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# Congress Wrests Jubilee Hills Seat From BRS

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Telangana's ruling Congress party decisively wrested the Jubilee Hills Assembly seat from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the bye-election, marking a significant victory that boosts the Congress's presence in Greater Hyderabad. Congress candidate V. Naveen Yadav defeated his nearest rival, BRS's Maganti Sunitha, by a margin of 24,729 votes, which is the highest margin of victory recorded in the constituency's history. Naveen Yadav polled 98,988 votes, securing 50.83 per cent of the polled votes, while Sunitha secured 74,259 votes (38.13 per

cent). The BJP's Lankala Deepak Reddy finished a distant third with only 17,061 votes (8.76 per cent) and forfeited his security deposit. The overall polling percentage was 48.49 per cent out of a total electorate of 4,01,365. Notably, 924 voters opted for the None Of The Above (NOTA) option. The victory increases the Congress party's official tally in the 119-member Assembly to 66 and marks its second bypoll win since coming to power in 2023, following the Secunderabad Cantonment seat win last year. The BRS's gamble of fielding the deceased MLA Maganti Gopinath's wife, relying on a sympathy wave, failed. The AIMIM, led by Hyderabad MP Asa-

duddin Owaisi, supported the Congress candidate, consolidating the vote against the BRS. The Congress led from the very first round and never conceded the lead.

Following the win, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a press conference, expressing gratitude to the people and Congress party workers, stating the victory increased his government's responsibility. He noted the public's "distinct verdict," citing the 51% Congress vote share versus BRS's 38% and BJP's 8%, which he asserted was a clear observation of the two-year-old Congress rule. He said the Congress neither exalts in victory nor wallows in defeat, focusing instead

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on fighting public issues in opposition and solving them in power. The CM criticized the BRS for spreading "fake propaganda" on social media and the BJP for not cooperating with development projects, accusing Union Minister Kishan Reddy of assisting in the denial of Central funds. He sarcastically suggested that despite Kishan Reddy's strong personal campaign efforts, the BJP only secured 17,000 votes, calling the result an "alert" before a "political earthquake." He

advised BRS leaders Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao to shed their envy and arrogance, respectively, and collaborate for the state's development, inviting Kishan Reddy for a review of pending central funds and permissions. The CM also urged certain media outlets to maintain credibility, noting that the Congress vote bank has been consistently rising from 39.5% in the 2023 Assembly polls to 41% in the 2024 Parliament elections, and now 51% in the bypoll.

## Naveen Yadav Thanks Jubilee Hills Voters; Vows to Focus on Development After Victory

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Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, the newly elected MLA for the Jubilee Hills constituency, extended his heartfelt gratitude to the constituents for en-

suring his victory with a massive majority. After being officially presented with the certificate of election by the Returning Officer, confirming his win by a margin of 24,729 votes, Yadav addressed the media, reflecting on the electoral mandate and outlining his commit-

ment to the constituency. The victory is particularly significant as it represents a major psychological and political boost for the Congress party in the capital region of Hyderabad. Yadav began his statement by expressing profound appreciation to the entire Con-

gress leadership and machinery that worked tirelessly throughout the campaign. He specifically offered his sincere thanks to the party high command, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, all Cabinet Ministers, senior party leaders, and the dedicated ground-level party workers whose efforts culminated in this electoral success. He stated that the people of Jubilee Hills had placed their trust in him and the

Congress government's agenda for development and welfare. Acknowledging that the election phase is now complete, Yadav made a public appeal for unity, urging all parties and stakeholders to set aside political differences and work collaboratively for the comprehensive development of the constituency and its residents.

The MLA then strongly addressed the opposition, particularly the



# Jubilee Hills Victory Reshapes Telangana Dynamics

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The decisive victory of the Congress candidate in the Jubilee Hills by-election has delivered a major political boost to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, fundamentally altering the state's political dynamics and cementing his authority within the party. After months of facing intense scrutiny, controversies surrounding major development projects like HYDRABAD and the Musi River redevelopment plan, and navigating internal party friction, Revanth Reddy now stands significantly emboldened and poised to assert his leadership with renewed aggression. The previously visible discontent among urban middle-class voters and sections of rural Telangana, driven by a perceived economic slowdown in the real estate sector, appears to have been mitigated by this electoral win.

The Jubilee Hills by-election was fought in

a politically delicate environment. The Congress government was struggling with stalled local body elections due to court interventions on BC reservations, a central political plank. Furthermore, many analysts anticipated that the sympathy factor for the deceased BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath's family would favor the opposition. However, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy chose to fight the election as a prestige battle, deploying the full administrative and political machinery. The strategic choices proved effective: multiple ministers were assigned to the constituency, the Congress fielded a BC candidate to consolidate community support, and a robust coordination was established with the AIMIM. The induction of former cricketer and Congress MLA Mohammad Azharuddin into the Cabinet was also a clear strategic move designed to energize the minority support base and bolster the party's social coalition in Hyderabad.

The commanding margin of victory has

not only secured the Chief Minister's position but has also impressed the Congress high command, which had been observing the Telangana unit with caution. Crucially, the win is expected to temporarily silence several senior Congress leaders who had been attempting to undermine or contain the Chief Minister's influence. Political observers believe this triumph marks a turning point, restoring the high command's confidence and granting Revanth Reddy greater autonomy. He is now expected to push forward his governance agenda—particularly urban development and administrative restructuring—with enhanced aggression. The victory also significantly strengthens his ability to manage internal party affairs and prepares the party for future electoral challenges. The critical question now remains whether Revanth Reddy can effectively capitalize on this political resurgence to ensure long-term stability and electoral advantage for the Congress in Telangana.

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), whose campaign, he asserted, was characterized by negativity. Yadav pointed out that BRS leaders had no developmental achievements in the area to highlight during their canvassing, and therefore resorted to engaging in "false accusations and negative propaganda"

against him personally, hoping to secure a win through malicious rumors. He emphatical-

ly stated that the voters decisively rejected all this malicious campaigning with their ballots. Yadav warned that the days when political parties could intimidate or mislead the electorate are long past, underscoring the political maturity and clarity of the Jubilee Hills voters. He concluded his address by reaffirming his primary focus: he promised to immediately bring all major constituency issues and problems to the

direct attention of the Chief Minister, ensuring that the necessary government focus and resources are channeled to Jubilee Hills for prompt resolution. The final results confirmed his command ing lead, with Naveen Yadav securing 98,988 votes, compared to 74,259 for the BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha and 17,061 for the BJP's Lankala Deepak Reddy, clearly establishing the public mandate in his favor.

# Rahul Gandhi's Bihar Strategy Fails to Convert Anti-Incumbency into Electoral Gains

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The collapse of the Mahagathbandhan in the recent Bihar Assembly election has once again exposed critical flaws in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's political strategy, particularly his inability to translate anti-incumbency sentiment into tangible electoral victories. Despite widespread dissatisfaction with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's government—driven by failures in implementing the liquor ban, the collapse of new infrastructure, and administrative lapses—the opposition bloc could not capitalize on the visible unrest. This failure came even as the rival NDA hesitated to name Nit-

ish Kumar as its chief ministerial face, signaling internal concerns about his declining public image. Against this advantageous political backdrop, Gandhi's strategic decision to focus almost exclusively on the concept of "vote chori" (vote theft) proved detrimental. Following the Special Investigative Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Gandhi amplified allegations of irregularities in Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Haryana.

However, critics argue this narrative resonated mainly with a limited segment, largely intellectual circles already critical of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), while overshadowing pressing local issues crucial to the Mahagathbandhan's ca-

mpaign. Analysts pointed out that manipulation of electoral rolls is not new, and instead of relying solely on public allegations, the Congress should have built robust, ground-level mechanisms to safeguard its voter base.

The overemphasis on electoral roll issues proved a strategic miscalculation, particularly as the SIR process had an unintended consequence: the removal of a sizable number of migrant voters from the rolls, a group that disproportionately impacted the Mahagathbandhan's support base. Despite Tejashwi Yadav generating positive traction as the alliance's chief ministerial face, the opposition's strategic misstep allowed the BJP's robust poll

management machinery to operate with precision. Critics argue that the goodwill generated by Gandhi's nationwide Bharat Jodo Yatra was not sustained due to this lack of narrative discipline and limited organizational coordination on the ground.

The Bihar outcome serves as a stark reminder that political strategy must be firmly aligned with ground realities and organizational strength to succeed. The Congress leadership is now under renewed pressure to reassess its strategic priorities, pivoting towards addressing state-specific governance issues and strengthening its organizational structure rather than relying heavily on national-level allegations.

# NDA registers landslide victory In Bihar, bags 76 seats out of 243

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Patna: In Bihar assembly election, ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has recorded a landslide victory. Trends and results of all 243 seats are available. Out of 236 seats for which results have been declared, the NDA has already crossed two-thirds majority winning 198 seats and leading in 04. RJD-led Mahagathbandhan is trailing far behind, having won 33 seats and is leading in 02. Others have won 05 seats and leading in 01. BJP candidates and Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary has won Tarapur seat, while Vijay Kumar Sinha is leading from Lakhisarai Constituency.

BJP's candidate Renu Devi has retained the Bettiah seat, making her entry into the assembly for the seventh time. Bihar State JDU Pres-

ident Umesh Singh Kushwaha has been declared elected from Mahnar Constituency. He defeated his nearest RJD rival by over 30 thousand votes.

Deputy Speaker of Bihar Assembly and seven-time MLA Narendra Narayan Yadav is leading from Alamnagar seat by about 50 thousand votes over Nabin Kumar of Vikas-sheel Insaan Party.

State Rural Development Minister and JDU leader Shrawan Kumar, who is the most senior minister in the Nitish Kumar Cabinet, has won the Nalanda seat by more than 33 thousand votes over his nearest Congress rival.

Former Union Minister and senior BJP Leader Ram Kripal Yadav has won the Danapur seat by a margin of over 20 thousand votes over his nearest RJD rival. Popular Bhojpuri Singer Maithili Thakur, making her electoral debut on BJP ticket, has won

from Alinagar seat, while senior BJP leader Mangal Pandey has won the Siwan seat by a margin of over 9 thousand votes over his nearest RJD rival.

Mahagathbandhan's Chief Ministerial candidate Tejashwi Prasad Yadav of RJD, has been declared elected from Raghopur seat. He defeated his nearest BJP rival Satish Kumar by a margin of over 17 thousand 8 hundred 66 votes.

His brother Tej Pratap Yadav of Jan Shakti Janta Dal has lost the election from Mahua, finishing at third place behind RJD candidate. LJP's Sanjay Kumar Singh won the seat by a margin of more than 44 thousand votes. In Raghunathpur RJD candidate Osama Shahab is leading by over 10 thousand over his nearest JDU rival. However, here is the list of winners of the BJP are Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and

Vijay Kumar Sinha, veteran leader Renu Devi, former Union Minister Ram Kripal Yadav, popular Bhojpuri Singer Maithili Thakur and senior leader Mangal Pandey. Among JDU leaders, State Rural Development Minister Shrawan Kumar, who is the most senior minister in the Nitish Kumar Cabinet; Bijendra Prasad Yadav, a close aide of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who has won the election for the ninth time; Bihar State JDU President Umesh Singh Kushwaha and Deputy Speaker of Bihar Assembly and Narendra Narayan Yadav are the prominent winners. Prominent losers are Tej Pratap Yadav of Jan Shakti Janta Dal, who broke ranks from his father and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, and Bihar State Congress Chief Rajesh Kumar, and famous Bhojpuri singer and actor Shatrughan Yadav alias Khesari Lal Yadav of RJD.







