

Centre Implements Four New Labour Codes Replacing 29 Old Laws

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The Central Government has announced a historic decision, declaring that the four newly formulated Labour Codes, which replace 29 older and often complex labour laws, are being implemented and brought into effect immediately from Friday. Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya officially confirmed this landmark development, stating clearly, "We have notified the four Labour Codes. These have now become the laws of this country." This significant move marks a monumental reform in India's labour and employment landscape, fulfilling a long-pending commitment to modernize the legal framework governing workers' rights and working conditions. The Central Government released an official statement emphasizing

that this pivotal action is expected to significantly enhance labour regulations and improve the overall welfare of workers across various sectors. Furthermore, it is projected that this simplification and consolidation of laws will substantially strengthen domestic industries by creating a more predictable and conducive legal environment for business operations. The government clarified that the core objective of these comprehensive reforms is to prepare the labour system for the rapidly evolving dynamics of the modern work environment, aligning with the broader national mission of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India). Many of the country's previous labour laws were formulated during the 1930s to 1950s, a period when the economic structure and working practices were drastically different from the contemporary scenario.



The four new codes that have come into immediate effect are:
1.The Code on Wages, 2019
2.The Industrial Relations Code, 2020
3.The Code on Social Security, 2020
4.The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020

The central government highlighted that while many countries globally have already simplified and integrated their labour laws, India continued to operate under a complicated and outdated set of 29 different old statutes, often resulting in legal complexities and implementation hurdles. The government expressed confidence that these new, integrated labour codes will effectively resolve the issues of fragmentation and obsolescence. While the parliamentary approval for the four new Labour Codes was received back in 2020, their implementation was pending as various states were yet to finalize and notify the accompanying rules necessary for their practical application at the state level. The central government's decision to implement them now signals a major step towards uniformity and modernization of labour governance across the nation. The government believes this reform will ensure greater compliance, better social security coverage, and improved safety standards for the entire workforce, including those in the unorganized sector.

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Five Cases Filed Against iBomma Ravi For Piracy and Betting App Promotion

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The police have registered a total of five cases against iBomma Ravi concerning film piracy and other related illegal activities. The initial case was filed following a complaint lodged by the piracy cell, and Ravi has been arrested by the police in connection with this specific case and is currently undergoing intense interrogation. In addition to the piracy charges, a separate case has also been filed against him relating to the promotion of illegal betting applications. Furthermore, the police have registered additional cases based on formal complaints received from several film directors, indicating a broad scope of illegal activities allegedly committed by him within the entertainment ecosystem.

In an ongoing development, the Cyber Crime police have taken iBomma Ravi into custody for the second consecutive day as part of their five-day custodial interrogation period. The primary focus of the police investigation is to unearth the full scale of the operation and determine who else might be involved. Investigators are working on multiple angles, specifically questioning whether he received assistance from any accomplices, who might be operating behind the



scenes, or if he independently managed the entire piracy and promotional network. The police are determined to expose the complete operational structure, including the technical enablers and financial beneficiaries of the large-scale film piracy racket. Given the sensitive nature of the case, which directly impacts the revenues of the Telugu film industry, the police are employing advanced cyber forensic techniques to trace digital footprints, financial transactions, and communication logs to identify all individuals and entities involved in facilitating the illegal dissemination of copyrighted content. The betting app promotion charges further complicate the investigation, suggesting potential links between organized crime, illegal gambling, and film piracy, which could be part of a larger, inter-linked criminal enterprise. The interrogation is crucial for dismantling the network that causes massive financial losses to filmmakers and producers. The cooperation of industry stakeholders is also being sought to gather more evidence and testimonies against the accused. The outcome of the police custody is expected to lead to further arrests and the potential shutdown of the piracy operations linked to Ravi. The police are also examining the technical infrastructure used to host and distribute the pirated material, which often involves complex international server networks and sophisticated evasion tactics. This case is viewed as a major crackdown on the deep-rooted problem of digital content theft in the region, with authorities seeking to send a strong message to those profiting from intellectual property theft. The investigation into the betting app angle focuses on determining the quantum of payments received by Ravi and the extent of his involvement in the illegal gambling promotions. The seriousness of the five registered cases underscores the comprehensive legal action being pursued against him by the authorities.

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Betting Apps Case: CID SIT Probes Actors Nidhhi Agerwal, Srimukhi

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The investigation being conducted by the CID Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the high-profile case involving the promotion of illegal betting applications is gaining rapid momentum. As part of this accelerated probe, authorities on Friday questioned several prominent actors and television personalities. The celebrities summoned and interrogated by the officials today included actress Nidhhi Agerwal, anchor and actress Sreemukhi, and actress Amrutha Chowdary. According to available information, the CID officials meticulously questioned the three celebrities regarding various financial and contractual details related to their association with the illegal betting applications. The interrogation focused keenly on the specific details of

the agreements they entered into for promoting the betting apps, the exact amount of remuneration or fees they received for these endorsements, and the precise timeline, detailing the period during which they actively participated in the promotional campaigns for the illegal apps.

This round of questioning is part of a larger, ongoing investigation that has already seen several other major figures from the Telugu film and media industries being interrogated by the CID SIT. Previously, the investigating team has questioned notable personalities such as actors Ran a, Vijay Deverakonda, and Prakash Raj, as well as anchor and YSR Congress Party official spokesperson Syamala, and anchor Vishnupriya, among others. The case against celebrities who promoted these illegal betting applications was registered several months ago, following mounting con-



cerns over the widespread proliferation and adverse social impact of illegal online gambling across the state. In response to the growing menace and the need for a focused, high-level inquiry into the operations of these betting apps, the state government took the initiative to establish a dedicated Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the direct supervision of the Crime Investigation Department (CID). The formation of the SIT underscores the government's commitment to thoroughly investigate the large-scale network of illegal betting operations and the role played by public figures in endorsing these unlawful platforms. The CID SIT is tasked not only with investigating the ce-

lebrities involved but also with tracing the financial trail of the illegal betting syndicates, identifying the key operators, and dismantling the technical infrastructure that supports these activities. The SIT is examining whether the promotions violated any existing laws related to gaming, advertising standards, or financial regulations. The continued interrogation of influential personalities is aimed at establishing a clear chain of involvement and using their testimonies to build a strong legal case against the primary betting app organizers. The government is focused on cracking down on this issue to protect citizens from financial exploitation and addiction associated with illegal betting.

KTR Responds to Governor's Sanction, Challenges Government on Land Scams

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Former Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President, K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), has issued a strong statement following the news that Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has sanctioned his prosecution in connection with the Formula-E car case. Responding to the development, KTR maintained that the law will take its own course. He asserted his innocence vigorously, claiming that the entire state knows there is no merit in the case and strongly challenged the current government, stating, "The government does not have the courage to arrest me." He reaffirmed his claim of innocence a hundred times over regarding the Formula-E car case and declared his readiness to undergo a Lie Detector Test to prove his truthfulness, signaling his lack of fear regarding the official investigation. KTR went on to allege that a "Joint Venture Government" is currently operating in



the state, composed of the Congress and BJP parties, claiming that such an "unlawful alliance" is unprecedented in the country's political history. He criticized the government's handling of legislators who defected from the BRS, accusing them of allowing defected MLAs to resign to avoid the political embarrassment of being disqualified on technical grounds, citing the example of Danam Nagender who will be made to resign. He further speculated that the government might be looking for "technical excuses" to protect Kadiyam Srihari from disqualification.

Shifting his focus to policy, KTR launched a

scathing attack on the current Revanth Reddy government, accusing it of initiating a major "land scam." He claimed that during his ten-year tenure as a minister, he had rejected numerous requests for land conversion, even those involving significant financial offers, but the present government has now officially approved a huge land scam through a Cabinet decision. He referenced the regularization of Azamabad lands, noting that the BRS government had introduced a law for regularization with a 100% fee, or 200% if the land was in the hands of others. He alleged that the current government is attempting to hand over these lands

cheaply, questioning the government's right to grant 9,292 acres of public property as if it were a "free feast." KTR demanded that the government immediately withdraw its controversial decision. He warned potential buyers, urging caution as they "will get into trouble" and promising that the BRS would pursue a legal battle on the land issue. He vowed that the BRS government would return to power and "will not spare" those responsible for this alleged 5 lakh crore land scam, which he accused Revanth Reddy of orchestrating to personally benefit by 50,000 crore. He also appealed to BJP leaders to actively oppose this major land corruption.

Maoist Movement Faces Severe Setbacks, More May Surrender

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The Maoist movement, which traces its origins back four and a half decades to the erstwhile People's War group, is currently experiencing one of its most severe periods of turbulence and setbacks. The party is being severely hampered by a continuous series of encounters, where senior leaders have been killed, and high-profile surrenders, which have demoralized the rank and file. Faced with increasingly untenable conditions in Dandakaranya, the long-standing stronghold of the Maoists, several sen-

ior leaders are now abandoning their armed struggle and choosing to return to the mainstream way of life. Furthermore, reports indicate that several other key figures currently holding important positions within the party have also developed plans to leave the movement and integrate themselves into civil society. This decisive shift is perceived to be the result of a collective realization within the party that, given the relentless pressure and difficult circumstances they have been facing for some time, there is very little realistic chance of the movement achieving any significant forward momentum. This

sense of despair was dramatically intensified following the encounter death of the party's General Secretary, Basavaraj, in the core of Abujmahad on May 21st.

The current year has proven particularly devastating for the Maoist leadership. The party has suffered the deaths of several Central Committee members, including Chalapathi, Balakrishna, Ganesh, Katta Ramachandra Reddy, Kadari Satyanarayana Reddya, and Hidma. Simultaneously, other senior leaders such as Mallojula Venugopal and Ashanna have chosen to surrender to the authorities. Separately, leaders like Chandranna and Bandi Prakash have ab-



andoned the armed path due to severe health issues and rejoined the mainstream, collectively dealing a blow to the party's organizational structure and morale. Against this backdrop, intelligence suggests that two senior key leaders, four members of the Telangana State

Committee, and dozens of party cadres have finalized a plan to surrender and join the mainstream under the supervision of the Telangana Police. Reports indicate that the State Committee members are already under police observation, and there is a high likelihood that they will be presented before

unuri Narahari alias Santosh, who hails from Hanumakonda, is the in-charge of the Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee (BJSAC), while Paka Hanumanthu alias Ooke Ganesh from Pullmla in Nalgonda district's Chandur mandal, guides the South Regional Bureau. Narahari is operating in the Giridih area of Jharkhand, and Hanumanthu in the Kandhamal region of Odisha, according to Telangana intelligence. Recent efforts by Hanumanthu's family to meet and convince him to surrender in Kandhamal failed. While the Telangana State Committee is opting for surrender, there remains uncertainty regarding the where-

abouts and intentions of its secretary, Bade Chokkarao alias Damodar. The SIB is visibly intensifying its efforts to bring these three critical leaders into the path of surrender. The supreme leader of the Maoists, Ganapathi, remains elusive; while there were past speculations of him having fled to foreign countries via Nepal, intelligence sources dismiss these as mere rumors. Reliable information suggests Ganapathi was in Abujmahad until recently but was moved to another location shortly before the initiation of Operation Kagar, leaving his current whereabouts unknown.

