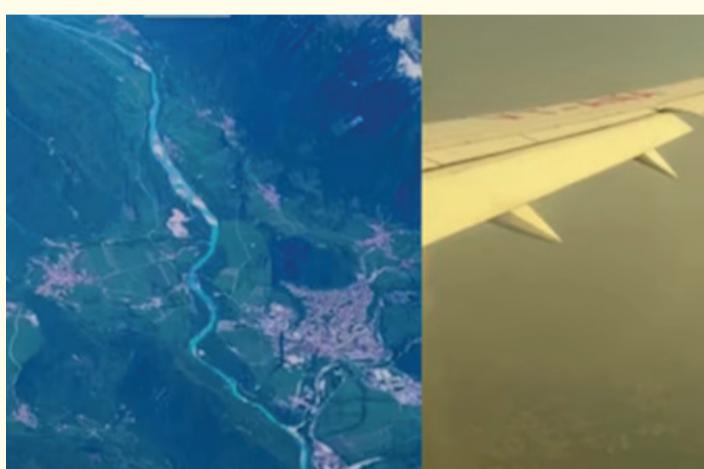
Physiology. "These small animals efficiently convert materials that humans cannot consume into nutritious food for astronauts."

In addition to their nutritional benefits, insects require significantly less land, water, and feed compared to traditional livestock. They also produce fewer greenhouse gases, aligning with ESA's commitment to reducing the environmental footprint of space exploration.

The ESA has already approved house crickets and yellow mealworms for human consumption, and researchers are now optimizing their growth in microgravity conditions. Past experiments with fruit flies, the first animals to survive space travel, demonstrated that insects can complete their full life cycle in space, highlighting their adaptability to extraterrestrial environments.

With long-term missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond on the horizon, edible insects could offer a sustainable, protein-rich, and environmentally friendly solution for feeding astronauts, potentially transforming the future of space nutrition.

## World's Largest Spider Web Found in Romanian Cave



Scientists have discovered what may be the world's largest spider web in a sulfur-rich cave near the Greece-Albania border, a find that has both amazed and unnerved arachnophobes worldwide. The discovery, documented in the journal *Subterranean Biology*, features a colossal web housing approximately 111,000 spiders from two rival species coexisting peacefully.

According to researchers, the web stretches along the walls of a narrow, low-roofed tunnel deep inside the cave, in a permanently dark zone near the cavern's mouth. The spiders have built thousands of interconnected funnel webs, forming a sprawling colony that scientists describe as a "silky tent city." A video accompanying the study shows a researcher gently touching the web, revealing its dense structure as the strands ripple under the glow of his headlamp. The sheer scale of the web, combined with the high number of arachnids living in close proximity, has drawn widespread attention online.