# Castor Seeds Emerge as Terror Weapon

V Krishna Kumar | Nov 14, 2025, The seemingly innocuous castor seed, commonly associated with home remedies and industrial uses like soap and medicine, has alarmingly emerged as a raw material for a potent chemical weapon, posing a silent but deadly threat. This disturbing development came to light following the recent arrests made by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS). The ATS apprehended three individuals, including a suspect with a doctoral degree from China, seizing firearms, bullets, and, more worryingly, 4 kilograms of castor seed paste. This paste is the precursor for manufacturing ricin, an exceptionally dangerous chemical weapon that operates as a potent toxin. Ricin is highly toxic, and its ease of preparation has turned it into a significant security challenge. As highlighted by

medical experts, including Dr. Y.K. Gupta, former head of the AIIMS National Poison Information Center in Delhi, a minute quantity—just one milligram of ricin—is sufficient to kill a person. The arrested individuals were allegedly plotting a major terrorist attack using this toxin, having conducted reconnaissance on high-profile, sensitive locations such as the RSS office in Lucknow, the Azadpur Agricultural Produce Market Committee in Delhi, and the fruit market in Naroda, Ahmedabad. The simplicity and widespread availability of the raw material make controlling its production and misuse incredibly difficult. Ricin is a type of poison isolated from castor beans, which are widely cultivated for oil production in countries like India, China, and Brazil. While castor oil makes up 30% to 60% of the

seed's content, the solid waste contains a smaller but significant amount of ricin, ranging from 1% to 5% by weight. The poison functions as a cellular-level killer; once inside the body, it immediately binds with ribosomes—the cell structures responsible for reading genetic code and producing essential proteins. This binding instantly halts protein synthesis within the cells. Depending on which cells absorb the toxin, the victim can suffer from multi-organ failure, severe complications like violent vomiting and bloody diarrhea, a sudden drop in blood pressure, seizures, hallucinations, and ultimately, death. Due to its high toxicity and relative ease of acquisition, ricin has a history of being explored for military use, dating back to the research done by the US military towards the end of World War I, and later

attempts to weaponize it in the 1980s. It currently ranks high on the list of most dangerous chemical weapons. Medical professionals caution that there is no specific antidote or dedicated treatment for ricin poisoning; treatment remains purely symptomatic. If a victim reaches the hospital quickly, the stomach can be cleaned to remove the unabsorbed poison. However, if the toxin has already permeated the body, the prognosis is extremely poor. The fact that the arrested suspects included a doctor suggests they possessed advanced knowledge of the poison's effects and its untraceable nature in the short term. Following this revelation, both Central and State governments are reportedly considering measures to regulate or potentially ban the production and trade of castor seeds to mitigate this emerging terrorism risk.



## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Vows to Build a Scientific Telangana, Hails Nehru's Vision

TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu delivered a powerful address at the 80th Scientific Temperament Celebrations of Jawaharlal Nehru at Ravindra Bharathi, firmly asserting the People's Government's commitment to forging a 'Scientific Telangana' under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The Deputy CM, serving as the Chief Guest, positioned Telangana as a state ready to be transformed into a "laboratory for scientific development," highlighting that the entire state cabinet is highly educated and collectively focused on ensuring Telangana competes globally across all developmental parameters. In his speech, he paid rich tribute to India's first Prime Minister, emphasizing that India's current successful state would be unimaginable had Jawaharlal Nehru not been its first leader. Nehru's immediate priority was to lay robust foundations not just for scientific advancement but also for the principles of democracy, enabling India to successfully navigate its initial years of independence and hold its own on the world stage. Vikramarka recalled the severe challenges India faced in 1947, particularly in food security and education. He argued that the nation would have faced immense suffering had Nehru not proactively prioritized scientific



thought and temperament as the core tenet of national policy. Nehru's foresight involved careful planning, including the formulation of Five-Year Plans after consulting widely with intellectuals. He systematically balanced the growth of agriculture and industry, creating the successful model of a mixed economy and popularizing socialist ideals to guide the young nation. Vikramarka contrasted India's success with its contemporary neighbors, noting that their lack of visionary leadership led to the

collapse of democracy and the rise of dictatorships, underscoring the enduring power of Nehru's policies for peaceful power transition in a large, diverse country. He also drew a historical parallel, explaining that while smaller nations conquered large ones using gunpowder, Nehru understood that for India to achieve true strength and self-reliance, massive investments in scientific research were essential. This vision led him to invite giants like Homi J. Bhabha and Vikram Sarabhai, and establish premier institutions like the IITs, Central Universities, and the UGC. Hyderabad, in particular, was strategically chosen under Nehru and later refined by Indira Gandhi, as a hub for science, technology, and defense, fostering numerous ancillary industries crucial to the region's economy.

Looking to the future, the Deputy CM detailed the government's initiatives to sustain this scientific momentum. He announced plans to build one Young India Integrated Residential School in every Assembly constituency, with each school built on 25 acres at an investment of 200 crore. Additionally, ITIs are being upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres, and work on the Skill University is progressing rapidly to prepare Telangana's youth for global competition. He urged schools and colleges to re-start science exhibitions, assuring government support and requesting TRICOR Chairman Bellayya Naik to coordinate these efforts. He concluded by reiterating that Nehru's combined ideals of democracy and socialism remain the ultimate bedrock of India's progress and future stability.

## Major Cabinet Expansion On Cards

TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025, The political landscape of Telangana is heading toward a period of significant internal restructuring as Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy moves forward with plans for a major Cabinet expansion and portfolio reorganization. This move is being strategically timed to occur just before the Congress government reaches its second year in power, a milestone set for December 7. The Chief Minister intends to induct two new ministers into his current cabinet, alongside implementing a substantial shuffle of existing ministerial roles to enhance administrative efficacy and strategic focus. Political observers suggest that this reorganization is driven by a need to consolidate political power, reward loyalty, and optimize government performance ahead of crucial upcoming electoral contests. The process is expected to be politically challenging, with speculation that some current ministers may be asked to step down or swap portfolios to make room for fresh talent and

achieve better social and regional representation within the executive body. A crucial and politically charged aspect of this impending modification is the serious consideration by the Congress leadership to institute a second Deputy Chief Minister position. This new role is anticipated to be reserved for a representative from the Backward Classes (BC) community. This move is viewed as a calculated political decision to strengthen BC representation at the highest level of state governance, thereby fulfilling a promise of inclusive power-sharing and consolidating the Congress party's support base among this numerically significant social group. This internal restructuring is moving ahead rapidly, spurred by the need for a unified and energized party front in preparation for the upcoming local body elections. The state government is keenly awaiting the final formal declaration of results from the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election before officially announcing the dates for the municipal

and local body polls, which are now seen as the next major test of the Congress administration's public support. The anticipation surrounding the imminent cabinet changes has already triggered a fierce wave of political lobbying. Several Congress politicians with ministerial aspirations have intensified their efforts, engaging in high-level discussions with party leaders in New Delhi. This lobbying is a clear indication of the high value placed on cabinet positions within the state's political hierarchy. Conversely, the delay in announcing the changes has led to evident frustration among some hopeful candidates, with reports indicating that a few disgruntled politicians have even withdrawn from attending official government events. This internal pressure underscores the complexity of balancing caste, region, and performance factors that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy must navigate to ensure the reshuffle strengthens, rather than fragments, the ruling party coalition.

## SSC Exam Fee Payment Deadline Extended



TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025, The School Education Department in Telangana State has announced a significant and structured extension for the payment of examination fees for the upcoming 10th Class (SSC) Public Examinations. This decision, conveyed through formal government orders, is a crucial measure aimed at ensuring maximum student participation and providing flexibility to schools and candidates as the academic

process for the crucial board exams moves forward. Initially, all eligible students are granted an extended opportunity to remit their examination fees without incurring any penalty or late fine until November 20th. This primary window provides a vital period for all schools to meticulously complete the administrative and financial formalities for their entire student body, ensuring no student misses out on appearing for the examination due

to last-minute administrative or logistical issues. Beyond this penalty-free deadline, the department has established a clear, tiered structure for late fee payments, acknowledging that some delays may occur. The first grace period for late submissions begins immediately after the first deadline, running from November 21st to November 29th. During this time, candidates can submit their examination fee along with a minimal late fine of 50. Following

this nine-day window, a second, longer phase is designated for payments with a higher penalty. This period extends from December 2nd to December 11th, during which the late fee increases substantially to 200. This second stage offers a critical opportunity for students who have faced more protracted delays to secure their eligibility before the end-of-year holiday period commences. Finally, a final, comprehensive window has been an-

nounced. From December 15th to December 29th, students can still submit their examination fees, although this ultimate extension comes with a more considerable late fine of 500. This clearly defined schedule, published via official notification, is intended to provide absolute clarity to all stakeholders—students, parents, and school management—about the available options and the escalating costs of delay. The strategic implementation of these staggered deadlines with increasing penalty amounts is designed to both maximize the participation rate of candidates and allow the Directorate of Government Examinations to execute the meticulous logistical planning necessary for conducting the massive, state-wide SSC examinations effectively. School administrations are strictly advised to adhere to these official timelines to ensure the prompt submission of all required documentation and fees, thus preventing any complications for their aspiring students.

## What Worked For Congress In Jubilee Hills?

TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025 The Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election has delivered a powerful and unequivocal victory for the Congress party, with their candidate, Naveen Yadav, receiving an overwhelming mandate from the voters. This result is more than just an additional seat; it is widely interpreted as a major boost to the Congress party's morale and strength, confirming that the public is actively endorsing the performance and governance of the current administration. Naveen Yadav, who previously finished in second place in the general election, secured a massive majority in this by-poll, effectively cementing the Congress's hold on a crucial urban constituency and projecting an image of a party on the

ascendant. The victory provides the ruling party with essential political capital and signals that the administration is not just surviving, but thriving. Analyzing the outcome, the pre-election scenario initially appeared to favor the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The seat had been their incumbent constituency, offering them the traditional advantage of a sitting party. Furthermore, the BRS strategically fielded Maganti Sunitha, the wife of the deceased former MLA Maganti Gopinath, in a bid to harness a wave of sympathy votes. The BRS was also quicker to mobilize and launch its campaign efforts. However, the final results saw the BRS suffer a significant defeat, with the Congress can-

didate securing a victory that was both commanding and decisive. Several factors contributed to this outcome and the BRS's failure. The sympathy factor evidently failed to materialize into sufficient votes, suggesting that the electorate prioritized the larger issues of governance and development over emotional appeal. The Congress campaign successfully countered the BRS's early momentum by focusing on the fulfillment of welfare guarantees and projecting a strong image of effective leadership under CM Revanth Reddy. The BRS's attempts at negative campaigning against Naveen Yadav, which he publicly referenced as "false accusations and negative propaganda," were clearly rejected by the voters.