Telangana Announces Comprehensive Reshuffle of IPS Cadre Across the State

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The Telangana Government, through the General Administration (SPL.B) Department, has issued a formal order, G.O.Rt.No.16 32, dated 21. 11.2025, notifying the transfer and posting of 32 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers across various key roles and jurisdictions within the state. This comprehensive reshuffle affects officers ranging from the rank of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) to Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and newly-promoted officers waiting for postings. The move is aimed at re-energizing the administrative and security apparatus, filling crucial

vacancies, and aligning the policing strategy with the government's priorities. The large-scale transfers cover postings in city commissionerates, district headquarters, specialized units like CID and the Anti-Narcotics Bureau, and training institutions.

A notable transfer is that of Sri Devendra Singh Chauhan, IPS (1997), the current Additional Director General of Police, Multizone-II. He has been transferred and appointed as the Additional Director General of Police (Personnel) in the Director General of Police's office. He has also been assigned the full additional charge of his previous post as ADGP, Multizone-II,



until further orders are issued. This indicates a focus on strengthening the personnel management aspect of the state police force. Another significant move is the transfer of Ms. J. Parimala Hana Nutan Jacob, IPS (2009), who was the Joint Commissioner of Police (Admn), Hyderabad City, and in-charge Joint Commissioner of Police, TGCCC. She is now posted as the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), CID, in Hyderabad, a crucial role in criminal investigations.

The reshuffle also sees several officers moving

between district and city postings. Sri K. Narayana Reddy, IPS (2013), Superintendent of Police (SP) of Vikarabad, has been transferred and posted as the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Maheshwar-nagar Zone, Rachakonda. In a reciprocal move, Ms. Sneha Mehra, IPS (2018), who was the DCP, South Zone, Hyderabad City, is transferred and appointed as the SP, Vikarabad, filling the vacancy created by Sri Reddy's move. Dr. Patil Sangramsingh Ganapatrao, IPS (2015), SP, CID, has been posted as the SP, Nagarkurnool District, replacing Sri Gai-kwad Vaibhav Raghu-nath, IPS (2018).

The Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TAN

B) also sees changes in its leadership. Sri Chen-nuri Rupesh, IPS (2017), SP, TG Anti-Narcotics Bureau, is now posted as the DCP, SM&IT, Hyderabad City. Replacing him at the Anti-Narcotics Bureau is Sri R. Giridhar, IPS (2017), who was previously the SP of Wanaparthi District. Smt. P.V. Padmaja, IPS (2013), DCP, Malkajgiri, Rachakonda, is transferred to the TANB as the Superintendent of Police (Admn). The transfers also involve a large group of junior officers from the 2020 to 2023 batches, including those serving as Sub-Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) and those from the Greyhounds special forces, who are being posted to new roles as

Additional Superintendents of Police (Addl. SPs) or ASPs in various districts, including Adilabad, Bhongir, Jagtial, Mulugu, and Etur-nagaram, reflecting the government's investment in strengthening policing at the grassroots level. The order also includes the first postings for three officers who were waiting for placement, including Ms. D. Sunitha, IPS, who is now posted as SP, Wanaparthi, and Sri S. Sreenivas, IPS, who is posted as SP, TG TRA NSCO. The order was issued by K. Ramakrishna Rao, the Chief Secretary to the Government, marking a significant administrative action in the state's police hierarchy.

CM Congratulates Boxer Nikhat Zareen on World Cup Gold

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has extended his congratulations to the state's champion boxer, Nikhat Zareen, for successfully securing a gold medal at the recent World Boxing Cup Finals. Commending her exceptional and dominant performance in the 51 kg weight category at the prestigious event, which was held in Greater Noida, the Chief Minister noted with pride that Zareen has once again brought immense pride to the nation, as well as to Telangana, on the international stage. The Chief Minister's message highlighted that her remarkable achievement will undoubtedly serve as a potent source of inspiration for the entire youth community and all aspiring sportspersons across the country, encouraging them to pursue their own ambitious goals with the same unwavering determination and confidence she demonstrates. CM Reddy also conveyed his heartfelt best wishes to Nikhat Zareen for continued and glorious success in all her future professional endeavours, cementing her status as a global icon.



The celebration of Zareen's victory extended far beyond the Chief Minister's office, drawing praise from senior political figures across the spectrum. Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu took to the social media platform 'X' to express the nation's profound pride in the unparalleled victory of the entire Indian boxing contingent at the World Boxing Cup Finals. He offered heartfelt congratulations to all the boxers for achieving a truly historic victory by collectively winning a total of 20 medals, including an impressive nine gold medals, showcasing their amazing sporting and fighting spirit. In particular, Naidu singled out Nikhat Zareen from Nizamabad, Telangana, offering her special congratulations for clinching a gold medal with her signature amazing punches. He expressed his firm belief that Indian athletes will continue to register many such amazing victories on international platforms with the same impressive spirit in the future.

Adding to the chorus of praise, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) also congratulated Nikhat Zareen on winning the Women's 51 KG World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 title. KTR's post on 'X' lauded her, stating, "Your relentless hard work and indomitable spirit continue to make India and Telangana a proud. You are an inspiration to countless young girls who dare to dream big. He's to many more victories!" Similarly, Telangana Jagruthi leader K. Kavitha posted her congratulations, saying, "Hearty congratulations to Nikhat Zareen on clinching the Women's 51 KG World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 crown! Your unwavering dedication reflects in every triumph, bringing immense pride to India and Telangana. Wishing you many more glorious victories in the years ahead!" This unified celebration across the state's political landscape underscores the immense pride and recognition afforded to Zareen's repeated success on the global stage. Her victory is seen not just as a sporting triumph but as a powerful symbol of Telangana's potential and spirit. The consensus among leaders is that Zareen's dedication and skill are setting a new benchmark for excellence for young athletes who look up to her as a national and state role model. Her continued presence in international competitions is highly anticipated as she prepares for future major tournaments, including potential Olympic qualification cycles. The total tally of 20 medals for the Indian team shows a promising future for Indian boxing as a whole.

Deputy CM Outlines Vision 2047 Focus at JNTU Diamond Jubilee

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu declared that Telangana must become a Global Growth Engine, asserting that JNTU will be the essential engine that drives this transformation. He made this strong statement while addressing the inauguration of the JNTU Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Friday. The Deputy CM emphasized that the government's comprehensive strategic document, Telangana Rising 2047, places a paramount focus on the triad of education, skills, and employment. During the event, he released a commemorative souvenir and felicitated distinguished alumni, expressing his pride in standing at such a historic institution that has successfully shaped lakhs of engineers, innovators, administrators, and visionaries over the past sixty years.

Mallu noted the deep historical significance of JNTU carrying the name of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who believed that the nation's future rested squarely on science, modern institutions, and the courage of its youth. He traced the university's journey from its inception at Nagarjunasagar Engineering College in 1965 to becoming India's first technological university in 1972, and now a globally recognized 100-acre Kukatpally campus, suggesting that JNTU has even surpassed Nehru's dream. He called the JNTU journey, from its roots in Gunfoundry and Masab Tank to its current focus on AI and Quantum Tech, a historic chapter in modern India's technological development. Quoting a humorous statistic, the Deputy CM suggested that if one were to throw a stone in Silicon Valley, it would likely land on either an IITian or a JNTU alumnus, illustrating the global reach and influence of the university's graduates. He highlighted the fact that JNTU has produced generations who have propelled India forward in fields

ranging from ISRO to Google, DRDO to Tesla, and in public sector leadership and deep-tech entrepreneurship, calling JNTU not just a university but a crucial "National Asset."

The Deputy CM acknowledged JNTU's consistent partnership with the state, particularly in conducting entrance exams with integrity, guiding its affiliated colleges, and supporting the government's innovation mission. He pointed out the vast scale of the institution, with 215 colleges and 3.5 lakh students belonging to the JNTU family. Shifting focus to Educational Reforms in Telangana, he stated that under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, work is underway to restore trust, transparency, and dignity in recruitment exams. Technical education is undergoing modernization through the establishment of the Young India Skills University, and 65 ITIs have already been upgraded to Advanced Technology Centres, with all 104 set to be transformed soon. He also announced the establishment of a Bharat Skill University equivalent to JNTU. Mallu emphasized that "Education is not a cost—it is an investment in the future."

Addressing specific university needs, he assured that all legitimate demands of JNTU—including the resolution of land lease issues, exemption from lease rent and property tax, and the request for 800 crore for infrastructure renewal—will be positively considered by the government. He provided a strong message to students, urging them to pursue curiosity and innovation beyond mere marks, and to focus on becoming job creators, not just job seekers. He highlighted India's potential to reach over 1,000 unicorn startups by 2027 and stated that Telangana is prepared to lead this revolution. He cautioned students against distractions, advising them, "If your screen time is higher than your study time, your degree is in danger," urging them.

Minister Vows 1,000 Cr for Handloom Sector and Inaugurates IIHT Lab



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Telangana Handlooms and Textiles Minister Tummalam Nageswara Rao announced his commitment to developing the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) in Telangana to a standard capable of competing globally. He made this declaration on Friday while inaugurating the institution's laboratory at the Nampally Handloom Bhavan. During his address, Minister Tummalam recalled that the IIHT for the undivided state was previously located at Venkatagiri. He credited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for successfully negotiating with the central government after the state's bifurcation to secure the IIHT's establishment within Telangana, thereby ensuring benefits for the state's handloom sector. To honour the respected leader, Konda Laxman Babuji, the IIHT has been named after him. Minister Tummalam directed officials to ensure

that the Konda Laxman Babuji IIHT achieves a reputation as one of the finest institutes in the country, thereby further enhancing the former leader's legacy.

Minister Tummalam expressed confidence that under the visionary leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, the handloom sector is set to experience a golden era of progress. He highlighted a significant financial commitment made by the current administration, stating that a substantial sum of 1,000 crore has been released for the handloom sector within just one and a half years of the government taking office. He contrasted this with the previous government, which he accused of hastily launching schemes for political gain only to abandon them later. He confirmed that the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' saree order has effectively provided a continuous stream of work for handloom workers, ensuring their hands are full and eliminating the need for them

to search for work. This is a crucial step towards stabilizing the livelihoods of thousands of weavers.