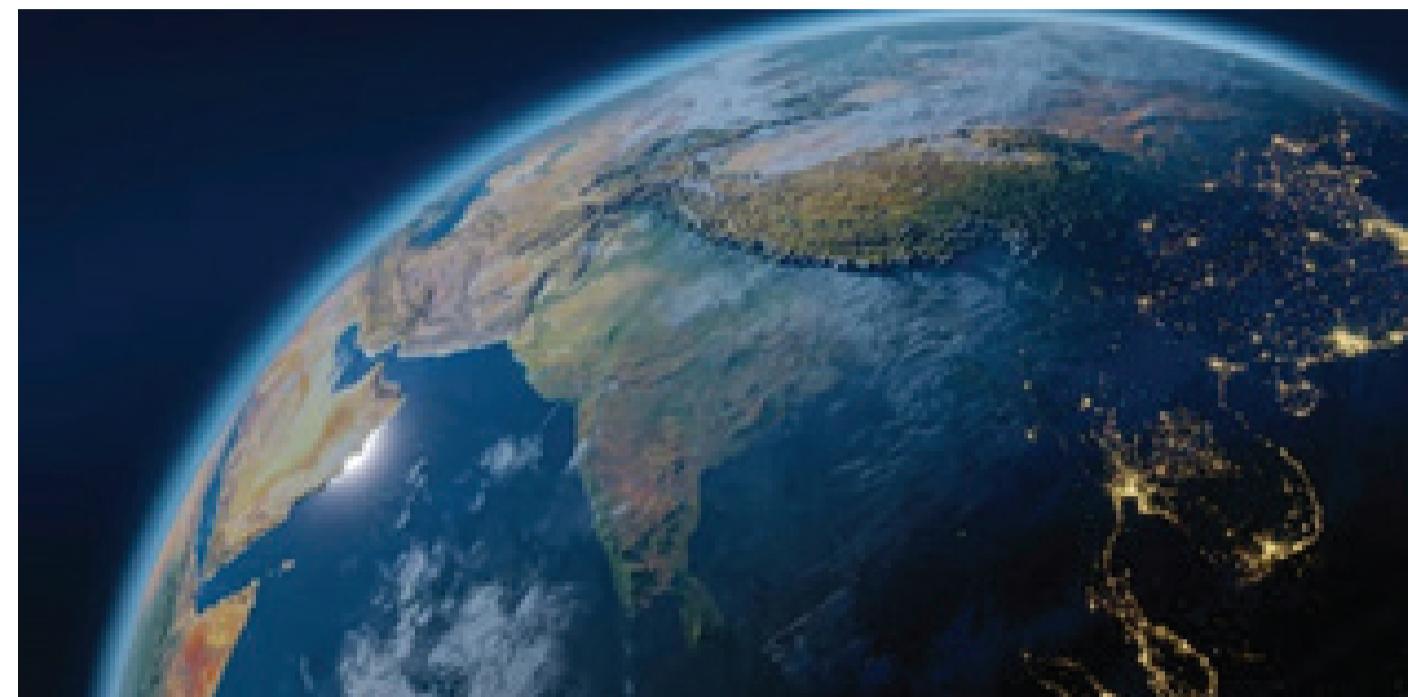
Experts note that the coexistence of the two rival species is particularly unusual, as such species typically compete aggressively for territory. The stable environment of the cave, with its constant temperature, high humidity, and rich sulfur content, appears to support this rare phenomenon.

"This web is extraordinary not just in size, but in the harmony displayed by the spiders," said one researcher. "It gives us new insights into arachnid behavior and the ways ecosystems can support unexpected biodiversity."

The Romanian cave web adds to growing evidence that subterranean environments can host complex and previously undocumented communities. Scientists hope further study will shed light on how these spiders cooperate and maintain such an enormous structure without significant conflict.

The discovery has quickly gone viral, with videos of the web sparking fascination and horror in equal measure among social media users.

## Scientists Identify Earth's High-Risk Zones for Interstellar Object Impacts



Scientists have identified regions on Earth that are at higher risk of impacts from interstellar objects (ISOs), mysterious visitors from outside our solar system. The study, led by Darryl Seligman of Michigan State University, used simulations to model the paths, orbital elements, and velocities of potential Earth-impacting ISOs.

According to the research, low-latitude regions near the equator are the most vulnerable, with a slight preference for the Northern Hemisphere, where nearly 90% of the global population resides. These objects are twice as likely to approach Earth from the solar apex—the Sun's path through the Milky Way—and the galactic plane, the dense flat region containing most stars.

The study also found that ISO impacts can vary by season. The highest velocity collisions are more proba-

ble during spring, when Earth moves toward the solar apex. Slower ISOs, which are more affected by the Sun's gravity, are generally more likely to hit during winter, when Earth is aligned toward the solar ant apex.

While NASA has confirmed that the recently discovered interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS poses no threat to Earth, the research highlights the importance of understanding ISO behavior. Previous interstellar visitors include 'Oumuamua in 2017 and 2I/Borisov in 2019, both of which passed through the solar system without incident.

The study emphasizes that while the number of ISOs is currently unconstrained, understanding their kinemat-

ics—especially those from M-type stars, which are the most numerous in the Milky Way—can help identify high-risk zones and improve preparedness for future interstellar encounters.