# KTR Criticizes Congress ‘Aparachisms’

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Following the declaration of the Jubilee Hills by-election results, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) addressed the media, conveying his gratitude to the party members, local functionaries, and voters for their efforts and support. KTR acknowledged the party's defeat but asserted that the BRS secured a "significant vote percentage" and that the result positions the party as the "clear alternative" to the ruling Congress. While congratulating BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha for her tenacious fight, KTR maintained that the party would uphold the people's verdict while performing an introspection on the outcome.

KTR used the platform to launch a sharp attack on the Congress's conduct, referring to the ruling party's actions as "aparaachisms" (anarchic acts). He maintained that despite pre-poll surveys predicting a BRS victory, the election was marred by the ruling party's alleged malpractice, including the manipulation of electoral rolls, distribution of bogus voter cards, and other irregularities, which he claimed were repeatedly reported to the Election Commission. He demanded a public discussion on the performance of the Election Commission and the police. KTR reminded the public that the Congress party, despite losing every single by-election between 2014 and 2023, eventually came to power, suggesting the by-election result does not define the BRS's future.



The BRS leader defended his party's campaign as dignified and centered on development, showcasing the 5,300 crore worth of development work done

during the BRS tenure. He countered Congress's promises with "Baaki Cards" highlighting the government's failure to implement guarantees. He

claimed BRS's pressure forced the Chief Minister to review the guarantees and influenced decisions like the inclusion of a minority minister in the cabinet.

KTR specifically criticized the low BJP vote share, alleging a "Congress-BJP understanding" ("RS Brothers' equation") benefited the Congress. He vowed

that the BRS would continue its fight as the principal opposition, exposing the Congress government's corruption and demanding a return to KCR's govern-

ance. He also expressed hope that Congress defectors would be disqualified, leading to more by-elections which the BRS would fight vigorously.

## Konda Surekha Credits Welfare Schemes for Victory; Condemns Anti-BC Conspiracies



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Telangana Forests, Environment, and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha expressed immense satisfaction with the Congress Party's clear and strong victory in the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election, attributing the success squarely to the welfare and development work undertaken by the state government. She stated that the people of Jubilee

Hills had firmly rejected the BRS and BJP, asserting that the BRS was already given a "big zero" mandate in the recent Parliament elections and that the bypoll results confirm the party has no future in Telangana. Minister Surekha emphasized that the credit for electing BC leader Naveen Yadav belongs to the collective efforts of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka,

TPCC Chief Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, the entire cabinet, and every dedicated Congress worker. She conveyed special thanks to the CM and TPCC Chief for their campaign guidance. Surekha highlighted that this victory provides significant momentum for the upcoming GHMC and local body elections. She expressed confidence that the Congress is poised to win well over double-digit seats

in the next Assembly elections and retain power for at least the next ten years. She specifically noted her satisfaction with the majority secured in the Shaikpet and Yousufguda divisions, where she personally led the campaign alongside AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and other senior women leaders. She also recognized the dedicated efforts of over 100 leaders and workers from

her Warangal constituency who canvassed door-to-door. Minister Surekha stressed that women voters strongly supported the Congress due to the government's commitment to women's safety, welfare, and empowerment. Furthermore, she strongly affirmed that the BC community stood firmly behind "BC Bidda Naveen Yadav," ensuring his decisive majority and defeating all "conspiracies by the

## Minister Srihari and TPCC Chief Goud Reiterate Jubilee Hills Win as GHMC Prelude



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State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Youth Services, Vakiti Srihari, and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud used their post-election addresses to reinforce the political significance of the Jubilee Hills victory and its implications for future elections. Minister Srihari claimed that the verdict was a "referendum on Praja Palana" and that the people of Jubilee Hills had chosen development and welfare over the BRS's empty promises. He criticized the BRS for losing public credibility and attempting to convince people to vote for them by promising to fight the current government, despite having failed to develop the area during their

three terms. He highlighted his personal success in the Vengal Rao Nagar division, where he and Minister Tummala Nagewara Rao secured a majority of over 4,250 votes. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud reiterated that the massive victory was a testament to the public's satisfaction with the Congress government's welfare and development initiatives. He stated that the victory is dedicated to every leader and worker who tirelessly toiled for the cause. Goud emphatically repeated that the Jubilee Hills verdict, following the Parliament elections' "zero" mandate for the BRS, proves the party has no future in the state. He asserted that the Congress is certain to win 100 seats in the

next Assembly elections and will remain in power for at least ten years. Both leaders were unified in framing the Jubilee Hills win as the crucial "beginning for the GHMC elections," predicting that the people will extend the same full support to the Congress in the upcoming local body polls. They credited the collective efforts of CM Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, and party office bearers for the victory. Goud and Srihari both issued a strong warning to the BJP for attempting to obstruct the promised 42% BC reservations, arguing that the voters in Jubilee Hills had firmly sent a message in support of the Congress's commitment to the BC community.

## Congress MP Praises CM, Alleges Bihar Voter Fraud by BJP

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Congress MP Chama-la Kiran Kumar Reddy, speaking from Gandhi Bhavan, wholeheartedly congratulated the party's foot soldiers, crediting them—the "Booth members"—for the crucial Jubilee Hills victory. He hailed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy as a successful "Captain" who effectively led the party to victory in the constituency. The MP noted that the youth in the constituency strongly favored Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, and he urged the newly elected MLA to embrace this opportunity to fulfill promises and build a reputation that erases any negative perception cast by opponents. Reddy was optimistic that the Jubilee Hills win would pave the way for an easy victory in



the upcoming GHMC elections and urged all party members to replicate the successful "poll management" witnessed in the bypoll across the entire state, including in local body elections for Sarpanch, ZPTC, and municipal

posts. The MP then significantly expanded his commentary to national politics, launching a sharp attack on the BJP's electoral practices. He alleged that the low 17,000 vote count for the BJP in Jubilee Hills

contradicted the notion of a strong BJP presence, questioning why BJP leader Kishan Reddy did not secure the 60,000 votes expected by his party. Most controversially, he brought up the Bihar Assembly elections, accusing the

BJP of using the Special Investigative Revision (SIR) process to systematically remove 69 lakh votes belonging to minorities and backward classes, which he asserted would have gone to the Congress alliance. Reddy also raised concerns about the timing of national security incidents, stating that "terrorist attacks" are suspiciously timed to occur just before election days, questioning the central government's inability to prevent them. He warned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is acting like Vladimir Putin, trying to establish permanent control. He urged the Congress to replicate its successful Telangana strategy nationally to counter these alleged attempts at democratic manipulation.



# Hyderabad Police Intensify Anti-Narcotics Drive

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The Special Task Force (STF) and Excise Department staff in Hyderabad have successfully conducted two separate raids, seizing over 1.48 kilograms (kg) of Ganja and arresting individuals involved in its sale. The first operation took place in the Dulpet area, specifically near Jhansi Chowrasta, following a tip-off regarding ongoing Ganja sales. A joint team led by STF A-Team Leader Anji Reddy and Excise Station personnel executed the raid, resulting in the seizure of a significant quantity of the drug. During the operation, the team confiscated 1.152 kg of Ganja from an individual identified as Narender Singh. Nar-



ender Singh was subsequently arrested in connection with the case. The authorities stated that two other individuals, Vijayalakshmi and Bijimadi Bai, are also implicated in the crime but are currently absconding. The arrested accused and the seized Ganja were handed over

to the Dulpet Excise Station for further legal proceedings, as confirmed by A-Team Leader Anji Reddy. This operation underscores the persistent vigilance of law enforcement agencies against drug peddling in sensitive areas of the city.

In a separate, but related anti-narcotics operation, the STF D-Team of the Excise Police successfully intercepted Ganja sales being conducted from an auto-rickshaw. Acting on information about drug sales near the Balanagar Mithani Road, a team led by CI Nagaraju

conducted a surprise raid on Friday. The police apprehended two individuals, Dumpa Srinivas and Kaveti Vijay Kumar, who were selling Ganja from the auto. The raiding team seized 331 grams of Ganja from the two accused. Furthermore, the auto-rickshaw used in the crime, the seized Ganja, and two mobile phones were confiscated. Both accused individuals were taken into custody and subsequently handed over to the Balanagar Excise Station, as detailed by CI Nagaraju. The success of these two separate operations highlights the concerted effort by Hyderabad's law enforcement to curb the supply and sale of illegal narcotics within the metropolitan area.

# IBS and TGNAB Host Anti-Narcotics Awareness Program

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The Anti-Narcotics Awareness Program was successfully conducted on November 14, 2025, at the IBS Auditorium, a collaborative effort between the Anti-Narcotic Cell – Niramaya Tarang of the ICAFI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) and the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGNAB). The initiative was designed to comprehensively educate students on the severe dangers of drug abuse, increase their awareness of emerging substance threats, and motivate them to make informed, responsible life choices, thereby promoting a drug-free campus environment.

The event commenced with the formal introduction of the Hon'ble In-charge Vice Chancellor, Sri T. Kotireddy, and the Chief Guest,

Sri P. Seetharam (Superintendent of Police, TGNAB), followed by a rendition of Vande Mataram. The program was further enriched by the presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Sri T. P. Das, IPS (Retd.), Advisor to the ICAFI Group and Former DGP of Telangana, and Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar of IFHE. The Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, Nodal Officer for the Anti-Narcotics Cell, who highlighted the cell's ongoing vision to foster a safe and responsible campus.

In his Inaugural Remarks, the In-charge Vice Chancellor emphasized the critical need for awareness and the collective responsibility of the academic community—students, faculty, and administration—in prevention efforts. Chief Guest Sri

P. Seetharam addressed the students, focusing on the rising challenges posed by modern drug networks, the psychological and social ruin caused by abuse, and the vital role of vigilance, discipline, and timely reporting. Sri T. P. Das shared impactful real-life experiences from his policing career, urging the students to remain focused and steer clear of harmful influences. The program featured an appreciated awareness video created by Club Drishyam and an engaging interactive activity conducted by the Eagle Force – TGNAB, which emphasized teamwork and decision-making skills. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Registrar Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi, reinforcing IFHE's commitment to a safe and healthy environment.



# Food A'Fair 2025 Kicks Off at HITEX

Hyderabad, November 2025

The Second Edition of Food A'Fair 2025, South India's premier trade fair for the food, beverage, and allied industries, commenced today at Hall No. 1, HITEX Exhibition Centre in Madhapur, Hyderabad. The three-day event was formally inaugurated by D. Sridhar Babu, the Minister for IT, Electronics & Communications, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Government of Telangana. The inauguration ceremony was graced by prominent figures, including Padma Bhushan Pullela Gopichand (Chief National Coach for Indian Badminton) and scientific experts like Dr. Tara Satyavathi (Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research).