Further supporting the sector, he mentioned the establishment of a Yarn Depot at Vemulawada with an investment of 50 crore, through which 2,368 metric tonnes of yarn have already been supplied to powerloom societies. Additionally, the government is implementing the 'Nethanna Abhayasthanam' scheme with an allocation of 168 crore, encompassing the 'Nethanna Podupu' (weavers' savings) and 'Nethanna Bharosa' (weavers' assurance) sub-schemes. Under these programs, 304 crore has been released for handloom workers' savings and 68 crore for powerloom workers' savings. The government has also settled pending dues of 40 crore under the yarn subsidy scheme for powerloom workers. Moreover, personal loans amounting to 33 crore for handloom workers have been waived, providing significant financial relief.

Regarding the flagship 'Indira Mahila Shakti' saree distribution, Minister Tummalam detailed the massive scale of the program, stating that 65 lakh sarees are being distributed in rural areas and 35 lakh sarees in urban areas, totalling one crore sarees. CM Revanth Reddy is overseeing this distribution as a 'Puttiinti Kanuka' (gift from the maternal home). Minister Tummalam concluded by emphasizing that the handloom sector stands as a proud symbol reflecting India's culture and traditions, and that the "People's Government," led by CM Revanth Reddy, is resolutely working with the core objective of ensuring the happiness and prosperity of both the farmer (Raitanna) and the weaver (Nethanna). The event was attended by Principal Secretary of Handlooms and Textiles, Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyar, and other senior officials.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Presents Investment Roadmap to Corporate Giants

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu confidently stated that Telangana is the fastest-growing state in the country and an undisputed "paradise for investments." He delivered this message during a special meeting held on Friday morning at Praja Bhavan with top representatives from corporate consulting and real estate firms, including Deloitte, EY, KPMG, BCG, PwC, and JLL. The Deputy CM informed the business leaders that the people's government

is diligently working towards the ambitious goal of transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He highlighted that the state's unique advantages, such as favourable climatic and geographical conditions coupled with low-cost but highly skilled human resources, are major contributors to Telangana's strong economic growth and attractive investment environment. He asserted that this exceptional ecosystem is unparalleled by any other state in the country.

Detailing the state's massive infrastructure

plans, Mallu explained that connectivity is set to dramatically improve with the development of the Regional Ring Road (RRR), which will complement the existing Outer Ring Road (ORR) and interconnect major state districts. A strategic plan is in place to develop 39 radial roads situated between the ORR and the RRR, along which various specialized industrial parks—including pharma, IT, handloom, and agro—are rapidly emerging. He pointed out that Hyderabad is already home to prestigious central

educational institutions like IIT and IIIT, renowned universities, and hundreds of engineering colleges, and has developed IT and Pharma hubs to global standards, supported by a robust digital infrastructure. Crucially, the government guarantees an uninterrupted supply of 24-hour quality power to all industries. Furthermore, the Deputy CM assured investors that the government is actively planning measures to prevent any future electricity shortages, including a strategic transition towards green energy sources.



He also highlighted that Telangana, being situated between the lifeline rivers Krishna and Godavari, faces no water scarcity, with infrastructure already established to meet both domestic and extensive industrial water needs. Mallu also emphasized the state's exceptional security environment, stating that the Telangana Police is recognized as one of the finest law enforcement systems in the country. He noted that Telangana is nationally recognized for its excellence in cybercrime management, having won numerous awards. This strong law and order framework ensures that international investors can feel completely safe operating in Telangana.

Looking to the future, the state government is developing a massive Bharat Future City spanning over 30,000 acres. This project will feature world-class infrastructure, including a Skill University, international sports arenas, and dedicated IT and AI centres.



KTR Demands Immediate Withdrawal of HILTP,Alleges Rs 5 Lakh Crore Land Scam

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Friday strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government's newly announced Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP), labeling it as a mechanism for what he termed "India's biggest land scam" and demanding its immediate withdrawal. KTR alleged that the policy, which aims to convert industrial lands located inside the Outer Ring Road (ORR) into multi-use zones, could result in a massive loss of up to 5 lakh crore to the state's exchequer. Speaking to reporters in Hyderabad, KTR directly accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of attempting to transfer thousands of acres of highly valuable industrial land into lucrative real estate assets at "throwaway rates." He claimed this was primarily for the direct benefit of "politically connected middlemen, relatives, and specific real estate groups." The BRS leader contended that the policy, which the government markets as a transformation and regularisation initiative, is, in real-

ity, "a blueprint for a 5 lakh crore scam." He specified that the HILTP seeks to regularise nearly 9,292 acres of prime industrial clusters located in key areas like Balanagar, Jeedimetla, Sanathnagar, and Azamabad. KTR presented his calculation, estimating the open-market value of these lands at between 40 crore and 50 crore per acre, which places their total cumulative value between 4 lakh crore and 5 lakh crore. He claimed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is attempting to hand over these lands for just 30 per cent of the out dated Statutory Register Office (SRO) rate, a rate which he further alleged is "four to five times lower than the actual market value." The BRS leader expressed strong skepticism about the "unusual haste" exhibited in implementing the HILTP, pointing specifically to the policy's provisions, which include a remarkably short 7-day application window, a 7-day approval period, and the entire process of full regularisation being completed within just 45 days. KTR firmly alleged that "pre-arranged deals" had already been finalized eve

n before the policy received its official final approval and claimed that individuals closely associated with the Chief Minister were already involved in striking land agreements. He aggressively questioned the motivation behind this rapid implementation, asking, "Why this lightning speed for a matter worth lakhs of crores?" KTR reminded the public that industrial lands were originally allotted at significantly subsidized prices with the specific purpose of generating large-scale employment and promoting industrial production, often after being acquired from farmers. He accused the current Congress government of fundamentally undermining this public intent by facilitating massive windfall gains exclusively for private players. He stated, "We rejected such proposals during our term because public land cannot be gifted away to private beneficiaries." Characterizing the HILTP policy as an "ATM for the Congress Party," KTR alleged that the government had previously attempted similar questionable moves with land parcels

along the Musi riverbed, key Metro Rail corridor, and University of Hyderabad lands. He concluded with a personal attack, claiming that Revanth Reddy's only true vision is "real estate" and that the Chief Minister is "surrounded by land dealers." The BRS leader issued a stern warning to industries and developers, advising them against participating in any transactions under HILTP, asserting that any such deals would inevitably face intense legal scrutiny in the near future. He promised that a future BRS government would decisively reverse the policy, legally recover the land, and initiate strict criminal proceedings against all those involved. He suggested that the state should reclaim 50 per cent of the land for public use and auction the remaining plots, following the best practices of other metropolitan cities, in order to maximize revenue for the state. He further challenged the opposition BJP to actively oppose the policy and urged all citizens to remain highly alert to what he described as the "daylight robbery of Telangana's public assets

Sridhar Babu Rejects KTR's Claims on HILTP Policy as Misinformation

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Telangana Minister Sridhar Babu held a press meet at the Secretariat to counter the allegations made by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing the previous BRS government of financial anarchy and stating that KTR's mindset remains unchanged. The Minister strongly refuted KTR's claims regarding the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP), characterizing them as "untruths" and "misinformation." Sridhar Babu clarified that the policy, which KTR is aggressively campaigning against, is based on Government Orders (GOs) that were initially introduced by the previous BRS government itself to convert leased industrial lands into free-hold properties. The Minister asserted that the current Congress government is merely attempting to implement an impact fee on the free-hold lands, an initiative that was not properly executed by the BRS regime.

Sridhar Babu specifically addressed KTR's major allegation that the government is handing over land for only 30% of its value. The Minister clarified that the "30 per cent" KTR mentioned is not the land's value, but rather the conversion fee required to change the



land status. He accused KTR of deliberately making misleading comments and creating a political link between the conversion fee and the total land value, which are two separate concepts. He termed KTR's comments as "unjust" and noted that only the BRS party is capable of speaking such "untruthful words." He pointed out the hypocrisy, stating that the previous BRS government itself carried out numerous land conversions during its tenure. Sridhar Babu accused BRS leaders of actively resorting to threats and intimidation tactics, which he believes are aimed at preventing potential investments from coming into the state. He defended the HILTP, stating clearly

that only those who genuinely wish to retain their industries and convert their land will apply under the policy.

Responding to KTR's allegations about pre-arranged deals with individuals, the Minister challenged KTR to provide proof. He declared that no individual mentioned by KTR is currently part of the government, and if KTR could prove that any person with the alleged name has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the government regarding the land, the administration would take immediate action. He advised KTR to refrain from making "baseless allegations" without providing concrete evi-

dence. Sridhar Babu took a political jab at KTR, suggesting that the BRS party is seeing "stars in the daytime" following its defeat in the Jubilee Hills constituency, implying they are disoriented by their loss. He accused the BRS of actively trying to obstruct Hyderabad's journey towards becoming a Global City. He reiterated that the policy allows only those who own the land to apply for conversion. He advised KTR to stop making "windy claims" and provided the government's estimation that the conversion process is expected to generate an estimated revenue of 4,000 crore to 5,000 crore for the state, directly contradicting KTR's claim of a loss of 5 lakh crore.

Congress Hits Back at KTR, Claims BRS Leader Has 'Lost His Mind' After Jubilee Hills Loss

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MLC Dr. Balmoor Venkat held a press meet at Gandhi Bhavan to strongly counter K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) recent statements, suggesting that the BRS leader has "lost his mind" following the party's defeat in the Jubilee Hills constituency. Venkat criticized KTR's style of speaking, comparing him to the fictional character Pulakeshi (known for irrational behavior). The MLC clarified the legal procedure regarding the investigation of public officials, stating that the state government is proceeding strictly according to the law by seeking necessary permissions, such as the Governor's approval to investigate an MLA and the De-

partment of Personnel and Training's (DOP) permission to investigate IAS officers. He asserted that KTR making reckless statements is not a valid answer to the serious allegations he faces. Instead of diverting the issue and making counter-allegations against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Venkat demanded that KTR directly address the accusations brought against him. Venkat reminded KTR of his overconfident political claims during the Jubilee Hills election, where KTR had framed the contest as a battle between the "car" (BRS symbol) and the "bulldozer." The MLC asked KTR what happened to that prediction, accusing the Jubilee Hills electorate of re-

jecting the BRS party. Venkat used strong language, stating that KTR is speaking "shamelessly" despite the defeat. He further admonished KTR for invoking the Lie Detector Test when questioned about the Formula-E case, challenging him to hold a press meet and provide clear public clarification on the accusations he faces if he has the courage. Venkat presented two options to KTR: either clarify the allegations or simply admit that "as Minister, I did everything, and the officials only acted on my instructions." The MLC warned that the public is closely observing the discrepancy between KTR's statements in the ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau) investigation and his public comm-

ents. Venkat stated that KTR and Harish Rao are primarily responsible for answering the serious allegations recently made by their party colleague, K. Kavitha, a reference to internal BRS disputes. He warned KTR that if he does not change his behavior, the BRS might not even secure the deposit amount in the upcoming general elections, unlike the small win he achieved in Jubilee Hills. Venkat escalated the warning, cautioning KTR that if the situation continues, he might have to flee to America again. He challenged KTR and the Leader of the Opposition, K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), to initiate a discussion in the Assembly on the two years of the Congress pa-

rty's Praja Palana (people's rule), proposing a debate to compare the development achieved during the BRS's ten years with the progress made under the Congress government's two years. The Congress leader accused KTR of resorting to politics of revenge due to intense envy toward Revanth Reddy, stating that KTR's dedication as an opposition leader is the reason for this animosity. He noted that while KTR, as Minister, enhanced Hyderabad's international reputation through events like the Formula-E race and positioned Telangana at the forefront of the IT, Municipal, and Industrial sectors, KTR is now using his position to fuel personal animosity.