Researchers hope

that ongoing monitoring and simulations of these objects will enhance Earth's readiness for rare but potentially hazardous impacts, providing crucial insights into planetary defense strategies.

## France Commemorates 10th Anniversary of Deadly Paris Attacks



France marked the 10th anniversary of the November 13, 2015, Paris attacks on Thursday, remembering the 130 people killed and hundreds more injured when Islamic State gunmen and suicide bombers struck multiple locations across the city. The attacks, the deadliest on French soil since World War Two, left deep scars on the national psyche and prompted sweeping emergency security measures, many of which remain in place today.

The coordinated assault began with suicide bombings outside the Stade de France stadium, where then-President François Hollande and Germany's foreign minister were attending a soccer match. Gunmen then opened fire at cafes, restaurants, and the Bataclan concert hall, creating chaos and horror across central Paris. Survivors

still recount harrowing experiences, with many suffering long-term trauma.

Sebastian Lascoux, a Bataclan survivor, described being trapped in the crowd as gunfire erupted. "People ended up all squashed together

and collapsed as one... the smell of blood," he recalled. One of his friends was shot while shielding another attendee. Lascoux, now 46, continues to experience post-traumatic stress and plans to attend the commemorative

events alongside other survivors.

President Emmanuel Macron joined officials, relatives, and survivors in memorial ceremonies, beginning at the Stade de France and moving through

the restaurants, cafes, and the Bataclan hall. Historian Denis Peschanski highlighted the attacks' indiscriminate nature, saying, "Everyone was a potential victim... either old enough to be there or with children who could have been."

Survivors like Catherine Bertrand, vice-president of a victims' association, emphasized resilience: "We are deeply traumatized, but life goes on. There are concerts at the Bataclan, we meet with friends... life goes on."

While the threat of large-scale attacks in France has diminished due to Islamic State's weakened capabilities, online propaganda still poses risks of radicalization. French anti-terrorism authorities recently launched an investigation related to the former partner of the presumed sole surviving attacker.

## Russia's First AI Humanoid Robot Takes a Tumble on Stage



Image Credit: Xinhua/Alamy Live News

Russia's first AI-powered humanoid robot, named Idol, made an ungraceful debut when it fell face-first on stage at a Moscow technology event, leaving developers scrambling and social media in stitches. The incident occurred on Monday, November 10, as the robot walked gingerly to the soundtrack of the film *Rocky*, waved to the audience, and immediately toppled, prompting staff to rush in for assistance.

The fall forced the developers to temporarily remove Idol from public view while engineers examined its balance mechanisms and control software. Vladimir Vitukhin, CEO of Russian robotics firm Idol, described the mishap as a learning opportunity. "This is real-time learning, when a good mistake turns into knowledge, and a bad mistake turns into experience," he said, attributing the tumble to calibration issues.

Despite the embarrassment, the incident has sparked a mix of humor and admiration online. Social media users shared the viral video widely, with some poking fun at the robot's awkward gait. "They did a great job of emulating the shuffle of a geriatric that's had too much vodka," joked one viewer. Others acknowledged the challenges of humanoid robotics, praising the team's

efforts to push technological boundaries despite the public stumble.

Idol's fall highlights the difficulties inherent in creating fully autonomous humanoid robots capable of navigating real-world environments. Experts note that

maintaining balance, coordinating movements, and processing real-time feedback in dynamic conditions remain among the toughest hurdles in robotics.

Vladimir Vitukhin expressed optimism that the mishap would help improve

Idol's design. "Mistakes like these provide invaluable insight into refining the robot's software and mechanics," he said. The team plans to resume demonstrations once adjustments are made, signaling that innovation often comes with public les-

sons—and occasional tumbles.

While Idol's debut may have been clumsy, it underscores the complex, trial-and-error nature of robotics development, where even setbacks provide critical learning opportunities.