Food A'Fair 2025 is po-

sitioned as a significant platform that brings together a diverse range of industry stakeholders, including retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, food processors, technology innovators, chefs, culinary experts, start-ups, and institutional buyers. A key highlight of this year's edition is the newly introduced Food A'Fair Culinary Corner. This addition is dedicated to showcasing India's rich culinary talent through live demonstrations, curated tasting sessions, and immersive food experiences that celebrate regional cuisines and innovation. The Culinary Corner is expected to add a dynamic new dimension, reflecting Hyderabad's growing status as a major culinary capital that successfully blends heritage flavors with modern trends. Speaking at the event, Minister D. Srid-

har Babu reaffirmed the state government's commitment to supporting and strengthening the sector. He stated, "Telangana is committed to building a modern, resilient, and innovation-driven food ecosystem. Through focused efforts in food processing, entrepreneurship, technology adoption, and market development, we aim to position the state as a leading hub for food and agri-based industries." The fair, which runs until November 16, 2025, is organized by Blitz Exhibitions and is supported by several key partners, including the Government of Telangana, MSME Department, Telangana Food Processing Society, and HITEX Exhibition Centre, emphasizing the state's strategic focus on scaling food value chains and fostering agri-entrepreneurship.

# Auto Driver Held For 10 Lakh Attention Diversion Theft

TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025, he KPHB Police have successfully apprehended an accused involved in a high-value attention diversion theft case, recovering a significant portion of the stolen cash. The incident occurred on the night of November 7, 2025, at Addagutta Society, KPHB Colony, and was registered under Cr. No. 1481/2025, U/S 318(4) and 303(2) BNS. The victim, D. Uttam Kumar Varma (31), sustained injuries after his car hit a divider. The accused, Mudavath Shankar (26), an auto driver residing in Suraram and a native of Nagarkurnool District, was following the victim's car. He took advantage of the accident by pretending to offer assistance to the injured complainant. Shankar helped tow the damaged vehicle to the 7th Gear Automotive Garage in Sanathnagar. He then offered to drop the victim at his residence. During this time, the accused successfully diverted the complainant's attention and stole a bag contain-

ing 10,00,000 (Ten Lakhs) in cash. After the theft, the complainant noticed the bag was missing and called the accused, who promptly switched off his phone and fled.

Through commendable efforts, the KPHB Police apprehended Mudavath Shankar on the morning of November 14, 2025, near the Chittaramma Temple in Gajularamaram. The police successfully recovered 5,32,000 (Five Lakhs thirty-two Thousand Rupees) from the accused's possession. The stolen cash and the auto-rickshaw used in the crime have been seized. The successful detection and arrest were made under the supervision of DCP Suresh Kumar IPS (Balanagar Zone) and ACP E. Ravi Kiran Reddy (Kukatpally Division), with key involvement from SHO S. Rajashekar Reddy, DI K.S. Ravi, and the KPHB Crime Team. The police management announced that the staff instrumental in the detection will be suitably rewarded to encourage future efforts.

# Engineering Student Murders Relative For Gold To Settle Betting Debts

TPN Bureau | Nov 14, 2025, The Jagadgirigutta Police have successfully cracked the murder case of a young woman that occurred on November 12, 2025, within the limits of the police station. The victim, identified as Niharika (21), was initially presumed by the accused to have died from an accidental slip in the bathroom. However, police investigation revealed that the murder was committed for gold ornaments by the accused, Shiva Madhav Reddy (23), who is a distant relative of the victim.

DCP Suresh Kumar, speaking at the Balanagar DCP office, disclosed the full details of the case. The accused, an engineering student, confessed that he committed the heinous act because he had developed a severe addiction to betting, and the murder was an attempt to acquire gold



to settle his substantial debts. Following the crime, the accused stole four tolas of gold from the victim.

The investigation was swiftly concluded through accurate field verification, detailed analysis of CCTV footage, and intensive technical surveillance, which together helped the police teams identify and locate the perpetrator. The police successfully recovered a two-wheeler, two mobile phones, and the stolen four tolas of gold from Shiva Madhav Reddy. The accused was ar-

rested today and remanded to judicial custody. DCP Suresh Kumar used the occasion to issue a warning to residents, advising them against sharing normal movement details, such as when family members leave for work or when the house is empty, with others. The police team involved in solving the case, including ACP P. Naresh Reddy, PS Inspector B. Venkatesham, Detective Inspector P. Narender Reddy, and others from Jagadgirigutta PS and SOT staff, were commended for their quick action.

# North Zone Police Meets Travel Agencies to Enhance Public Safety and Compliance

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The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North Zone, Hyderabad City, convened a crucial coordination meeting on November 14, 2025, with the owners and managers of travel agencies operating within the North Zone limits. The meeting, held as per instructions from the Commissioner of Police, was attended by over 50 travel agency representatives, along with ACPs and SHOs of the North Zone.

The primary objective of the meeting was to ensure that all travel and tour establishments strictly comply with statutory regulations, safety norms, and the provisions outlined in the Telangana State Public Safety Act and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). DCP S. Rashmi Perumal, IPS, sensitized the



operators on the need for absolute transparency in their operations, strengthening passenger verification mechanisms, and preventing agencies from becoming conduits for illegal activities. The operators were sternly cautioned that any violation or negligence that compromises public safety or facilitates unlawful activities would

result in stringent legal action.

The DCP issued several mandatory instructions for strict compliance: Mandatory passenger verification, especially for out-station and international travelers, requiring valid ID proofs and meticulous maintenance of digital and physical records. Installation of CCTV cameras cover-

ing booking counters and office premises, with the required minimum backup under the Public Safety Act, and the placement of cameras inside buses for continuous passenger safety monitoring. Maintenance of accurate booking records, including journey details, staff information, and vehicle deployment logs, readily available

for police inspection.

Immediate reporting of any suspicious queries, customers, or activities to the nearest police station or through designated help lines.

Ensuring employee background checks for criminal antecedents and maintaining updated staff records.

Prior intimation to local police regarding special group tours or high-risk movements.

Ensuring proper lighting at all boarding and pick-up points, particularly at night, to enhance safety.

Strict adherence to fire safety norms and regular vehicle maintenance to prevent accidents. The coordination aims to establish quick communication channels between travel agency staff and the local police for a timely response during emergencies.



# Medicovert Launches Pancreatic Clinic in Secunderabad

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Medicovert Hospital in Secunderabad has announced the opening of a Special Pancreatic Clinic in response to a significant recent surge in pancreatic cancer cases among the younger population in Telangana. Hospital officials and medical experts highlighted the worrying trend of increased incidence among adolescents and young adults, stressing the critical importance of early detection for effective treatment and prevention.

The medical team noted that pancreatic cancer often becomes severe because it typically presents with no clear

symptoms in its early stages, leading to late diagnosis when the disease has already progressed significantly. Medicovert physicians have conducted an extensive study on the disease's symptoms and early stages, revealing common initial signs such as stomach pain, unexplained weight loss, and various digestive problems. Experts pointed out that approximately 15,000 new pancreatic cancer cases are registered annually across India. Specialists identified several factors contributing to the rising incidence of the disease, which are often related to modern lifestyles. These primary factors include unhealthy die-

tary habits, obesity, smoking, alcohol consumption, and the presence of diabetes. The hospital noted that the launch of the dedicated clinic is a timely intervention to address this growing public health crisis. Furthermore, the Medicovert medical team revealed that they have successfully performed several complex pancreatic surgeries in the last two months, achieving positive outcomes for patients. The specialized clinic aims to offer advanced diagnostics, specialized consultations, and cutting-edge treatment options for individuals at risk or those already diagnosed with pancreatic ailments.



# Filthy Kitchens In College Hostels Put Students’ Health At Risk

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A concerning revelation has brought to light the alarming lack of hygiene and sanitation within the hostel kitchens of major educational institutions, specifically focusing on the NSR Impulse Educational Institutions located in Bau-rampet Simhapuri Colony under the Dundigal Municipal jurisdiction. Despite the institutions’ impressive facade and promises of quality care, the reality behind the kitchen doors presents a grave risk to the health of hundreds of students. The operation, which prepares three daily meals—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—for an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 students, is functioning under utterly deplorable conditions. This environment is highly conducive to food adulteration and contamination, posing a severe threat to the student body’s well-being. The kitchen’s surroundings were found to be in a state of extreme disrepair, characterized by widespread filth and neglect, essentially serving as a breeding ground for unsanitary conditions.



The observations made during the investigation painted a grim picture: the premises are frequently traversed by stray dogs and pigs, and the area around the cooking section is affected by stagnant sewage water. Piles of discarded garbage were visible everywhere, creating a repulsive atmosphere. Furthermore, the handling of raw materials was severely compromised; cooks were observed stepping on vegetables while preparing food, all without wearing essential hygiene gear such as

gloves or hair caps. The entire cooking area was permeated by a foul odor, compounded by the presence of discarded, spoiled food items within the same proximity where fresh meals were being prepared. These conditions starkly contradict the assurances of providing “hygienic food” made to parents and students, even as the institution collects thousands of rupees in food fees, effectively delivering substandard meals that violate basic safety standards. The management was

observed attempting to swiftly clean the premises with water only upon the arrival of media representatives, highlighting their knowledge of the unhygienic state and an attempt to mask the reality. Such negligence significantly increases the likelihood of students falling ill, leading to calls for immediate and stringent action against the NSR Impulse Educational Institutions management. The report critically points out the failure in supervision by Food Safety Officials and the Dundigal Municipal

Sanitation Inspector, suggesting that this oversight allows large institutions to compromise on quality and safety standards. There is an urgent public appeal for the concerned Dundigal sanitation and food authorities to intervene immediately, initiate statutory action against all hostels maintaining such unhygienic conditions, and take preventative measures to ensure that this negligence is never repeated, thus safeguarding the health of the students under their care.

## Telangana Congress Leaders Pay Rich Tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru on Birth Anniversary

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The Telangana Congress leadership gathered at Nehru Park in Nizamabad to observe the birth anniversary (Jayanti) of India’s first Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, paying their collective respects to the architect of modern India. The solemn ceremony was marked by a tribute that recognized Nehru’s immense and foundational contributions to the nation’s democratic, economic, and scientific frameworks. The leaders emphasized his pivotal role in establishing key democratic institutions and fostering a spirit of secularism and non-alignment in India’s foreign policy. Nehru is widely credited as the force behind India’s industrialization and the establishment of institutions like the IITs and ISRO, which propelled the nation onto

the global stage. The highlight of the tribute was the garlanding of the esteemed leader’s statue with a massive floral garland, symbolizing the deep respect and lasting reverence held by the party and the public for his legacy. The gathering included prominent figures within the Telangana Congress, affirming their ideological adherence to the principles championed by Nehru. Among the attendees were the TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, signifying the party’s official acknowledgment of the anniversary. He was joined by key Government Advisors, Sudarshan Reddy and Shabbir Ali, underscoring the government’s continued recognition of the Congress icon. Also present was the Urdu Academy Chairman, Tahar Bin, alongside a host of other influential party members

and functionaries. The occasion served as a moment to reflect on Nehru’s enduring vision of a scientific temper and socialist economic structure that aimed to lift millions out of poverty. By assembling at a public space named in his honor, the Congress leaders reinforced their historical connection to the freedom movement and the foundational values upon which the state and nation were built. The event, though regional, was a clear demonstration of the party’s intent to keep Nehruvian ideals relevant in contemporary political discourse, particularly in the context of development and inclusive governance. The participants reiterated their commitment to upholding the constitutional and democratic values that Nehru tirelessly worked to embed in the Indian political landscape.