BRS Slams Formula-E Case, Calls Governor Sanction a Political Witch-Hunt



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BRS leader and former MLA Jeevan Reddy strongly criticized the Formula-E car race case against K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), labeling it as a "worthless case" and a "rumor of corruption" spread by the Congress party, highlighting the government's failure to defeat KTR in the public arena. He adamantly stated that KTR is and will remain as pure as a "washed pearl," a truth that time will prove. Speaking at a press conference in the BRS party office in Nizamabad city on Friday, Jeevan Reddy asserted that the Formula-E case is merely a pretense, and the real target of both the Congress and BJP is the BRS party's "car" symbol. He accused the Congress and BJP of jointly presenting the Formula-E case as a "fictional serial," sarcastically comparing it to drawn-out television dramas like Mogal-irekulu and Karthika Deepam, and claimed they are conspiring to weaken the BRS. He named Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Kishan

Reddy, Bandi Sanjay, and C.M. Ramesh as the "actors and masterminds" behind this conspiracy. Jeevan Reddy asserted that the case against KTR is the epitome of Revanth Reddy's frustration, accusing the Chief Minister of resorting to "diversion politics" due to his inability to govern effectively. He stated that the recent political process involving the Governor's sanction for KTR's prosecution is merely a "political spectacle" and a "magic act" orchestrated by the Congress-BJP alliance. He questioned the Governor's quick approval for cases against political rivals, contrasting it sharply with the delay in approving pro-people bills, such as the 42% reservation for BCs. He criticized the Governor for following the directions of "BJP bigwigs" to suppress political opponents. Jeevan Reddy openly accused the Governor's sanction of proving the "Fevicol bond" between the Congress and BJP once again.

The former MLA hailed KTR as a genu-

ine leader who fought for the achievement of Telangana state and a "fighter son" who strived for the state's freedom. He described KTR as "Mr. Clean" in the public sphere, clarifying that KTR sought to elevate Hyderabad's brand image globally through the Formula-E event, not to loot assets for his brothers and in-laws, unlike CM Revanth Reddy. He pointed out that KTR has no criminal history of being caught trying to buy MLAs, as Revanth Reddy does, and stated KTR has not committed even "half a paisa" of corruption. Jeevan Reddy strongly condemned the government for intentionally filing a false case with the specific conspiracy to defame KTR politically and personally by branding him as corrupt. He stated that the case is an ultimate act of revenge by Revanth Reddy, asking if "people's rule" means filing false cases against those fighting for the people. He warned that the BRS family comprises "fighters," while the Congress consists of "cheaters."

BRS Alleges 340 Crore Manakin Bio Investment is Bogus and Linked to Black Money

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BRS Chief Spokesperson Manne Krishank raised a severe question concerning the authenticity of a recently announced investment, asking how the Telangana government could announce a 340 crore investment five months ago, in June 2025, when the company in question, Manakin Bio, was only formally established just five days ago. Manne Krishank highlighted that the company, whose directors hail from Eluru, possesses a meager paid-up capi-

tal of only 1 lakh. This sharp accusation suggests the Congress government is publicizing "bogus investments." The Chief Spokesperson emphasized the beneficial outcomes brought by the BRS-era policies, citing that the progressive EV policy and robust industrial policies successfully attracted genuine investments, resulting in actual factories on the ground from reputable companies such as Bility Electric, Attero, Amara Raja, and ALLOX, which invested thousands of crore. In sharp contrast, Kris-

hank alleged that the investments announced by the new Congress government are "bogus" and exist only on paper. He cited companies like Godi India, Swachh Bio, Wals h Karra, and Urso Cluster as examples of entities with nothing tangible on the ground. The most recent and damning example, according to the BRS, is the 340 crore investment announced for Manakin Bio. Krishank highlighted the highly unusual timeline: the investment was announced by the state government in June 2025, but the co-

mpany was registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs only on November 12, 2025. This, he argued, represents an extremely rare incident of announcing a massive investment before the company was even legally registered. He pointed out that the company's paid-up capital is an insignificant 1 lakh, and its only two directors are Yathirajam Madhushesh and Yathirajam Anusooya, both from Eluru. Krishank stated clearly that the announcement of 340 crores under such dubious circumstances

is undeniable proof of a "bogus investment." He expressed strong suspicion that such shell companies are potentially being used as a vehicle to convert black money into white money. The BRS made a strong demand, calling for an immediate and thorough investigation into all such cases of alleged bogus investments. The party insisted on exposing the attempts to convert black money to white through the fraudulent use of shell companies. Finally, the BRS spokesperson demanded .

HYDRAA Saves 700 Crore Government Land in Kondapur from Encroachers



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The HYDRAA has successfully intervened to safeguard approximately four acres of prime government land in Kondapur of Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District, halting attempts by powerful individuals to illegally encroach upon it. This land, originally earmarked for public utilities and parks, is valued at an estimated 700 crore, with property rates in

the area reaching up to 200 crore per acre. HYDRAA acted decisively by erecting a fence around the four acres and installing official signboards designating the areas as park lands, putting a clear check on the activities of the land grabbers. The core issue traces back to the 1980s, when the Sri Venkateswara HAL Colony was developed over 57.20 acres, comprising 627 plots. During this develop-

ment, specific areas were allocated for two parks (1.20 acres each), another two-acre park, and 1,000 yards for public use. Over the years, these designated public spaces became targets for encroachment, with park lands being illegally subdivided into individual plots and sold off using by-numbers.

The Sri Venkateswara HAL Residents Welfare Association had been fighting this encroachment for decades and eventually approached HYDRAA through the Prajavani grievance system, submitting all relevant documentation. Following the complaint, HYDRAA officials conducted a meticulous on-site inspection, confirming that the designated park lands had indeed been illegally converted into residential plots. The in-

vestigation revealed that a layout was created in the 1980s through a General Power of Attorney (GPA) executed by Abhineni Anasuya and others to YBK Rao. The buyers of the subsequent plots and constructed buildings had even managed to regularize their properties through LRS and BRS schemes. Specifically, the 1.20-acre park was illegally split into three parts and sold as 11 plots. Other park areas were similarly partitioned and sold using by-numbers to multiple parties. The Association representatives informed HYDRAA that Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) were frequently targeted as buyers in these fraudulent transactions.

Furthermore, they stated that subsequent purchasers, including Simha Developers, Vasavi Co

nstructions, and a few others, had acquired these illegally sold plots and employed bouncers, completely preventing residents from even approaching the park areas. The Residents Welfare Association had also taken the matter to the High Court, which directed the authorities to protect the designated park and public utility lands and issued specific guidelines to HYDRAA to act on the matter. Complying with the High Court's directives, HYDRAA officials swiftly fenced the boundaries of the park lands and erected official boards on Friday. The local residents expressed immense happiness and gratitude for HYDRAA's prompt response to their complaint, which finally secured the protection of their valuable public spaces.



Cyberabad Police Honor Martyrs During Commemoration Week

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The Cyberabad Police Commissionerate has been actively observing Police Commemoration Week (from October 21st to October 31st, 2025) through a variety of meaningful commemoration activities. As a part of these efforts to honor the sacrifices and services rendered by the police force, the Commissionerate organized several creative and competitive events, including essay writing, short film, and photography contests, all centered around themes related to the police. The competitions saw enthusiastic participation from students belonging to various schools located within the Cyberabad Commissionerate limits. The students demonstrated commendable interest and a respectful spirit in honoring the police martyrs through their artistic and written submissions.

Crucially, the competitions were not limited to students; police staff ranging from Police Constables to Sub-Inspectors of Police also actively took part in

the essay writing contests, fostering internal reflection and discussion on important departmental issues. The police staff categories were divided into two main groups, each addressing a distinct and relevant topic. The first category, comprising A RSI/ASIs, ARHC/HCs, and ARPCs/PCs, focused their essays on the critical topic of "Gender Discrimination at work place." The winners in this category were Smt. M. Pushpalathi, ARWPC of CAR Hqrs; Smt. E. Sunitha, ARWPC of CSW; and Smt. P. Jyothi, ARWPC, CAR Hqrs. The second category, open to RSI/SI and above, addressed the strategic topic of "Strengthening of ground level policing." The winners were Smt. N. Rohini, RSI, CSW; Smt. K. Priyanka, RSI, CPG; and Sri D. Srinivas, RSI, CP Camp Office.

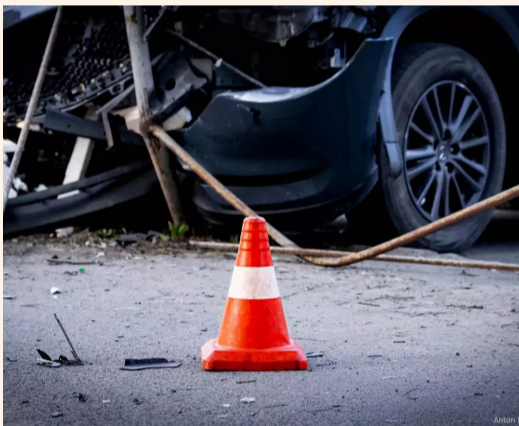
The student category focused on the pressing public health and law enforcement issue of "Drugs Menace – Role of Police in prevention and how students can stay away from drugs." The essay competition for students was divided

into two sub-categories: 9th & 10th Standard and 6th to 8th Standard, with five winners selected from each group, representing schools like SMP International School, The Global Edge School, Pallavi International School, OASIS School, and ZPHS Girls School, Alwal. Additionally, a special prize was awarded for a short film titled "Our world with Police," created by students Arnav Kotamarthi, Nishanth Chaluva di, Kaishori Dhar, and Pitta Sai Akulesh from Mount Litera Zee School, Manikonda. The photography competition was won by B. Mani Teja Harshini from ZPHS Girls School, Alwal. The winners, both students and police staff, were personally awarded prizes by Cyberabad CP Avinash Mohanty, IPS, who also took the opportunity to appreciate their efforts, creativity, and the strong expression of respect towards the department's martyrs. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Women & Child Safety Wing, K. Srujana, was also acknowledged for her role in coordinating the event.