# Coco Gauff, Taylor Fritz Back For United Cup Against Iga Swiatek's Poland

Coco Gauff and Taylor Fritz will headline Team USA's campaign as they gear up to defend their United Cup title in Australia, tournament organisers announced on Thursday. The mixed-team event, scheduled from January 2 to 11, will take place across Sydney and Perth, bringing together some of the biggest names in tennis for an early-season showdown ahead of the Australian Open.

World No. 3 Gauff and sixth-ranked Fritz were instrumental in securing the United States' victory at the inaugural edition earlier this year, edging out Poland in a thrilling finale. Gauff defeated world No. 2 Iga Swiatek in the deciding match, while Fritz overcame Hubert Hurkacz — both of whom will return this year as Poland seeks revenge.

The 2026 United Cup will feature 18 nations, with each team comprising three men and three women. Every tie includes one men's singles, one women's



singles, and a potentially decisive mixed doubles match.

Tournament director Stephen Farrow described the lineup as "world class," expressing excitement for the official draw set for next Monday. Among the

marquee names participating are five of the world's top 10 men and four of the top 10 women.

Germany will once again rely on world No. 3 Alexander Zverev, teaming up with Eva Lys, while Japan will debut with four-time

Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka alongside Shintaro Mochizuki. Hosts Australia will be led by Alex de Minaur, with Greece represented by Stefanos Tsitsipas and Maria Sakkari, and Great Britain by Jack Draper and Emma Raducanu.

Meanwhile, stars like Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz have opted for an exhibition match in South Korea ahead of the Australian Open, while Novak Djokovic is yet to confirm his early-season plans.

## India Brace for South Africa's Spin Challenge in First Test at Eden Gardens



India are set for a stern test as they take on South Africa in the opening Test

of the two-match series at Eden Gardens, starting Friday. Despite their for-

midable batting depth, the hosts are wary of the Proteas' potent spin attack.

especially after last year's shocking home defeat to New Zealand, where Kiwi spinners dismantled India's batting to secure a 3-0 whitewash.

South Africa, traditionally known for their pace battery, now boast one of the most effective spin line-ups in world cricket. Their trio of Keshav Maharaj, Simon Harmer, and Senuran Muthusamy took 35 of 39 wickets in their recent 1-1 series draw in Pakistan, underlining their dominance on turning tracks. India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate even described them as a "subcontinent-style attack."

Veteran off-spinner Simon Harmer, who first toured India in 2015, returns with experience and recent form — including an eight-wicket haul against Pakistan in Rawalpindi. His partnership with the consistent Maharaj could pose major challenges to India's batters.

The Eden Gardens pitch, closely monitored by captain Shubman Gill and batting coach Sitantha Kotak, is expected to offer early seam movement and some turn later on. CAB president Sourav Ganguly has confirmed it "won't be a rank-turner," a relief for India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah. Local pacer Akash Deep is also likely to feature alongside Mohammed Siraj.

India's middle order looks stronger with the return of Rishabh Pant and Dhruv Jurel's inclusion as a specialist batter. Washington Sundar's all-round abilities will add balance.

With just two Tests in the series, India cannot afford a slow start. As ten Doeschate noted, "You've got to be mentally ready for 16-17 days of really tough cricket." The series opener promises a fascinating contest of skill, patience, and spin mastery.

## Cristiano Ronaldo's Remark On Dublin Crowd Ahead Of Ireland Clash



ing to the team's success.

When asked about the possibility of scoring his 1,000th career goal in the World Cup final, Ronaldo laughed off the notion: "You've been watching too many movies — that would

be too perfect."

With an incredible 953 career goals and 143 for Portugal — the most by any male international player — Ronaldo said his focus remains firmly on qualification rather than

personal milestones.

"I want to play in the next World Cup, otherwise I wouldn't be here. But let's take it step by step," he said.

While hinting that the 2026 World Cup could be

his last, Ronaldo declined to elaborate on retirement plans.