# Nagarkurnool Collector Orders Strict Enforcement of Animal Protection Laws

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Nagarkurnool District Collector Badavath Santhosh convened a critical review meeting, issuing stringent directives to concerned departmental officials for the strict implementation of animal protection laws and the initiation of special measures aimed at enhanced animal welfare across the district. Stressing that animal protection is a shared responsibility of all citizens and government bodies, the Collector addressed members of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), officials from the Veterinary and Animal Husbandry departments, representatives from Municipal and Police sectors, and local organizational heads. The extensive agenda focused on several key areas necessary for establishing a robust animal welfare framework. These included reviewing the progress of existing animal welfare programs,



devising effective strategies to prevent illegal animal transportation, and crucially, identifying necessary upgrades for facilities within slaughterhouses and major cattle markets. Furthermore, significant time was devoted to planning the establishment of Animal Birth Control (ABC) centers in the Achampet, Kollapur, and Kalwakurthy municipalities, recognizing their importance in managing the stray animal population humanely. The provision of adequate drinking water facilities in public animal areas and the planning for dedicated animal shelters were also central to the discussions.

Collector Santhosh emphasized the imperative to strictly enforce the laws enacted by the government to prevent any form of cruelty to animals. He specifically mandated the Education Department to organize special awareness classes in all schools. This proactive measure aims to instill feelings of compassion, kindness, and empathy towards animals among students from a young age, fostering a future generation committed to animal rights. On the issue of transportation, the Collector issued a clear warning: all individuals involved in the movement of livestock must take utmost care to prevent injuries during

transit, strictly adhering to vehicle capacity limits to avoid overcrowding and suffering. He reaffirmed the absolute prohibition on the slaughter of cows, calves, and buffaloes, reminding all present of the legal severity of this offense. The Police Department was given explicit instructions to dedicate special attention to cattle transportation routes and conduct frequent, targeted inspections across the district to intercept illegal practices. The Collector stressed that individuals found causing harm to animals or birds would face severe penalties under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Additionally,

officials were instructed to ensure the essential provision of food and drinking water for animals, and pet owners were reminded of their responsibility to ensure regular vaccinations for their animals. The meeting concluded with directives to Municipal Commissioners to not only establish controlled slaughterhouses in every municipality but also to ensure all slaughtering activities occur under strict official supervision. The necessity of strong coordination between Veterinary, Municipal, and Police officials was underscored to guarantee the successful execution of all these animal welfare and protection measures.



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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) initiated a series of unannounced and extensive searches at the Medchal Sub-Registrar Office on Friday, acting decisively upon explicit directives from superior authorities. The reason for the abrupt intervention was a proliferation of serious corruption allegations surrounding the office’s operations, a critical public interface point for land and property documentation. These spontaneous inspections signal a heightened commitment by the government and the ACB to tackle institutionalized corruption that affects common citizens and undermines the credibility of essential public services. The raids commenced swiftly and were highly focused, targeting areas and personnel suspected of illicit activities related to property registration and documentation processes. During the prolonged and thorough search operation, ACB officials took multiple document writers into custody for intensive questioning. Document

writers are crucial intermediaries in the registration process, often handling large volumes of transactions, and are frequently implicated in corruption scandals involving expedited services or unofficial fees. The ACB teams meticulously examined and scrutinized every document and official record associated with the document writers who were detained. This comprehensive verification process aims not only to gather evidence of immediate transactional corruption but also to uncover systemic flaws or nexus operations between external agents and internal staff that facilitate illicit financial transactions. Such a detailed scrutiny is intended to reveal the scope of the alleged corruption, including the calculation and collection of unofficial charges or bribes from the public seeking registration services. The immediate objective of the ACB operation is the collection of solid evidence, including incriminating documents, unauthorized cash reserves, and digital records that could substantiate the alle-

gations. The authorities aim to dismantle any existing network of corrupt practices that may be hindering the fair and efficient functioning of the Sub-Registrar Office. The ACB’s presence throughout the day caused significant disruption and apprehension among staff members and those seeking services, underscoring the severity of the investigation. The outcome of these raids is anticipated to lead to further arrests among both document writers and possibly high-ranking office personnel. This aggressive anti-graft stance is intended to send a strong message across all government departments regarding accountability and transparency, ensuring that citizens can access necessary services without succumbing to demands for illegal gratification. The ACB is expected to release further details, including the quantum of cash or valuables seized and the number of individuals formally arrested, once the preliminary investigation at the site is concluded and case files are formally prepared.

## Minister Tummala Takes Swift Action to Avert Ginning Mill Strike

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Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao demonstrated decisive leadership by immediately addressing the looming crisis posed by the ginning mills’ announced strike, scheduled to commence on November 17, 2025. Recognizing the significant disruption this action would cause to the cotton procurement chain and, critically, to the farmers, the Minister wasted no time in mobilizing government machinery. His first directive was to the Agricultural Department Secretary, instructing immediate and con-

structive engagement with the ginning mill representatives. The goal is to initiate dialogue, fully understand the core grievances of the mill owners, and negotiate a swift resolution that prevents the cessation of operations. The Minister offered a strong assurance to the representatives, stating that he would personally elevate their concerns to the highest levels, specifically bringing the issues to the attention of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). He pledged to apply substantial pressure on the central body to secure a resolution, thereby demonstrating the state gov-

ernment’s commitment to supporting the processing industry while protecting the farmers. Crucially, Minister Tummala made a strong personal appeal to the mill representatives, urging them to prioritize the welfare of the agricultural community. He requested their immediate cooperation to ensure that the cotton procurement process continues without interruption, thereby safeguarding farmers from any financial hardship or logistical complications arising from the strike during the harvesting season. In a move aimed at ensuring fair compensa-

tion and accurate measurement, the Minister acted upon recommendations from the Central Textile Ministry. He instructed the Secretary to immediately issue directives to all District Collectors across the state. These orders mandate a comprehensive re-inspection and re-assessment of cotton fields throughout Telangana. The objective of this intensive field verification is to accurately calculate the district-wise average cotton yield. This measure is vital for establishing transparent and verifiable metrics for cotton quality and quantity, ensuring that the procurement price paid to farm-

ers is fair and accurately reflects their produce, thereby preventing discrepancies or exploitation often associated with major crop purchases. This two-pronged approach—addressing the mill’s concerns while enhancing procurement accuracy—highlights the government’s balanced strategy to stabilize the cotton market and support both the processing sector and the farming community. The Minister’s swift and detailed action is designed to preempt a major agricultural disruption and maintain stability during a critical period for the cotton harvest.



# India Pushes for Globalised Rupee Ecosystem



India is taking significant steps to reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar and strengthen its financial sovereignty amid an increasingly uncertain global trade environment. Geopolitical tensions, sanctions threats on Russian oil, and inconsistent U.S. tariff policies have accelerated efforts to develop a rupee-led international settlement system.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has spearheaded key initiatives to pro-

mote rupee internationalisation. In October, the RBI allowed authorised dealer (AD) banks and their overseas branches to extend rupee-denominated loans to residents, businesses, and financial institutions in Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. This is facilitated through Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs), which now number around 200, up from 156 in February. The expansion allows bilateral trade settlements in rupees, bypassing

the U.S. dollar, reducing conversion costs, and limiting exposure to dollar volatility. Surplus SRVA balances can also be invested in corporate bonds and commercial papers, enhancing liquidity and attracting foreign participation.

In parallel, the RBI has launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or Digital Rupee (e₹), a blockchain-based, fully regulated digital token. The digital rupee supports atomic

settlements via Delivery vs Payment (DvP) protocols, ensuring efficiency, privacy, and transparency. The RBI will also publish reference exchange rates for major trading partners' currencies, starting with UAE dirhams and Indonesian rupees, to streamline INR-based trade settlements.

GIFT City in Gujarat has emerged as a hub for these developments. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the

Foreign Currency Settlement System in October, enabling faster and safer transactions in major currencies, starting with the U.S. dollar and expanding to the euro, yen, and pound. Meanwhile, BRICS countries are exploring integration of their digital currency systems, aiming to reduce intermediary costs and promote de-dollarisation. The New Development Bank plans its first INR-denominated bond issuance to encour-

age local currency financing. India is also planning onshore rupee bonds worth \$400–500 million with three- to five-year maturities by March 2026. These moves could expand investment opportunities in masala bonds and reinforce India's role in global financial markets. Future plans include linking SRVAs with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for international settlements and integrating with central

bank digital currencies, potentially enabling GIFT City to operate as a 24×7 global financial hub. Analysts say these steps mark a strategic shift from a globalised outlook to transactional diplomacy, prioritising national financial sovereignty. By reducing dependence on offshore financial centres, India aims to enhance regional stability, attract investment, and strengthen the rupee's global presence.

## Amazon Layoffs Highlight AI Transition Challenges



Global tech industry trembled last week as Amazon announced the layoff of 14,000 employees, part of a broader wave that has seen over 1,72,000 jobs cut across American tech giants, including Meta, Microsoft, Salesforce, and Google. These reductions have sparked concerns about the human cost of automation, especially as artificial intelligence continues to transform workplaces worldwide.

The layoffs contrast sharply with the soaring market value of AI hardware and software leaders. Nvidia, whose chips power AI data centers, recently reached a staggering \$5 trillion market capitalization, while OpenAI, in partnership with Microsoft, plans to develop 30 gigawatts of computing resources at a cost of \$1.4 trillion. Such figures underscore a growing divide between AI-driven wealth creation and workforce instability.

Jensen Huang, Nvidia's CEO, recently highlighted the future demand for skilled trades like electricians and plumbers as AI infrastructure expands. His comments illustrate the duality of the AI revolution: while some jobs are replaced by automation, new roles emerge that require technical, adaptive, and hybrid skill sets. Analysts emphasize that long-term success depends on the ability of workers to reinvent themselves, adapt to new tools, and blend core skills with technological fluency.

The rapid rise of AI has

also amplified demand for cybersecurity, data management, and AI-specific roles, as automation tools proliferate. "Agentic AI," which integrates intermediate technologies to enhance automation, demonstrates the need for professionals who can combine coding, industry knowledge, and problem-solving skills. As AI-generated content grows, so does the need for human oversight to manage misuse, maintain trust, and ensure quality.

Historical parallels offer lessons for today. The late Sitaram Kesri, former Congress treasurer, was known for his impeccable trustworthiness—a quality still vital in the AI era. Similarly, past technological revolutions, such as electrification or industrial mechanization, created fears of job losses but ultimately gave rise to new roles. Roy Amara's law, which notes that people overestimate short-term impacts and underestimate long-term change, remains relevant: AI may disrupt now, but it also generates opportunities for those prepared to adapt.