Two Killed, Five Injured in Car Collision Near Rangareddy

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Two people lost their lives and five were injured in a tragic road accident on Friday morning near Kankamadi, which falls under the Moinabad police station limits in Rangareddy district. The accident involved a severe collision between two cars on the highway. A police officer confirmed the details, stating that the incident occurred early in the morning. Immediately after the collision was reported, the police rushed to the scene to manage the situation and provide assistance. Their initial action involved promptly shifting the injured individuals to a local hospital for urgent medical attention. Simultaneously, the bodies of the deceased were transported to the police mortuary (PME) for post-mortem examination. According to an official statement, the collision occurred at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Friday. The officer confirmed that two individuals were killed and five sustained injuries in the impact. The police have taken necessary legal action by registering a formal case concerning the accident. A thorough investigation is currently underway to determine the exact circumstances, the primary cause of the col-



lision, and to identify any potential negligence that might have contributed to the tragic outcome. The investigation will examine factors such as speed, driving behavior, road conditions, and adherence to traffic rules by the drivers of both vehicles involved.

In a separate, though similar, incident earlier on Thursday, a major disaster was narrowly averted on the Hyderabad-Bengaluru National Highway (NH 44) near Macharam in Jadcherla mandal, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana. In this incident, a passenger bus carrying an estimated 32 to 45 passengers collided with a tanker carrying chemicals. Fortunately, all passengers and the bus crew had a narrow escape, with no casualties reported. The collision, which occurred early in the morning, caused a leak of hydraulic acid from the

container, creating a large, visible plume of smoke. The police confirmed that two fire tenders were immediately dispatched to the scene, and they successfully controlled the smoke and mitigated the chemical hazard. A Jadcherla police official confirmed that the collision involved a private travel bus and a tanker carrying the acid, both of which were traveling from Kurnool towards Hyderabad. The quick response of the fire department and police ensured that the chemical spill was contained and all passengers were safely evacuated, preventing a much larger disaster involving hazardous materials. The series of accidents underscores the need for increased road safety measures and stricter enforcement of traffic laws on major national highways in the region.

41 Liquor Bottles Seized, Two Booked for Non-Duty Paid Smuggling

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The STF-A Team, led by Excise Superintendent Anji Reddy and his staff, successfully confiscated a total of 41 bottles of liquor during a road inspection operation. The seizure was made on Friday as the liquor was being transported without the necessary permits. The confiscated alcohol was identified as NDPL (Non-Duty Paid Liquor), which had been illegally brought into Telangana State via airline routes from other states, specifically Goa and Delhi. The specialized team carried out detailed vehicle inspections on the road, a tactic which led to the interception and eventual seizure of the illicit consignment.

The liquor, which was being illegally brought in from other states without any requisite permits or payment of state excise duties, was formally handed over to the Saroornagar Excise Station. Superintendent Anji Reddy confirmed the details of the operation, including the seizure and the subsequent legal action taken by the department. He further stated that a case has been registered against two individuals involved in the illegal transport and smuggling of the

non-duty paid liquor. The operation highlights the ongoing efforts by the Excise Department and the Special Task Force (STF) to curb the illegal trade of alcohol, which results in significant revenue loss for the state and undermines legitimate businesses. Smuggling liquor from states like Goa and Delhi, where prices or taxes may be lower, is a common route for illicit trade, and the use of air travel followed by road transport suggests an organized network is involved in moving the goods. The use of Non-Duty Paid Liquor typically indicates evasion of local taxes, making the goods illegal for sale or distribution within the state. The Excise Department's focus on these types of inter-state smuggling cases is a critical part of its mandate to enforce excise laws and protect state revenues. The investigation will now focus on identifying the source of the liquor in Goa and Delhi, the network of smugglers operating between the states, and the intended destination and distribution chain within Telangana. The two booked individuals are likely facing charges under relevant sections of the Telangana Excise Act.

Sajjanar Reviews Police Skill Development Training Program



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Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection and review of the ongoing skill development training program designed for police personnel on Friday. The training, aptly titled 'A New Beginning for a Great Change' (), is a key initiative aimed at enhancing the professional capabilities and community interaction skills of the force. Commissioner Sajjanar made unannounced visits to the two primary training centers where the program is being conducted: Petlaburj and Chelapura CTC (City Training Center) in Hyderabad. During his visit, he personally observed the execution of the training modules and meticulously reviewed the entire curriculum and methodology being employed by the trainers.

Approximately 350 police personnel, ranging in rank from Home Guards to Sub-Inspectors (SIs), attended the one-day training session across the two cen-

ters. The participants included staff from the Charminar Division, Mir Chowk Division, the CAR Headquarters, and the Home Guard Office, with a significant participation of women constables. Commissioner Sajjanar took the time to directly interact with the participating staff, asking them about their learning experiences, the effectiveness of the training content, and how they planned to apply the new skills in their daily duties. Following his detailed observation and engagement with the personnel, the Commissioner expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the training was being imparted. He offered his commendation for the quality of the instruction and the enthusiastic participation demonstrated by the police staff.

The skill development program is considered crucial for modern policing, focusing on improving aspects like effective communication, community engagement, technology usage, and behavioral

training, which are essential for building trust and ensuring effective law enforcement. The program's objective is to equip the ground-level force with updated skills to handle complex situations with greater efficiency and professionalism. The successful participation of a large number of personnel, including those from key administrative and operational units, underscores the commitment of the Hyderabad City Police to continuous professional development. The focus on personnel from the Home Guard to the SI level ensures that the training benefits the frontline officers who have the most frequent direct interactions with the public. The inspection by the Commissioner himself highlights the importance placed on this initiative within the Hyderabad City Police structure. The event was also attended by DCP Headquarters Smt. Rakshita Krishnamoorthy, IPS, and Additional DCPs Sri B. Kishtiah and Sri N. Bhaskar.

Rachakonda CP Reviews Security for Telangana Rising Global Summit

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Rachakonda Commissioner of Police (CP) Sudheer Babu, IPS, announced that extensive security arrangements are being put in place for the upcoming Telangana Rising Global Summit, scheduled to take place on December 8th and 9th. The high-profile event is set to be held in the Mirkhanket area within the Maheshwaram Zone. The CP personally led a review of the security, traffic, and law and order arrangements today, demonstrating the serious commitment of the police to ensure the summit's smooth and safe execution. CP Sudheer Babu, along with other senior officials, meticulously

inspected the road map, the designated parking areas, the helipad location, and the main meeting venue. Following the thorough ground inspection, the Commissioner provided necessary advice and detailed instructions to the attending police officers, ensuring that all logistical and security protocols are understood and implemented correctly.

The Telangana Rising Global Summit is expected to attract a significant number of national and international delegates, including key investors, political figures, and business leaders, making the extensive security arrangements a critical necessity. The police plan includes the deploy-

ment of a large number of personnel to manage crowd control, secure the perimeter, and maintain order throughout the two-day event. Traffic management is a particularly crucial aspect of the plan, given the expected influx of VIP convoys and general attendees into the Maheshwaram zone. The CP's inspection of the road map was aimed at optimizing traffic flow, identifying potential bottlenecks, and establishing clear diversion routes to prevent any disruption to the daily commute in the surrounding areas. The provision of a dedicated helipad suggests the attendance of high-level dignitaries who will require specialized security pro-

ocols, which the Rachakonda police force is actively preparing for.

The security preparations are not limited to the venue alone; they also encompass surveillance and intelligence gathering in the days leading up to the summit to preemptively mitigate any potential threats or disturbances. The goal is to create a completely secure environment that allows delegates to focus solely on the summit's agenda of promoting investment and economic growth in Telangana. Accompanying CP Sudheer Babu during the inspection were Maheshwaram Zone DCP Sunitha Reddy and Ibrahimpatnam AC P, along with other senior members of the Ra-

chakonda police force. Their combined effort underscores a unified approach to security planning for the major global event. The successful execution of the security plan is essential for upholding the state's reputation as a safe and capable host for international gatherings. The summit itself is a key initiative of the government to showcase Telangana's economic potential and secure foreign investment, making the security of the event paramount to its success. The detailed planning and personal involvement of the CP reflect the gravity with which the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate views this assignment.

Treasure Hunt Drama Unfolds in Mangapet

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A sensational incident involving the digging for hidden treasures has come to light, with the news slowly emerging from the Mangapet Mandal in Mulugu District. The issue of Gupta Nidhulu (hidden treasure) digging has caused a stir not only in Telangana but also in the neighboring state of Maharashtra. The entire episode came into focus after a video allegedly showing the digging activities began to circulate and go viral on social media platforms.

The details that emerged point to an operation involving four individuals who are residents of the Mangapet Mandal. These four individuals were reportedly engaged in digging for hidden treasure on the premises of a house near Sirivancha in Maharashtra.

According to the local rumors and unconfirmed reports, the group successfully unearthed a hidden treasure from the site in Maharashtra and subsequently transported it back to their native village in Mulugu District, where

they allegedly buried it again. The entire affair came tumbling out into the open when a dispute arose over the sharing and division of the unearthed treasure among the four members of the group. The internal conflict led to the information being leaked, catching the attention of local authorities.

The police have now stepped in and are actively investigating the matter. Following the directives of the District SP Shabarish, an investigation has been launched into the allegations of illegal treasure dig-

ging. The investigation will focus on confirming the exact location and nature of the digging, whether any treasure was indeed found, and the veracity of the viral video. Crucially, the police will also investigate the inter-state dimension of the activity, as the initial digging reportedly took place in Maharashtra before the supposed treasure was brought to Telangana. Illegal treasure hunting often involves trespassing, property damage, and violation of archaeological and historical preservation laws, which

the police will be looking to enforce. The spread of the video and the subsequent rumors have caused considerable excitement and anxiety in the area, highlighting the enduring belief in hidden wealth in certain rural regions. The involvement of the District SP indicates the gravity with which the authorities are treating this case, ensuring a thorough investigation into the claims and the actions of the four individuals involved in the highly secretive and now public affair. (Word Count: 395)

Major Ganja Seizure in Khammam: 30.5 Kg Confiscated, Three Arrested

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The Khammam Enforcement staff, led by CI Srinivas, achieved a significant breakthrough in the crackdown on drug trafficking by successfully intercepting and seizing a large quantity of Ganja (cannabis). The operation took place near Rallavagu in the Adlapuram Municipality. The Excise staff noticed three individuals acting suspiciously, carrying sacks near the location. Upon approaching and inspecting the sacks, the enforcement team confirmed the presence of Ganja and immediately took the three individuals into custody.