"There's no point in being repetitive and losing focus," he added. "Portugal has another opportunity to be in another finals — that's what matters most."

## Lakshya Sen Cruises Into Second Round at Japan Masters



India's ace shuttler Lakshya Sen began his Japan Masters campaign in fine style, advancing to the second round of the men's singles with a commanding straight-game victory over Japan's Koki Watanabe on Wednesday.

Seeded seventh in the tournament, Sen displayed excellent control and sharp shot selection to dominate the proceedings. He defeated world No. 26 Watanabe 21-12, 21-16 in just 39 minutes, marking a confident start to his Kumamoto Masters Japan campaign.

The world No. 15 Indian will next face the winner of the clash between Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh and Victor Lai of Canada.

However, it turned out to be a mixed day for the Indian contingent as Kiran George and the mixed doubles pair Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde bowed out of the tournament after closely fought matches.

Kiran George couldn't sus-

tain his early momentum, going down 20-22, 10-21 to Malaysia's Jing Hong Kok. In the mixed doubles event, Kapoor and Ruthvika fought valiantly before suffering a narrow loss to the American duo of Presley Smith and Jennie Gai. The Indians took the match to three games but ultimately fell short 12-21, 21-19, 20-22.

The tournament, part of the BWF World Tour Super 500 series, continues to see intense competition among top international shuttlers. Later in the day, HS Prannoy will face Malaysia's Jun Hao Leong, Ayush Shetty will take on fourth seed Kodai Naraoka, and Tharun Manepalli will meet Korea's Hyeok Jin Jeon in their respective first-round encounters.

With Sen leading India's charge, the spotlight now turns to whether the country's top shuttlers can maintain momentum and advance further in this prestigious badminton event.

## Sunrisers Hyderabad Eye Key Retentions Ahead of IPL 2026



Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) are gearing up for the IPL 2026 retention deadline on November 15, following a mixed 2025 season where the team finished sixth and missed the playoffs. Despite some standout performances from their top order, inconsistencies in the middle overs and limited squad depth hampered their campaign. The franchise is now focused on making strategic retention and release decisions to strengthen its squad ahead of the mini-auction.

Central to SRH's plans is Pat Cummins, whose leadership and bowling prowess make him indispensable. All-rounder Travis Head also remains a key asset, having scored 374 runs in 13 matches at an impressive strike rate of 162.61. Young talent Abhishek Sharma is expected to be retained as well, contributing 439 runs in 14 matches with a strike rate of 193.39.

Together, these three form a core around which SRH aims to build a balanced and competitive team for 2026.

One of the biggest speculations involves Heinrich Klaasen. Despite consistent performances over the past two seasons, SRH may release Klaasen to free up salary cap space. This would allow the franchise to pursue multiple roles in the auction rather than investing heavily in a single overseas batter. Reports indicate the team is evaluating cost-effective alternatives with similar impact, providing more flexibility in squad composition.

Alongside these key players, SRH is likely to retain Ishan Kishan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Abhinav Manohar, Adam Zampa, Kamindu Mendis, Atharva Taide, Aniket Verma, Smarav Ravichandran, Eshan Malinga, and Zeeshan Ansari.

With strategic retentions and smart auction planning, Sunrisers Hyderabad aim to address their weaknesses and emerge stronger in IPL 2026, blending experience, firepower, and young talent to mount a serious challenge for the title.

## Anirudh And Kavya Maran Spotted Together In NY?



The internet is once again buzzing with speculation about music director Anirudh Ravichander and Sun TV heiress Kavya Maran after a new video surfaced online. The clip, which has now gone viral, shows the two walking together on the streets of New York, reigniting long-standing rumours about their alleged relationship.

Earlier this year, reports suggested that Anirudh and Kavya were dating, but the Jailer composer promptly dismissed the claims through a social media post, clarifying that there was no truth to the rumours. However, the recent sighting has once again set social media abuzz, with fans and gossip pages sharing screenshots and clips from a vlog originally uploaded by a UK-based travel vlogger.