Experts advise tech professionals to focus on continuous learning, cultivate human-centric skills like trust and teamwork, and maintain financial prudence to navigate this transition. While AI is reshaping the workplace, the combination of human judgment, adaptability, and resilience will remain indispensable in the new digital economy.

## GST Reform 2.0: Turning Compliance Into Empowerment



Since its rollout in 2017, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India has been both a compliance challenge and an unintentional digital revolution. What began as a complex tax system has evolved into a live, verifiable digital ledger of the economy, enabling businesses and authorities alike to leverage real-time data. Mandatory e-invoicing and the GST Network (GSTN) turned every invoice into a trusted financial footprint, creating a foundation for credit access, financial inclusion, and data-driven governance.

For small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), GST filings became a financial passport. Lenders could now assess a firm's health instantly, unlocking loans and invoice financing. Yet, this digital advantage is uneven. Only 12% of MSMEs are fully digitalised, leaving many reliant on paper records or outsourced accounting. This digital divide risks creating a two-speed economy, where businesses in digitally advanced states like Karnataka,

Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu thrive, while those in less-connected regions lag behind. GST Reform 2.0 aims to bridge this gap. The 56th GST Council meeting introduced people-centric reforms, including a simplified two-rate tax structure and reduced levies on daily essentials. For businesses, the changes are transformative: provisional, risk-based refunds cover 90% of claims, easing cash-flow constraints, while a streamlined, automated GST registration scheme promises onboarding of low-risk entrepreneurs in just three days. The establishment of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) by December 2025 adds a credible, rules-based enforcement layer.

The convergence of the initial digital engine and these deliberate reforms creates a powerful synergy. Real-time GST data not only empowers businesses with financial tools but also enables authorities to detect fraud efficiently. However, for the system to

achieve its full potential, digital literacy and access must improve. Experts advocate a three-pronged approach: scaling practical digital training, promoting affordable tech platforms for micro-enterprises, and using policy incentives to encourage adoption. Looking ahead, GST is poised to become more than a tax mechanism—it could emerge as a cornerstone of India's economic strategy. Recognising the GST data infrastructure as a national public good, similar to UPI, could stimulate private innovation in finance and supply-chain management. The next phase will test whether GST 2.0 can drive inclusive growth, ensuring that every MSME, regardless of location or size, benefits from this digital transformation.

GST's journey—from chaotic rollout to digital backbone and now to a tool of empowerment—could redefine India's economic landscape, shaping competitiveness and inclusivity for the decade ahead.

## Trump's Trade Power, India's Missed Opportunity



U.S. President Donald Trump's recent Asia tour has highlighted the growing influence of trade as a tool of geopolitical power—an area where India appears to have missed the memo. Analysts note that while China has leveraged both its seller and buyer power, India has yet to fully exploit its potential in global trade. Trump, who often emphasizes the U.S. as the world's largest importer, has used this economic leverage to shape relationships with exporting nations. During his interactions with China, he demonstrated how import dependence can translate into bargaining power, particularly in commodities like soybeans and corn,

vital for Chinese agriculture. By contrast, India's imports of U.S. soybeans, corn, and edible oils—totaling over \$18 billion annually—remain underutilized in diplomatic strategy. China's success, experts say, stems from a mix of forward planning, technological adoption, and strategic patience. The nation has invested in genetically modified crops, improved yields, and diversified import sources, ensuring it can negotiate from a position of strength. India, meanwhile, continues to rely heavily on trade protectionism and domestic lobbying pressures, limiting its ability to wield similar influence.

The recent events underscore the shift in global power

dynamics: reputation, moral authority, or political history no longer determine leverage—economic power does. Trump reportedly showed condescension toward India's leadership, emphasizing that hard power is measured by what nations can offer rather than what they expect. Analysts argue that India's hesitancy to strategically use its import capacity has cost it potential influence in bilateral negotiations. Experts point to lessons from history: like Deng Xiaoping's dictum to "bide your time, hide your power," nations must exercise patience and deploy strategic leverage rather than celebrate economic size prematurely. India,

while the world's fifth-largest economy, has yet to convert its market size into tangible diplomatic influence. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has urged Indian entrepreneurs to adapt, innovate, and move beyond tariff protections. Observers say this moment resembles India's 1991 balance-of-payments crisis, signaling that reform may now be necessary, driven not by financial collapse but by geopolitical imperatives. As global trade reshapes power structures, India's challenge will be to align domestic policy with strategic opportunity, ensuring its buying power becomes a currency in international diplomacy rather than a missed chance.



# Mahila and Youth is new MY formula in Bihar: PM Modi at BJP HQ in Delhi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing BJP workers at the party headquarters in Delhi, declared that the National Democratic Alliance's sweeping victory in Bihar has laid the foundation for a similar outcome in West Bengal, where Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress (TMC) currently holds power. Drawing a symbolic comparison, he said, "The river Ganga flows to Bengal via Bihar. And the victory in Bihar, like the river, has paved the way for our victory in Bengal."

The NDA's emphatic win—securing over 200 of the 243 seats—positions the BJP as the single-largest party in Bihar. Modi credited party workers for the triumph, saying their dedication had transformed people's expectations into reality.

The Prime Minister also drew parallels between Bihar's electoral mandate and West Bengal's political climate. Referencing the BJP's long-standing critique of "Jungle Raj" under the Opposition alliance in Bihar, he urged the people of Bengal to "uproot Jun-



gle Raj" from their own state. He added that the victory would energize BJP efforts not just in Bengal, but across southern India as well.

Even before the final results were declared, several BJP leaders had turned their attention to Bengal. Union Minister Giriraj Singh warned

Mamata Banerjee to "brace for the worst," while Suvendu Adhikari predicted a "spectacular" BJP performance in the 2026 state elections. Sukanta Majumdar, invoking "Mission Bengal," said it was time to "clean up the jungles of Bengal."

In a swift and sharp re-

sponse, the Trinamool Congress took to social media with a defiant "Bring it on." Sharing an old video of Mamata Banerjee asserting her political resilience, the TMC accused the BJP of slander and disrespect toward Bengal's identity. The party vowed that in 2026, the people would "democrati-

cally crush" the BJP's "arrogance" and reaffirm Banerjee's leadership with over 250 seats.

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh dismissed any connection between Bihar's outcome and Bengal's political future, asserting confidence in another sweeping TMC victory.

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



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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.

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

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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 Kawasi 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.

# India and Canada Deepen Cooperation on Critical Minerals, Trade, and Investment



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India and Canada have taken significant steps to strengthen their economic partnership, focusing on critical minerals, clean energy, and expanded investment opportunities. The

progress came during the 7th India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment, held in New Delhi under the framework of the New Roadmap 2025. The dialogue was co-chaired by India's Com-

merce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade, and Economic Development, Maninder Sidhu, who visited India from November 11 to 14.

In a joint statement issued on November 14, 2025, both nations highlighted their commitment to deepening long-term supply chain cooperation in critical minerals—an area vital for global clean energy transitions and advanced manufacturing. These minerals, essential for batteries, renewable technologies, and electronic components, have become strategically important as countries work to diversify supply chains amid rising global demand.

The ministers agreed to enhance collaboration in clean energy, emphasizing the shared goal of accelerating sustainable industrial growth. The partnership aims to support new-age industries and ensure stable access to minerals central to transitioning toward greener economies.

Beyond critical minerals and clean energy, India and Canada also announced plans to expand trade and investment opportunities in sectors including aerospace and

dual-use capabilities—areas seen as high-potential for innovation and technology-based cooperation. The two sides committed to identifying specific investment projects and strengthening business-to-business linkages to maximize the benefits of bilateral engagement.

The meeting underscored the importance of resilient and mutually beneficial economic ties, particularly at a time when global supply chains continue to face geopolitical and logistical challenges. The ministers reaffirmed their intention to work closely through established institutional mechanisms to advance negotiations, remove trade barriers, and promote smoother investment flow.

Overall, the latest ministerial dialogue marks a renewed chapter in India-Canada relations, setting a strong foundation for strategic, long-term cooperation across emerging and traditional sectors.

# Result Surprising, Election Not Fair From Start": Rahul Gandhi On Bihar Loss



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Reacting to the Congress's poor performance in the Bihar Assembly election, Rahul Gandhi termed the result "truly surprising" and alleged that the electoral process had been unfair from the very beginning. Speaking to reporters, the Congress leader said the party had anticipated a closer fight but was taken aback by the magnitude of the National Democratic Alliance's victory.

According to Gandhi, several factors contributed to what he described as a skewed playing field. He claimed that from the start of the campaign, the Congress and its allies faced obstacles in communicating with voters, while the ruling alliance enjoyed what he called disproportionate media visibil-

ity. He argued that the conditions under which the election was conducted raised questions about whether all parties received equal opportunities to present their case before the electorate.

Gandhi also expressed concern over the conduct of certain institutions, implying that impartiality had been compromised. Without naming specific agencies, he said that the misuse of central bodies to influence political outcomes had become a pattern, not just in Bihar but across multiple states. Such interference, he added, undermines public trust and weakens the democratic framework.

Despite the setback, Rahul Gandhi reaffirmed the Congress's

commitment to introspection and organizational strengthening. He said the party would closely analyze the results, understand where it fell short, and work with allies to rebuild momentum ahead of future elections. Gandhi emphasized that the fight for a "fair and just India" would continue, regardless of electoral outcomes.

He also addressed Congress workers, urging them not to lose heart. "We respect the people's mandate," he said, "but we will continue to raise our voice for truth, justice, and democratic values."

The Bihar result, he concluded, should serve as both a lesson and a motivation for the Congress to push forward with renewed determination.



# Trump Hosts Syrian President at White House



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US President Donald Trump has indicated a softer approach toward H-1B visa reforms, recognizing the critical role of specialized foreign talent in maintaining America's industrial and technological edge.

During an interview with Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Tuesday, Trump defended the value of skilled immigrant workers, noting that complex roles in sectors such as manufacturing and defense cannot be quickly filled by long-term unemployed Americans without extensive training. "I agree, but you also have to bring this talent," he said when asked about H-1B visa reforms.

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

Earlier in September, Trump signed a proclamation overhaul-

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

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

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

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

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

# Israel Reopens Zikim Crossing to Allow Aid Into Northern Gaza



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

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

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

of relief efforts that had been halted for weeks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mamdani’s campaign promises include rent freezes in rent-stabilized apartments, free bus services, universal childcare for children aged six months to five years, and city-owned grocery



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

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

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

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

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

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

**TPN Correspondent | Dhaka**

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

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



Following the ban on Awami League activities by the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, party leaders have been using social media to coordinate the programme from undisclosed locations. In recent days, incidents of vehicle arson and crude bomb explosions have been reported in various regions, including Dhaka, heightening fears of unrest.

Police have launched extensive operations to arrest AL leaders and activists, while security checkpoints and vehicle inspections have been established in major cities to maintain order. Meanwhile, Awami League supporters have been holding flash rallies demanding Hasina's release and condemning the tribunal proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

In a warm gesture, King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck personally accompanied Prime Minister Modi to the airport for his departure. “I am grateful to His Majesty the King of Bhutan for coming to the airport as I board for Delhi,” Modi said.