Following the arrest, the seized narcotic substance was weighed. The Assistant Commissioner, G. Ganesh, confirmed that the total weight of the confiscated Ganja amounted to 30.5 kilograms. The estimated

market value of the seized drugs is approximately 16 lakh. CI Srinivas revealed that the drug consignment was being transported from Odisha and was destined for Maharashtra. The three arrested individuals were identified as residents of Maharashtra: Rahul Ashok Anwal, Sanket Bala Saheb Lodwal, and Harichandra Kishore Lonkar. All three were arrested on the spot and subsequently handed over to the Khammam Two Town Excise Station for further legal proceedings and investigation.

The successful operation highlights the continuous and inter-state nature of drug smuggling routes, with Khammam often serving as a transit point for narcotics moving from the source areas in Odisha towards consumption centers in states like Maharashtra. The Enforcement Department's vigilance in pa-



trolling and surveillance was key to the seizure. The enforcement team involved in the apprehension included CI Srinivas, along with staff members Sudheer, Venkat, Vijaykumar, Hanumanth Rao, Upender, and Veerababu. The team's successful effort was recognized and commended by high-ranking officials.

The Director of Enforcement, Shanawaz Qasim, Khammam Deputy Commissioner Janardhan Reddy, Assistant Commissioner Ganesh, and Excise Superintendent Tirupati all offered their congratulations to CI Srinivas and his team for their commendable work in curbing the drug trade. The

seizure is a significant blow to the drug trafficking network operating through the region, underscoring the commitment of the Khammam Excise Department to maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety by aggressively targeting the illegal transport of narcotics.

MP Mallu Ravi Focuses on Job Creation in Meeting with Nagarkurnool Bank Officials

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Member of Parliament (MP) Dr. Mallu Ravi held a crucial meeting today with officials from the Telangana Grameena Bank at the district center of Nagarkurnool. The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss strategies for creating employment opportunities and promoting self-employment among the unemployed youth within his parliamentary constituency. MP Mallu Ravi made a strong request to the bank officials, urging the banks to step forward and play a proactive role in expanding avenues for self-employment for the youth in his area.

The MP underscored the importance of loan disbursement as a critical factor for the economic advancement of young people. He stressed that banks should maintain a streamlined and easy loan sanction process for eligi-

ble applicants. Furthermore, he suggested that the banks should provide special guidance and mentorship to the qualified youth, helping them navigate the complexities of starting and running a business. He explicitly stated that increasing employment opportunities in rural areas is a key objective of the government, and therefore, the cooperation of the banks is absolutely essential to achieve this goal effectively. The MP's initiative directly addresses the pressing issue of unemployment, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, by seeking to leverage financial institutions to channel capital towards entrepreneurial ventures.

In response to the MP's suggestions and concerns, the bank officials assured Dr. Mallu Ravi that they would take necessary steps to make special loan schemes available. These schemes will be designed spe-

cifically to encourage and promote youth participation in small and medium-scale enterprises, the service sector, and agriculture-allied industries. This commitment from the bank officials is expected to pave the way for easier access to credit for young entrepreneurs. MP Dr. Mallu Ravi concluded the meeting by reiterating his personal commitment to the cause, stating that he will work diligently with all forces to reduce the unemployment problem. He pledged his continued support for the development and economic upliftment of the youth in his constituency. The meeting signals a collaborative approach between political representatives and financial institutions to drive local economic growth and tackle the pervasive issue of joblessness by promoting entrepreneurship and financial inclusion at the grassroots level.



MLA Padmarao Goud Distributes CM Relief Fund Checks to Secunderabad Beneficiaries

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Secunderabad MLA Tigulla Padmarao Goud announced that he and his team are continuously striving to provide assistance and ensure that welfare benefits reach every household within the Secunderabad constituency. The MLA affirmed his commitment to relentlessly work for the welfare and support of the poor residents of the area. On Friday, the MLA personally distributed checks sanctioned through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to 22 beneficiaries from the Secunderabad constituency. The total value of the checks distributed amounted to approxi-

mately 8 lakh. The distribution ceremony took place at the MLA's camp office in Seethaphalmandi.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Padmarao Goud emphasized his vision of transforming the Secunderabad constituency into a model constituency. He encouraged the public to approach his office directly with any issues or problems they may be facing, assuring them of his full support and accessibility. The MLA specifically highlighted the high priority he places on providing medical services and necessary financial aid for the poor residents, acknowledging the critical role of timely assistance in

healthcare. The distribution of the CMRF checks is a direct mechanism for the government to provide financial relief to those facing medical emergencies or other severe financial hardships. The CMRF is a crucial government initiative designed to offer a lifeline to the most vulnerable citizens.

The event was attended by several local political leaders and officials, demonstrating a united front in community service. Those present included Corporators Samala Hema, Lingani Prasanna Lakshmi Srinivas, Kandi Shailaja, and Rasuri Sunitha. The MLA was also accompanied by the BRS youth leader,



Tigulla Rameshwar Goud, alongside various other leaders and officials who participated in the check distribution. The MLA's continued focus on health-related aid and his call for constituents to approach his office directly reflect an accessible and people-centric approach to political representation. By consistently ensuring the delivery of welfare schemes, the MLA aims to ad-

dress the immediate needs of the poor and marginalized communities, thereby fulfilling the government's mandate of inclusive development and poverty alleviation. His ongoing efforts align with the broader state strategy of utilizing the CMRF effectively to provide critical financial support where it is most needed, particularly for high-cost medical treatments.

Minister Congratulates Fishermen on World Fisheries Day

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On the occasion of World Fisheries Workers Day, the Minister extended heartfelt greetings and sincere congratulations to all those who depend on this profession for their livelihood, including the Gangaputras, Bestas, Gundlas, and Mudirajs communities. The Minister acknowledged the crucial role played by the fishermen community, stating that they serve as the backbone of the nation's economic system and food security. This recognition underscores the vital, yet often underappreciated, contribution of the fisheries sector to the national economy and the food supply chain.

The Minister affirmed the commitment of the Praja Palana (People's

Rule) government to the welfare and protection of the fishermen community. This assurance signals the government's continued focus on supporting traditional livelihood practices and ensuring the well-being of the working class in the fisheries sector. A key focus of the government's intervention in the sector is the distribution of fish seedlings (fish seed distribution). This practice is intended to not only preserve and protect the fishing profession itself but also to help the community grow financially. By stocking water bodies with fish seedlings, the government aims to enhance the fish yield, thereby making the profession more economically viable and

securing the community's income. The initiative also contributes to making fish a readily available food source for the poor.

The message concluded with a sincere wish for the entire community to experience good fortune and achieve economic prosperity in their profession. The celebration of World Fisheries Workers Day serves as a reminder of the need to support sustainable fishing practices, conserve aquatic resources, and safeguard the social and economic rights of the millions of people who dedicate their lives to this industry. By publicly acknowledging the Gangaputras, Bestas, Gundlas, and Mudirajs, the Minister specifically addressed the key

Man Brutally Attacked After Intervening in Neighbor's Dispute in Vikarabad

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A shocking incident of brutal assault was reported from Rajiv Nagar in the Vikarabad district center, where a man was severely beaten after attempting to mediate a quarrel between his neighbors. The victim, identified as Mohammad, a resident of Rajiv Nagar, suffered indiscriminate injuries after he tried to intervene in a late-night dispute between his neighbor, Ramaswamy, and a group of individuals from Gerigentipalli Tanda. The incident occurred on Thursday night. According to reports, the Tanda residents were arguing with Ramaswamy, and his wife approached Mo-

hammad, requesting him to mediate and send the group away, suggesting they could discuss the matter the next morning.

Mohammad acted as a peacemaker, asking the group why they were quarreling so late at night and advising them to return in the morning. Instead of heeding his advice, the group turned on him, angrily challenging him, saying they would "advise" him on why they were fighting. They then forcibly put Mohammad on a bike and took him to the outskirts of Anantagiri Palli. Before reaching the location, they had apparently informed other Tanda residents. A car arrived at the spot carrying five



young men, who, without even trying to understand the situation, launched a violent and indiscriminate attack on Mohammad.

The attackers used sticks, stones, and a knife, inflicting multiple stab wounds and blunt force injuries all over his body. Mohammad eventually lost consciousness due to the

severe beating. Assuming he was dead, the attackers left him at the site and fled. After regaining consciousness, Mohammad somehow managed to reach his home. His family members immediately contacted the emergency services (Dial 100) and rushed him to the hospital. Mohammad is currently receiving treat-

ment at the Vikarabad Government Hospital for his severe injuries. He and his family are demanding that the police take stringent action against the assailants responsible for the brutal assault. Following a complaint filed by Mohammad's family, the police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the matter. It was also noted that one of the individuals involved in the atrocity is the brother of a local Congress leader. The news report included bytes from the victim, Mohammad, and a relative, Akbar, underscoring the severity and injustice of the attack on a person who was merely trying to promote peace.



Modi’s G20 Defiance: Why The Global South Is Done Waiting For America



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Johannesburg for the first G20 summit held on African soil, signaling a strong message that multilateralism cannot be stalled by one nation’s absence. While former US President Donald Trump boycotted the summit over unverified claims about South African farmers, Modi’s attendance underscored that global challenges cannot wait for American approval. Trump’s boycott reflects a broader retreat from multilateralism. Since returning to office, his administration has exited the Paris Climate Agreement, UNE-

SCO, and WHO, and reviewed other global treaties with the intention of abandoning them. In contrast, the Johannesburg summit has proceeded effectively, demonstrating that multilateral cooperation is possible without US participation. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa insisted on a joint declaration despite Washington’s pressure, reinforcing that smaller or emerging economies will not be coerced into weakening their agendas. Leaders from France, Germany, the UK, Brazil, China, Russia, and other major economies actively engaged in discussions on

debt relief for developing countries, climate finance, disaster resilience, and inequality reduction, showcasing the summit’s continued relevance. Modi’s leadership during India’s 2023 G20 presidency strengthened the voice of the Global South by securing the African Union’s permanent membership, representing 55 African nations and expanding the G20’s global representation to 80 percent of the world population. This move amplified previously marginalized perspectives in global economic governance. India’s presidency also achieved consensus on the New Delhi Leaders’ Decla-

ration, covering development, climate action, digital infrastructure, and multilateral reforms. South Africa’s current presidency continues this legacy, prioritizing debt sustainability, climate finance, disaster risk reduction, and critical minerals governance—issues vital to developing nations disproportionately affected by global crises. Modi’s presence in Johannesburg highlights India’s commitment to bridging North-South divides and ensuring that global forums address real-world challenges rather than political posturing. By contrast, the US absence illus-

trates a growing divergence in priorities between the Global South and traditional Western powers. The summit demonstrates that multilateralism does not depend on a single country. India’s active role affirms the rising influence of developing nations in shaping global agendas, while America’s retreat signals a potential long-term decline in its unilateral influence within international institutions. The Johannesburg G20 reinforces a multipolar reality where global cooperation continues despite geopolitical tensions.