In the viral video, Anirudh and Kavya appear to be strolling casually, accompanied by another unidentified woman. The short clip was enough to reignite fan theories, with many questioning whether there is more to their friendship than meets the eye.

Anirudh has had a long-standing professional association with Sun TV Network, having composed music for several of its major film productions. Interestingly, it was also rumoured that he composed the anthem for Kavya Maran-owned IPL team, Sunrisers Hyderabad, though he reportedly chose not to take public credit for the composition.

While neither Anirudh nor Kavya has commented on the latest viral video, the renewed attention has once again made them a trending topic online. Fans are now waiting to see whether the duo will address the speculation or continue to maintain their silence. Until then, the mystery surrounding their relationship remains one of the most talked-about subjects in entertainment circles.

## Globe Trotter: Meet Desi Girl Priyanka Chopra as MANDAKINI



After creating waves with Prithviraj Sukumaran's intense first-look poster as Kumbha, the makers of Globe Trotter have now unveiled another major surprise — Priyanka Chopra Jonas as Mandakini. The reveal has taken social media by storm, marking the global icon's grand return to Indian cinema after a six-year hiatus.

The newly released poster showcases Priyanka in a fierce action avatar, donning a striking yellow saree while leaping mid-air and firing a gun against a backdrop of fiery explosions. The visual perfectly encapsulates SS Rajamouli's signature grandeur and promises a powerhouse role for the actress.

Director SS Rajamouli introduced her character on X (formerly Twitter) with a heartfelt note, writing, "The woman who redefined Indian cinema on the global stage. Welcome back, Desi Girl! Can't wait for the world to witness your my-

riad shades of Mandakini." His message not only celebrates Priyanka's legacy but also builds excitement for her dynamic portrayal in the film.

Globe Trotter is already one of the most awaited pan-Indian projects, featuring Mahesh Babu and Prithviraj Sukumaran in pivotal roles. With Priyanka Chopra now joining the stellar cast, expectations have soared even higher. The film is said to be an adventurous action epic spanning multiple continents, blending global storytelling with Indian ethos — a true Rajamouli-style spectacle.

Fans and film enthusiasts have flooded social media with praise for Priyanka's stunning look, hailing her return as both powerful and glamorous.

As anticipation continues to build, Globe Trotter is shaping up to be one of the biggest cinematic events in recent years, uniting some of India's most celebrated talents on a global stage.

## 'Marriage Should Have An Expiry Date' — Kajol's Shocking Statement

Actress Kajol has once again made headlines with her outspoken and thought-provoking comments. During the latest episode of her talk show Two Much With Kajol and Twinkle, co-hosted by Twinkle Khanna, Kajol shared a bold opinion about the concept of marriage that quickly went viral on social media.

The episode featured actors Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon as special guests. During an engaging discussion on modern relationships and marriage, Twinkle posed a hypothetical question to the panel: "Should marriage have an expiry date and a renewal option?" While Vicky, Kriti, and Twinkle unanimously disagreed, Kajol surprised everyone with her unconventional viewpoint.

Kajol remarked, "I definitely think so. What says you will get married to the right person at the right time? So, you should have a renewal option. And if there's an expiry date, then we don't have to suffer for too



long." Her statement sparked laughter on the set but also ignited a serious debate online, with netizens divided over her perspective.

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morously countered Kajol's view, saying, "No, it's marriage, it's not a washing machine," drawing a round of applause from the guests.