During the visit, Prime Minister Modi held comprehensive talks with the King of Bhutan, the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck, and Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, focusing on enhancing cooperation in energy, connectivity, trade, technology, and people-to-people exchanges.

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

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

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

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



# Markets Slip on Foreign Fund Outflows, Weak Asian Cues

Equity markets opened lower on Tuesday, weighed down by foreign fund outflows and weak cues from Asian peers. The BSE Sensex slipped 55 points to 83,923.48, while the NSE Nifty 50 dipped 40.95 points to 25,722.40 in early trade.

Among the Sensex stocks, Power Grid, Eternal, HCL Tech, Maruti, Tata Motors, and Infosys were the major laggards, while Bharti Airtel, Titan, Reliance Industries, and Mahindra & Mahindra gained ground.

According to exchange data, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 1,883.78 crore on Monday, continuing a trend of persistent outflows. In contrast, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought shares worth Rs 3,516.36 crore, providing partial support to the market.

“FIIs’ renewed selling is constraining the rally in the market. In the last four days, FIIs have offloaded equities worth Rs 14,269 crore.



Higher valuations in India and muted earnings growth are restraining

foreign investors, who are now focusing on cheaper markets with

better earnings potential,” said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment

Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited. In Asian markets,

most indices traded lower, with South Korea’s Kospi, Japan’s Nikkei 225, and Shanghai’s SSE Composite under pressure. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng was an exception, trading in positive territory.

US markets ended mostly higher on Monday, providing mixed global cues. The Brent crude benchmark slipped 0.20% to USD 64.76 a barrel, adding to the cautious sentiment.

In the previous session, the Sensex had inched up 39.78 points to 83,978.49, while the Nifty gained 41.25 points to settle at 25,763.35. Analysts suggest that market direction will continue to be influenced by FIIs’ selling patterns, domestic earnings growth, and global economic cues.

The early weakness highlights investor caution amid valuation concerns and global volatility, even as domestic institutional support offers some cushion to the markets.

# India’s 92% AI adoption rate the highest in Asia Pacific: BCG report



India has emerged as the front-runner in workplace artificial intelligence (AI) adoption,

with 92% of employees using AI in their daily work,

according to a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

Across the Asia Pacific,

78% of workers regularly use AI, surpassing the global average of 72%.

The report, published by BCG X, the firm’s technology build and design arm, highlights the region’s leadership in integrating AI across workplaces, from offices to frontline operations.

“India’s AI adoption rate, the highest in Asia Pacific, signals not just enthusiasm but readiness for the next phase of transformation,” said Nipun Kalra, India Leader, BCG X. He noted that 58% of frontline Indian employees receive clear guidance on AI use, nearly double the regional average, fostering responsible and scalable innovation.

The study shows AI adoption is no longer confined to managerial roles. Across Asia Pacific, 70% of frontline employees now use AI weekly or more, compared to 51% globally, demonstrating how workers at all levels are driving digital transformation.

Despite optimism, concerns remain. 52% of employees worry AI may replace

their roles, while only a third fully understand how AI tools work. Additionally, 58% admitted they would use AI without company approval, underscoring the need for better governance and oversight.

BCG emphasized that sustained AI progress will require effective leadership, upskilling, and organizational design. “Organizations must move from experimentation to reimagining operating models, building governance, skills, and structures that turn AI’s promise into measurable enterprise and economic value,” Kalra added.

The findings highlight India’s readiness for large-scale AI adoption and the critical need for structured frameworks to ensure that the technology benefits both businesses and employees while mitigating risks.

# Microsoft Signs \$9.7B Deal With IREN for Nvidia Chips

Microsoft has entered into a \$9.7 billion contract with data-center operator IREN, securing access to Nvidia’s advanced chips to address the growing demand for artificial intelligence (AI) computing power. The deal aims to help Microsoft overcome bottlenecks that have limited its ability to fully capitalize on the AI boom.

According to IREN’s filing, a portion of the funds from Microsoft’s prepayment will be used to finance part of its \$5.8 billion deal with Dell, which supplies Nvidia’s GB300 chips and other equipment essential for Microsoft’s AI infrastructure.

The announcement had an immediate impact on the stock market. IREN shares surged more than 20% in pre-market trading on Monday, reflecting investor optimism about the strategic partnership. Dell’s

shares also rose 5%, given its role in providing the AI-server hardware that Microsoft will deploy.

Analysts say the deal underscores Microsoft’s commitment to expanding its AI capabilities at a time when demand for high-performance computing is skyrocketing. By securing priority access to Nvidia chips through IREN, Microsoft can accelerate the rollout of its AI products and services while managing supply chain challenges.

“Access to cutting-edge Nvidia chips is critical for Microsoft to maintain competitiveness in the AI sector,” said an industry analyst. “This deal not only strengthens its data-center capacity but also helps hedge against global semiconductor supply constraints.”

The partnership also illustrates the growing trend of tech giants col-



laborating with data-center operators to secure hardware essential for AI workloads, signaling the strategic importance of supply chain

management in the AI race.

Microsoft and IREN did not provide exact timelines for deployment, but the scale of

the contract indicates a significant expansion of Microsoft’s AI infrastructure in the coming months. The move is expected to reinforce Mi-

crosoft’s position in the AI market while giving IREN and Dell a substantial boost in revenue from chip-related contracts.

# Rupee Rises 11 Paise to 88.66 Against Dollar



The Indian rupee rebounded on Tuesday, settling 11 paise higher at 88.66 against the U.S. dollar amid a mix of domestic and global factors.

Forex traders noted that while the rupee showed signs of recovery, gains remained limited due to a firm dollar, continued foreign fund outflows, and subdued domestic equity markets. These factors tempered a sharper appreciation in the currency.

Early trade saw the rupee hovering around 88.70 before gradually strengthening as selling pressure eased. Analysts attributed the recovery to improved market sentiment and lower demand for dollars in the spot market.

“While the rupee’s rebound is encouraging, persistent foreign capital outflows and a strong greenback globally are preventing more significant gains,” said a senior forex dealer at a leading Mumbai-based bank.

The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback’s performance against a basket of major currencies, remained supported by expectations of stable interest rates in the United States. This limited the rupee’s upward movement despite some domestic buying interest.

In the domestic equity markets, the Sensex and Nifty opened lower amid cautious investor sentiment, further restricting foreign inflows and keeping pressure on the currency.

Analysts suggest that in the near term, the rupee is likely to trade in a narrow range, influenced by global dollar trends, foreign institutional investor (FII) activity, and domestic macroeconomic indicators such as trade balance and inflation data.

The rupee had faced pressure in the previous sessions due to large outflows by foreign investors, with equities witnessing net selling. However, improved domestic demand for the currency and easing market concerns provided support, allowing the rupee to recover part of its losses.

With global markets expected to remain volatile, forex traders are closely watching U.S. economic data, crude oil prices, and domestic fund flows to gauge the currency’s trajectory in the coming weeks.

The rupee’s rebound, though modest, reflects resilience amid global uncertainties and ongoing volatility in capital markets.

# 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.



# Woman Asked to Leave Nykaa Store in Faridabad



Faridabad, November 7 – A woman visiting a Nykaa store in Sector 15 had a distressing experience while shopping for her sister’s wedding. She claimed that she and her friend were asked to leave the store in a humiliating manner, drawing attention from other customers.

The woman shared her ordeal on Reddit under the title, “Asked to leave Nykaa and told to never return!” According to her, the incident occurred on November 6 in the presence of the store manager, who reportedly did not intervene.

She recounted that the confrontation began when she was checking colour correctors. A saleswoman allegedly told her she could not use the product directly and that she should ask for assistance if she wanted anything. The woman said she complied, noting the staff’s “commanding tone.”

Later, while browsing skincare products, the saleswoman reportedly told them that the store was closing, even

though it was only 7 PM and other customers were still shopping. When questioned, the staff member allegedly said, “Tum jaisi ladkiyo ko mai ache se janti hun, kuch kharidana nahi hai bas ghumne aajati ho” (“I know girls like you very well, you don’t come to buy anything, just to roam around”).

The situation escalated when the saleswoman shouted, “Kaam karti hun mai yahan. Naukar hun tumhari?” (“I work here. Am I your servant?”), and allegedly continued insulting the women with phrases like “batameez ladkiya” (“ill-mannered girls”) and “maa baap ne kuch sikhaya nhi” (“your parents haven’t taught you anything”).

The confrontation reportedly ended with the staff telling the women, “Bahar niklo yahan se kabhi aa mat jana yahan” (“Get out and never come back here”), and continued outside the store in full view of the market.

Nykaa has not yet issued an official statement regarding the incident.

# Chinese Tech Firm Gifts Gold Keycaps to Employees



In a glittering celebration of hard work, Chinese tech company Insta360 has continued its unique tradition of rewarding employees with solid gold keycaps. The Shenzhen-based firm, known for its 360-degree cameras, marked Programmer’s Day by handing out 21 gold keycaps to top-performing staff this year.

The most valuable piece, a spacebar weighing 35.02 grams, is worth approximately 320,000 yuan (around Rs 39 lakh). Since starting this initiative four years ago, Insta360 has given out a total of 55 gold keycaps, with their value doubling due to rising gold prices.

Employees described the gold gifts as both practical and symbolic. “There are things that cannot be measured by money,” one staff member said, while another shared that they keep gold from every special occasion instead of selling it. Some employees even aim to collect enough keycaps to “fill the whole

keyboard.

The tradition extends beyond keycaps. Staff who recently got married or had a baby receive a one-gram gold coin, and the year-end party often features a grand prize of a 50-gram gold bar. Earlier this year, for the company’s 10th anniversary, every employee and intern received a “gold blind box” containing a small gold sticker with the message: “All that glitters is not only gold, but also you.”

Insta360 founder Liu Jingang explained that the gold rewards are not given for their monetary value but for what they represent: stability, recognition, and appreciation of employees’ efforts. “Each keystroke turns stone into gold,” he said, emphasizing that the company’s success is built on its team’s dedication.

The company’s innovative reward system has earned it the nickname “gold factory” in China’s tech scene, blending employee motivation with a literal touch of luxury.

# Sleeping Capsules at Kunming Airport Offer Rest for Travelers



Travelers at China’s Kunming Airport can now enjoy a unique way to rest and recharge during layovers or early flights: sleeping capsules. These compact private pods are designed to provide comfort, privacy, and convenience in the busy airport environment.

A video that recently went viral on Reddit shows a traveler unlocking one of the capsules using a remote. Inside, the pod reveals a cozy space with a soft bed, dimmable lighting, ventilation controls, and even water bottles, making it a self-contained area for rest. The capsules are ideal for solo travelers or passengers waiting for connecting flights.

Located on the 4th floor of the departure hall, the capsules are equipped with a small fan and a control panel to adjust lighting and airflow. The design prioritizes comfort while maximizing space efficiency, allowing passengers to relax without the disturbance of crowded lounges or uncomfortable seating.