India Pushes for Multidimensional Atmanirbharta Index



As India accelerates its ‘Make in India’ and self-reliance initiatives, experts are calling for a comprehensive Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) Index to measure, assess, and incentivize domestic industry and innovation at the company level. India’s Atmanirbhar Bharat mission has prioritized indigenous production, technological independence, and innovation, but current metrics—primarily trade-based—fail to capture the full picture. A multidimensional index would provide granular insights into which companies are driving true self-reliance, highlight best practices, and identify areas needing policy intervention. Unlike previous sector-level indices, the proposed framework would focus on company-specific performance, enabling targeted strategies rather than one-size-fits-all solutions. This could foster healthy competition, pushing firms to strengthen local capabilities while remaining globally competitive. **Key pillars of the proposed index include:** Technology Independence: Measures domestic R&D investment, patent ownership, and adoption of locally developed technologies. Companies collaborating with Indian research institutions or creating proprietary intellectual property would score higher. Supply Chain Resilience: Evaluates local sourcing, contingency planning, and the ability to withstand global disruptions. Resilient firms can

maintain operations even amid international market volatility. International Competitiveness: Rewards companies that export, innovate, and adhere to global standards, ensuring India produces not just substitutes but products that succeed globally. A suggested scoring system could allocate 40 points for technology independence, and 30 each for supply chain resilience and global competitiveness. Data could be sourced from audited reports, industry databases, and verified company submissions. Annual publication of scores via a national Atmanirbharta Dashboard would offer transparency, drive accountability, and encourage firms to enhance performance. Linking index performance with policy incentives—such as access to Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, tax benefits, or government procurement priority—could transform self-reliance from a policy aspiration into actionable business strategy. Firms investing in local technology, reducing import dependence, or boosting exports would gain tangible advantages, promoting long-term capability building over short-term cost-cutting. The Atmanirbharta Index, by quantifying self-reliance and rewarding innovation, could serve as a strategic compass for India’s industrial future, helping the country move towards enhanced autonomy, global competitiveness, and sustainable growth.

Why Freebies Alone Don’t Decide Bihar Elections



Patna: The Bihar Assembly elections have reignited discussions on the role of freebies in shaping voter behavior, raising questions about whether such incentives alone can secure electoral victory. While promises of free electricity, subsidized food, household goods, and other largesse are a familiar feature in Indian politics, analysts argue that they are no longer a guaranteed route to power. Freebies have a long-standing history across Indian states. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi captured attention with free bus rides and subsidies for water and electricity. In Tamil Nadu, both the DMK and AIADMK have offered items like TVs, laptops, and mobile phones during elections. Free power to farmers has been a consistent promise in multiple states. Bihar, too, witnessed a barrage of assurances during its recent polls, continuing this tra-

dition of populist measures. Yet, experts caution that such incentives cannot substitute for effective governance, social development, and economic opportunities. Bihar’s economy, though growing rapidly, does so from a low base. The state faces deep structural challenges, including low per capita income, high unemployment, and limited industrialisation. Voters are increasingly aware that one-time perks do not address long-term concerns such as education, healthcare, job creation, and infrastructure development. Women have historically been a crucial constituency in Bihar, and their support is shaped by a combination of social welfare programs, empowerment initiatives, and tangible development outcomes, rather than freebies alone. Nitish Kumar’s political success, for instance, has been attributed not only to

targeted welfare schemes but also to governance initiatives and a focus on law and order, women’s safety, and rural development. Moreover, political analysts point out that overreliance on freebie politics can backfire. Unsustainable promises can strain state finances, erode trust if unmet, and fuel public cynicism. As Indian voters grow more aspirational and informed, the focus is shifting toward performance, delivery, and credibility. In conclusion, while freebies remain a tactical tool in election campaigns, Bihar’s experience underscores that long-term development, governance quality, and social welfare play a more decisive role in shaping electoral outcomes. Politicians seeking durable support must balance immediate incentives with policies that address the structural and socio-economic needs of the population.

Delhi’s Toxic Air: A Public Health Emergency



Delhi’s air pollution has reached crisis proportions, severely affecting the health and well-being of its residents. Scientists estimate that prolonged exposure to toxic air in the capital shortens life expectancy by nearly a decade, with children and vulnerable populations bearing the heaviest burden. Recent data reveals the gravity of the situation: in 2023 alone, ambient particulate matter accounted for over 17,000 deaths in Delhi, roughly one in seven. Fine particles, particularly PM2.5, penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the bloodstream, and trigger inflammation, increasing the risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, cardio-

vascular ailments, stroke, lung cancer, and even neurological disorders. For children, exposure is linked to developmental delays, lower academic performance, and early cognitive decline. Surveys indicate that 62% of families report burning eyes, 46% nasal congestion, 31% breathing difficulties, and 15% sleep problems—all pollution-related. The causes are well-known and recurring: vehicular emissions, construction dust, industrial pollution, biomass burning, and crop residue burning in neighbouring states. Seasonal temperature inversions trap pollutants close to the ground, turning Delhi into a “bowl of stagnation.” Despite this clarity,

long-term systemic solutions remain elusive. Temporary fixes are deployed annually, but they fail to address the root causes. Experts argue that tackling Delhi’s air crisis requires coordinated, inter-state action involving Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan. The central government must lead with a time-bound action plan, measurable targets, regular audits, penalties for non-compliance, judicial oversight, and the full-time involvement of environmental experts. Strengthening emission controls, transport reforms, crop-burning mitigation, and urban green infrastructure are essential, yet fragmented state-level efforts cannot suffice.

The crisis is compounded by political finger-pointing. Governments alternately blame each other, while citizens continue to suffer. Delhi’s residents should not have to endure polluted air as a fact of life. Instead, collective, conscious, and courageous action from both administrators and policymakers is needed. The capital has the potential to become a model for air-quality management, demonstrating that even the most entrenched smog can be dispelled. Breathing clean air should not be a privilege—it is a fundamental right. The question is no longer why Delhi suffers, but why society tolerates it. Immediate systemic reform is the only path forward.

DK Shivakumar Loyalists Push for CM Change in Karnataka

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The political drama in Karnataka escalated Friday as Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain, a staunch supporter of DK Shivakumar (DKS), claimed that Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge offered “assurance” regarding the party’s internal Chief Minister debate. Hussain said Kharge sought a week’s time to consult the party’s high command before deciding on the leadership issue.

Hussain told NDTV that Shivakumar had played a key role in revitalising the Congress in Karnataka and deserved a chance to be Chief Minister. “DK Shivakumar has struggled and put effort to bring the party to power... we requested the high command, and Siddaramaiah, to give him a chance,” Hussain said, adding that they are hopeful justice will be done.

The Shivakumar camp’s push comes as Siddaramaiah completes the half-way mark of his five-year term. Reports suggest that an informal agreement might exist for Siddaramaiah to step down mid-term, although the Chief Minister has repeatedly



denied such claims, stating, “my power hasn’t gone... it has only gotten stronger... I will complete my term.”

The factional rivalry has split Congress lawmakers in Karnataka. The DKS camp includes Agriculture Minister N Chaluvaryaswamy and Iqbal Hussain,

while Siddaramaiah’s supporters include Home Minister G Parameshwara and Public Works Minister Satish Jarikholi. The latter group cites a 2023 letter from Congress HQ confirming Siddaramaiah’s full five-year tenure.

Despite this, DKS loyalists continue lobbying in

Delhi, with at least a dozen more lawmakers expected to meet party leaders in the coming days. Hussain emphasized discipline within the party but hinted at expectations of a favorable outcome: “We have some discipline in Congress and we have to obey the high command... But

we hope we will get justice.”

As Karnataka approaches a potential leadership crossroads, whispers of a mid-term transition persist, keeping both camps on edge in what observers describe as a high-stakes “Game of Thrones” within the state Congress.

Amit Shah Says Bihar Polls Mandate Against Infiltrators

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday described the BJP-led NDA’s resounding victory in the Bihar assembly elections as a clear mandate against infiltrators in India. Addressing the BSF Diamond Jubilee (61st Raising Day) celebrations in Bhuj, Gujarat, Shah emphasized that citizens do not support parties that advocate for or protect illegal immigrants.

Shah highlighted the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, calling it a “purification” of the voters’ list. He accused some political parties, including the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, of opposing the SIR process to ensure that infiltrators remain on the electoral rolls. “Stopping infiltration is essential not only for national security but also to protect the democratic system from being polluted,” he said.

The Home Minister as-



serted the government’s commitment to deporting every infiltrator and said that only Indian citizens have the right to influence democratic decisions. “Who will be the Chief Minister of any state or the Prime Minister is a decision solely for Indian citizens. Infiltrators

do not have the right to pollute our democracy,” Shah added.

He also warned political parties attempting to shield illegal immigrants, saying the Bihar election results reflected the public’s opposition to such practices. In the recent assembly elections,

the NDA won over 200 seats in the 243-member House, defeating the Mahagathbandhan alliance of Congress, RJD, and others.

Shah urged all citizens to support the SIR process as a step toward safeguarding and purifying India’s democracy. “Those

working to secure infiltrators’ place on voter lists should know that the people of the country will never support such intentions,” he said, reinforcing the government’s firm stance against illegal immigration and efforts to strengthen electoral integrity.

Delhi HC Quashes Case Against Gautam Gambhir in Covid Drugs Row



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The Delhi High Court on Friday quashed a criminal case against former crick-

eter and current Indian cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir, his foundation, and family

members in connection with the alleged illegal stocking and distribution of COVID-19 drugs during

the pandemic.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna pronounced the order, stating, “criminal complaint quashed,” in response to a plea challenging the summons issued by the trial court against Gambhir, his wife Seema Gambhir, his mother Natasha Gambhir, and the Gautam Gambhir Foundation. The plea sought the quashing of the criminal complaint filed by the Delhi government’s Drug Control Department.