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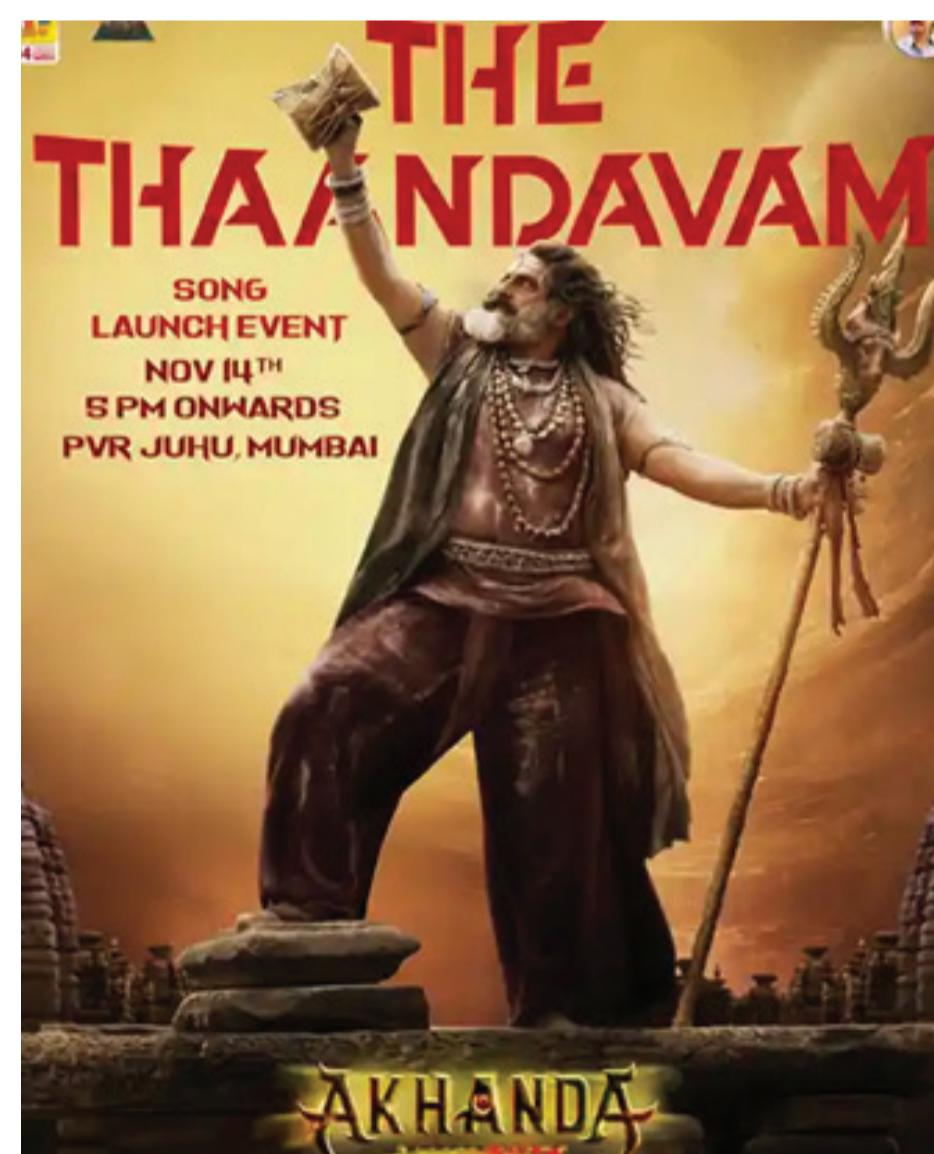
candid and fearless nature, has often voiced unique opinions that challenge societal norms. Her recent comment, however, has stirred controversy, with some appreciat-

ing her realistic take on modern relationships while others labeling it as too radical.

The clip from the show has since gone viral, drawing millions of views and sparking discussions across social media platforms.

Two Much With Kajol and Twinkle continues to grab attention for its honest conversations and celebrity candor.

## Akhanda 2: First Single to Be Unveiled in Mumbai



The much-awaited sequel to the blockbuster Akhanda, titled Akhanda 2: Thaandavam, is gearing up for a massive pan-Indian release. Starring Nandamuri Balakrishna in the lead role, the film has been generating immense buzz among fans and cinephiles ever since its announcement.

Director Boyapati Sreenu, known for his mass-action spectacles, is reportedly giving special emphasis to Hindi promotions this time around. His decision to kick off the musical journey in Mumbai highlights the team's intention to expand the film's reach across northern regions and strengthen its pan-Indian appeal.