The introduction of sleeping capsules is part of a growing trend in airports worldwide to offer innovative amenities that cater to travelers’ needs. Unlike traditional lounges, these pods provide a private and quiet environment, enabling passengers to nap, work, or simply unwind in peace.

Travelers have praised the capsules for their practicality and comfort, noting that they provide a much-needed break during long layovers or after overnight flights. With airport travel often involving fatigue and stress, such innovations are proving popular for improving the overall passenger experience.

The Kunming Airport sleeping capsules highlight a shift toward more personalized travel amenities, blending modern technology with convenience. As airports compete to offer better services, these compact pods may soon become a standard feature in major international terminals, offering weary travelers a safe and comfortable haven amid the bustle of travel.

# 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.

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



Nagpur Railway Station in Maharashtra is home to India’s only Diamond Crossing, a rare railway junction where trains from four different directions intersect safely and seamlessly. This engineering marvel highlights the precision and efficiency of Indian Railways, ensuring smooth operations at one of the country’s busiest rail hubs.

The crossing earns its name from the diamond shape formed by intersecting tracks when viewed from above. Despite handling heavy daily rail traffic, the meticulous management by signal operators and railway staff ensures there are no accidents, showcasing the high level of coordination involved in managing train movements at this complex junction.

The Diamond Crossing connects four major rail routes, allowing trains to travel from all sides without disruption. Its strategic location at Nagpur, a key city in central India, makes it crucial for passenger and freight movement across the country. This junction not only enhances operational efficiency but also demonstrates the engineering prowess and traffic management skills of Indian Railways.

Safety at the crossing is maintained through continuous monitoring of train movements, with signal operators coordinating each train’s entry and exit. This system minimizes delays and eliminates potential collisions, making it a model of railway precision and control.

For visitors and train enthusiasts, the Diamond Crossing is more than just a functional railway point—it is a spectacle of engineering brilliance. From the air, the intersecting tracks resemble a perfect diamond, reflecting the careful planning and foresight that went into its design.

Nagpur’s Diamond Crossing stands as a symbol of India’s railway heritage and operational excellence, illustrating how innovation and meticulous management can handle complex traffic with remarkable efficiency. It continues to impress both travelers and professionals, offering a glimpse into the intricate workings of one of the world’s largest rail networks.



# BCCI Announces ₹51 Crore Reward for World Cup-Winning Indian Women’s Team

In a historic moment for Indian cricket, the national women’s team lifted their maiden ICC Women’s World Cup trophy after defeating South Africa in a thrilling final. The victory ended decades of near misses, including the heartbreaks of the 2005 and 2017 finals, marking a new era for women’s cricket in India.

To honor this monumental achievement, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a massive cash reward of ₹51 crore for the entire squad, including players, coaches, and support staff. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia made the announcement in Mumbai, lauding the team’s remarkable journey and historic win.

“In 1983, Kapil Dev inspired a new generation by winning India’s first World Cup. Today, Harmanpreet Kaur and her team have done the same for women’s cricket,” Saikia said. “They have not only brought the trophy home but also won the hearts of millions, in-



spiring the next generation of cricketers.”

Saikia also praised the transformational efforts of former BCCI secretary Jay Shah, whose tenure from 2019 to 2024 saw major reforms in women’s cricket.

“Pay parity was introduced under his leadership, and ICC prize money for women’s tournaments was increased by 300 percent — from \$2.88 million to \$14 million,” he noted.

The Indian women’s team’s World Cup triumph has been hailed as a defining moment for gender equality in sports, drawing parallels to the 1983 men’s World Cup win that revolutionized Indian cricket.

With the ₹51 crore reward and growing institutional support, the achievement is expected to further boost the popularity and participation of women in cricket, firmly establishing India as a powerhouse in the global women’s game.

# Anirban Lahiri Shines with Consistent Play as McKibbin Wins Hong Kong Open



India’s Anirban Lahiri continued his fine form with yet another solid performance at the Link Hong Kong Open 2025, finishing as the top Indian golfer in the field. The LIV Golf star carded a two-under 68 in the final

round on Sunday, marking his fourth consecutive under-par round at the prestigious Asian Tour event.

Lahiri concluded the tournament with a total of 14-under, finishing 13 strokes behind Northern Ireland’s Tom McKibbin, who clinched the title in his maiden Asian Tour appearance. McKibbin delivered a commanding performance throughout the week, sealing victory with remarkable composure to secure his first-ever Asian Tour triumph at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Among the other Indian golfers, veteran SSP Chawrasia also impressed with a steady two-under 68 on the final day, finishing at 10-under overall. Ajeetesh Sandhu matched their round of 68, ending just one shot behind Chawrasia at 9-under, ensuring a respectable showing for the Indian contingent in the USD 2 million tournament.

Lahiri, representing Crushers GC in the LIV Golf circuit, once again demonstrated his consistency and experience, maintaining composure across all four rounds. His performance underlined his status as one of India’s most dependable golfers on the international stage.

While a victory eluded him this week, Lahiri’s string of under-par rounds will serve as a confidence booster ahead of his upcoming events. With his short game and putting in strong touch, the Indian ace continues to build momentum as he seeks to add another title to his international career.

For McKibbin, the Hong Kong Open marked a breakthrough performance, capping off a memorable debut on the Asian Tour and setting the stage for what promises to be a bright future in world golf.

# Unnati Hooda’s Exit Ends India’s Run at Hylo Open



India’s campaign at the Hylo Open 2025 came to an end after young badminton sensation Unnati Hooda bowed out in the women’s singles semifinals. The 18-year-old rising star from Rohtak went down in straight games to Indonesia’s top seed Putri Kusuma Wardani on Saturday night, losing 7-21, 13-21 in a 35-minute encounter.

Despite the defeat, Unnati’s performance throughout the tournament drew praise from badminton fans and experts alike. Displaying confidence, composure, and remarkable agility, she showcased her potential against top international players. However, against the experienced Wardani, Unnati struggled to match her opponent’s pace and precision, leading to an early deficit that proved difficult to recover from.

The semifinal loss marked the end of India’s challenge at the USD 475,000 Super 300 event, held in Saarbrücken, Germany. While Unnati’s campaign ended one step short of the final, her consistent showing reinforced her status as one of India’s most promising young shuttlers on the global stage.

Unnati’s impressive form follows her recent success as part of the Indian team that clinched its first-ever medal — a bronze — at the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships held in Guwahati last month. Her growing experience in both junior and senior international circuits has positioned her as a vital prospect for India’s badminton future.

With continued exposure and training, the teenage prodigy is expected to make deeper runs in upcoming BWF tournaments. Although the Hylo Open ended in disappointment, Unnati Hooda’s spirited performances have provided Indian badminton fans plenty of optimism for the years ahead, as she continues to mature and challenge the world’s best on the international stage.

# Bengaluru, Punjab Set Up Winner-Takes-All Clash in Super Cup



Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC are set for a thrilling winner-takes-all clash in the AIFF Super Cup after registering emphatic victories in their respective Group C matches on Sunday in Margao.

At the P.J.N Stadium, Bengaluru FC produced a dominant performance to thrash Gokulam Kerala FC 4-0, with Australian midfielder Ryan Williams stealing the spotlight. Williams scored twice and assisted another in a commanding display that showcased his creativity and finishing prowess.

Bengaluru opened the scoring early through Vinith Venkatesh before Williams doubled the lead with a clinical strike. The Australian playmaker then turned provider, setting up Sunil Chhetri for Bengaluru’s third goal as the Blues tightened their grip on the contest. Williams capped off a stellar evening by scoring his second and Bengaluru’s fourth, sealing a comprehensive win that reflected the team’s attacking intent and sharpness.

Meanwhile, in the other Group C fixture, Punjab FC cruised past Mohammedan Sporting with a confident 2-0 victory. The result means both Bengaluru and Punjab now sit level on points, setting up an exciting decider to determine who advances to the knockout stage.

For Bengaluru, the result marked a much-needed boost after an inconsistent run in domestic competitions. Under head coach Gerard Zaragoza, the Blues appeared organized and fluid in attack, with Williams orchestrating play in midfield and veterans like Chhetri providing leadership up front.

The final group-stage match between Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC promises to be an intense battle, with a semifinal berth on the line. Both sides have shown strong form, but only one will progress, making the upcoming encounter a true test of resilience, tactical discipline, and attacking flair in this year’s Super Cup.

# Celtic Defeat 10-Man Rangers to Enter Scottish League Cup Final

Celtic booked their place in the Scottish League Cup final with a hard-fought 3-1 win over arch-rivals Rangers at Hampden Park on Sunday, extending interim manager Martin O’Neill’s perfect start since returning to the helm. The result sees Celtic advance to face St. Mirren in next month’s final.

In just his second match back in charge following Brendan Rodgers’ resignation earlier in the week, O’Neill guided the Hoops to victory in an emotionally charged Old Firm clash. Celtic took the lead midway through the first half when Jonny Kenny headed home from Arne Engels’ corner. Rangers’ troubles deepened shortly before halftime when Thelo Aasgaard was sent off for a dangerous challenge on Anthony Ralston, reducing them to 10 men.

Despite being a man down, Rangers showed spirit and were rewarded late in normal time when James Tavernier converted a penalty after Ralston was penalized for handball, forcing extra time.

Celtic regained control in



the added period as Callum McGregor’s long-range strike restored their lead, catching Rangers goalkeeper Jack Butland off guard. The victory was sealed when teenager Callum Osmund — making only his second appearance for the senior side — slotted home Kieran Tierney’s cross for his first goal in green and white.

The win comes as both Glasgow giants adjust to new management following disappointing starts to the season. Rangers’ new boss Danny Rohl, just two weeks into his tenure, faces a massive task with his side trailing leaders Hearts by 14 points in the Scottish Premiership and struggling in Europe.

For O’Neill and Celtic, the result offers a timely morale boost and a chance to secure silverware early in his second spell, reigniting belief among fans after a turbulent period under Rodgers.



## 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 myr-

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.

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

Kajol, known for her 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. Now, the makers have officially locked the date and venue for the release of the film's first single, setting the stage for an electrifying start to its musical promotions.

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.

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 film features Samyuktha as the female lead, while Aadi Pinisetty will be seen in a powerful antagonist role. Produced by Raam Achanta and Gopi Achanta, Akhanda 2: Thaandavam promises to be a grand visual and musical experience, with S. Thaman composing the soundtrack.

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.



## 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.

The actress completed her ensemble with a chunky silver neckpiece and bracelet, adding an edgy touch to her otherwise delicate outfit. Her wavy hair and serene expression brought the entire look together, exuding understated elegance. Fans couldn't stop praising her for pulling off a look that was neither loud nor simple, but just the right balance of classy and bold — the kind that makes you look twice without even realizing it.

On the work front, Raashi's Tollywood comeback attempt with Telusu Kada didn't go as planned, and the film's failure reportedly left her momentarily disheartened. However, she seems undeterred, keeping her focus on upcoming projects. One of her biggest releases ahead is Ustaad Bhagat Singh, alongside Power Star Pawan Kalyan, which is currently in the pipeline.

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.