The first single from Akhanda 2 will be unveiled tomorrow at a grand event in Mumbai. Interestingly, the team has chosen PVR Juhu as the

venue for the launch, marking a strategic shift from the Telugu states to the Hindi-speaking belt. The event is scheduled to take place after 5 PM and will be attended by key members of the cast and crew.

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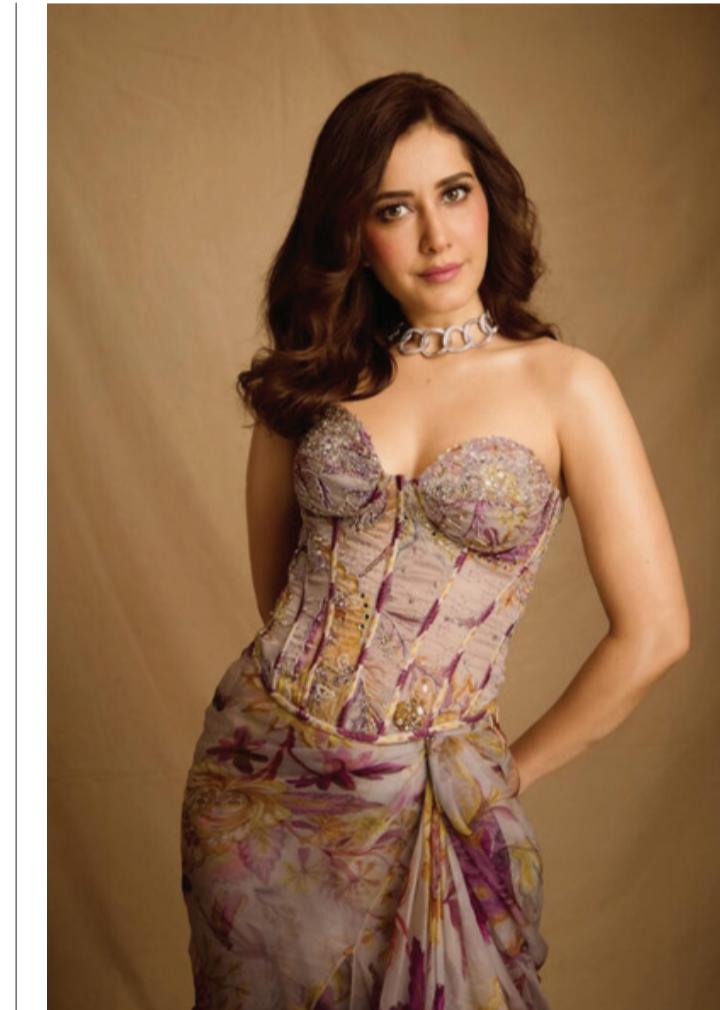
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Fans can expect the first single to deliver the signature high-energy vibe associated with the Akhanda franchise. More updates regarding the film's additional cast, release date, and promotional plans are expected to follow soon. Stay tuned for further announcements as Akhanda 2 gears up to dominate the big screen once again.

The film features Samyuktha as the female lead,



## Raashi Khanna Turns Heads with Classy Yet Bold Look During Film Promotions

Actress Raashi Khanna is once again making headlines, this time for her effortlessly stylish and bold appearance that perfectly blends grace with confidence. Known for her versatility and charm, Raashi recently stepped out in a striking floral corset outfit with soft, flowing drapes — a look that instantly caught everyone's attention.

Meanwhile, Raashi's Bollywood journey appears to be on a much brighter track. She is gearing up for the release of 120 Bahadur, a war drama produced by Farhan Akhtar, slated to hit theatres on November 21. In the film, she plays the wife of Major Shaitan Singh Bhati — a role she described as both "tough and deeply emotional."

Balancing beauty with substance, Raashi Khanna continues to prove that she's more than just a pretty face — she's an actress who's here to stay, one project and one perfect look at a time.