The complaint had named Gambhir, then MP from East Delhi, along with his foundation, its CEO Aprajita Singh, and family members, alleging violations under Section 18(c) read with Section 27(b)(ii) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Section 18(c) prohibits the manufacture, sale, and distribution of drugs without a valid licence, while Section 27(b)(ii) prescribes imprisonment of three to five years and fines for offences.

The legal proceedings

began when Gambhir and his family challenged the trial court’s summons. On September 20, 2021, the High Court had stayed the trial proceedings and sought a response from the Drug Control Department. The stay was vacated on April 9, 2025, prompting Gambhir to file a fresh application seeking its recall.

The Drug Control Department’s counsel opposed the plea, arguing that Gambhir should have approached the revisional court before moving the High Court. The prosecution maintained that the petitioners had indeed distributed drugs without a valid licence, and their defense rested solely on the claim that no sale had occurred.

With the High Court’s quashing of the criminal complaint, Gambhir and his family are cleared of legal liability in the case, ending a long-standing legal battle linked to the pandemic-era distribution of medicines.

PM Modi Begins South Africa Visit for G20 Summit



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday embarked on a three-day visit to South Africa to attend the first G20 Summit on the African continent, taking place in Johannesburg. During the summit, Modi will present India’s perspective on key global issues, aligned with the nation’s guiding philosophy of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ (the world is one family) and the vision of ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’.

The G20 Summit, themed ‘Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability’, marks the fourth consecutive forum hosted in the Global South. Modi will participate in all three sessions of the summit, which focus on inclusive economic growth, climate resilience, and the role of artificial intelligence

in sustainable development.

Alongside the G20 meetings, the Prime Minister will also attend the sixth IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) Summit, held on the sidelines of the G20, to strengthen trilateral cooperation and discuss shared priorities in trade, energy, and socioeconomic development.

Notably, several key leaders, including US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping, are not attending the summit, creating a unique diplomatic environment for discussions. During his stay, Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings with participating leaders to advance India’s global economic and strategic interests.

The visit also underscores India’s continu-

ing efforts to elevate the African Union’s role in global forums, following its membership in the G20 during India’s presidency in 2023—a milestone widely regarded as a landmark achievement for India-Africa relations.

Through his participation, the Prime Minister aims to emphasize sustainable development, equitable growth, and strengthened global partnerships while representing India’s commitment to multilateralism and inclusive solutions to global challenges.

Modi’s visit to Johannesburg reflects India’s growing engagement with the Global South and its commitment to fostering dialogue on pressing international issues ranging from climate action to technological innovation.

India, Australia Vow for Free & Secure Indo-Pacific



TPN Correspondent | Patna

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday highlighted the deepening ties between India and Australia, emphasizing their shared commitment to a free, open, and secure Indo-Pacific during the 16th India-Australia Foreign Ministers’ Framework Dialogue in New Delhi.

Welcoming Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, Jaishankar described the dialogue as a cornerstone of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) between the two nations. He noted that bilateral ties have expanded across trade, investment, defence, education, research, science, technology, space, and energy, with particularly strong growth in people-to-people connections over the past five years.

The minister pointed to recent high-level vis-

its, including Australia’s Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister to India, as well as India’s Defence Minister visiting Australia, reflecting growing defence and security cooperation. He highlighted joint exercises, interoperability initiatives, maritime domain awareness, and cybersecurity collaboration as key indicators of trust and coordination between the countries.

Jaishankar expressed optimism over the ongoing Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations, expected to conclude soon, further strengthening trade and investment relations. He also praised the presence of Australian universities in India, adding a new dimension to bilateral cooperation in education and skills development.

In addition, the minister underscored collabo-

ration on renewable energy under the India-Australia Renewable Energy Partnership and lauded Canberra’s support for India’s Gaganyaan mission, along with plans to launch an Australian satellite using an Indian launch vehicle.

Acknowledging the Indian diaspora in Australia as a “living bridge,” Jaishankar stressed that both democracies share responsibilities in addressing maritime security, resilient supply chains, counter-terrorism, and climate action. He called for sustained momentum in ties and tangible outcomes on regional and global priorities.

The dialogue reinforced India and Australia’s shared vision of a strategically stable Indo-Pacific, underscoring growing cooperation across political, economic, and security domains.

Miss Mexico Fatima Bosch Wins Miss Universe Amid Stage Drama



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Fatima Bosch of Mexico was crowned Miss Universe 2025 on Friday in Nonthaburi, Thailand, in a finale marked by controversy and unexpected drama. The pageant, one of the “big four” global beauty contests, saw over 120 contestants competing for the prestigious crown, with finalists from Ivory Coast, the Philippines, Thailand, and Venezuela joining Bosch on stage.

The climax of the event was overshadowed by a tense incident involving the host, who reportedly insulted Bosch, sparking widespread debate and criticism. The moment created a chaotic atmosphere as judges reportedly expressed displeasure, with some stepping down in protest. Despite the turbulence, Bosch maintained her composure, impressing the panel with poise and confidence to ultimately secure the crown.

Bosch’s victory is celebrated as a triumph of resilience and grace under pressure, with fans and observers praising her ability to rise above the controversy. The Mexican contestant’s performance throughout the pageant, including the evening gown and final question rounds, was highlighted as a key factor in her success.

The 2025 edition of Miss Universe will be remembered not only for the crowning of Bosch but also for the unprecedented behind-the-scenes drama. Allegations of mismanagement, contestant dissatisfaction, and on-stage flops added a layer of unpredictability, making the event one of the most talked-about editions in recent years.

Organisers stated that the pageant aimed to celebrate diversity, talent, and global representation, and despite the controversies, they lauded Bosch’s win as a reflection of excellence and resilience. Her victory adds to Mexico’s growing legacy in international beauty contests, inspiring a new generation of participants.

Fans worldwide have taken to social media to congratulate Bosch, emphasizing her composure amid adversity as a defining feature of her Miss Universe journey.

Four Killed as 5.7-Magnitude Quake Jolts Bangladesh; Tremors Felt in West Bengal



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A 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck Dhaka and several parts of Bangladesh on Friday morning, leaving four people dead, including a newborn baby, and injuring at least 50 others across the country. The quake, which triggered panic and caused structural damage, was also felt across West Bengal, including in Kolkata.

According to Bangladesh’s meteorology department, the tremor occurred at 10:38 am with its epicentre at Narsingdi, located on the northeastern outskirts of Dhaka, at a shallow depth of 10 kilometres. The site lies just 13 km from the seismic centre in the capital’s Agargaon area.

In Old Dhaka’s Armanitola locality, three people were killed after a railing, bamboo scaffolding, and debris from a five-storey building collapsed during the tremor. Dhaka’s Deputy Police Commissioner Mallik Ahsan Uddin Sami confirmed the deaths, adding that a medical student was among the victims while his mother sustained critical injuries and required emergency surgery. Local reports indicated that one of the deceased was an eight-year-old child.

The fourth fatality occurred in Narayanganj, where a newborn died after a wall collapsed near the infant and her mother as they walked by.

Several buildings across Dhaka showed signs of structural distress. An eight-storey structure in Swamibagh, Sutrapur, leaned onto a neighbouring building, while a seven-storey building in Kalabagan appeared tilted, though firefighters later assessed it as structurally stable.

Multiple fires were also reported soon after the quake, including incidents in Baridhara and Munshiganj’s Gazaria area. Fire crews responded promptly, though the cause of the blazes remains under investigation.

Experts warned that the tremor should serve as a wake-up call. Professor Mehedi Ahmed Ansary of BUET said that a stronger quake—of magnitude 6 or above—could cause widespread structural collapse in the country.

Across the border, residents in Kolkata and other districts of West Bengal rushed out of buildings as tremors were felt. No casualties or damage have been reported in India so far.

Trump Unveils 28-Point Peace Plan to End Russia-Ukraine War

TPN Bureau | Washington

A 28-point peace plan aimed at ending the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war has been drafted by the United States and Russia, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky agreeing to review the proposals. The plan, which Kyiv has said includes several unacceptable concessions, outlines measures that could force Ukraine to cede large parts of its territory captured by Moscow and cap its military size, while also lifting sanctions on Russia over time.

The proposals include US security guarantees for Ukraine, economic cooperation between Washington and Moscow, and the establishment of a joint Peace Council headed by former US President Donald Trump to monitor compliance. The plan also suggests holding elections in Ukraine within 100 days and enshrining in the



constitution that the country will not join NATO. Key Russian-held regions including Crimea, Luhansk, and Donetsk would be recognised as de facto Rus-

sian, while Kherson and Zaporizhzhia would remain frozen along the line of contact.

Other provisions include limitations on

Ukraine’s armed forces to 600,000 personnel, the reintegration of Russia into the global economy, and the creation of a Ukraine Development Fund for

post-war reconstruction. Economic partnerships between the US, Russia, and Europe are also outlined, including the use of \$100 billion in frozen Rus-

sian assets to rebuild Ukraine, with the US receiving half the profits.

The plan additionally addresses humanitarian issues, including prisoner exchanges, civilian repatriation, and family reunification. Both countries are expected to adopt educational programs promoting tolerance and cultural understanding. Nuclear safety measures, including the supervision of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant by the IAEA, are also included.

Zelensky is scheduled to discuss the plan with Trump in the coming days, evaluating whether it offers a viable path to a just and sustainable resolution of the conflict. While diplomacy remains ongoing, critics argue the plan’s territorial and military concessions may be politically and strategically challenging for Ukraine.

Pakistan’s soaring violence against women exposes institutional collapse

TPN Correspondent | Tokyo

A biannual assessment by the Sustainable Social Development Organisation (SSDO) has highlighted the alarming scale of gender-based violence in Punjab, Pakistan, revealing that at least 85 women suffer violence daily, including nine who are sexually assaulted on average. The findings, obtained through the Right to Information (RTI) Act from the Punjab Police, underscore the systemic and widespread abuse across the province.

The Violence Against Women Punjab 2025 factsheet categorises incidents into sexual assault, domestic violence, honour crimes, kidnapping, trafficking, cyber harassment, and workplace sexual harassment. Between January and June 2025, daily averages recorded nine sexual assaults, 51 kidnappings, and 24 domestic violence cases.



Lahore emerged as the worst-hit district, leading in sexual assault, kidnapping, domestic violence complaints, and honour killings. Other high-incidence

districts include Multan, Gujranwala, Sialkot, and Kasur. The report also highlighted uneven cyber harassment reporting, with only five districts — Okara,

Sheikhupura, Layyah, Pakpattan, and Gujrat—documenting incidents, largely due to limited access to digital reporting platforms. Muzaffargarh and Pakpattan saw the highest

trafficking cases. Alarming, several districts, including Bahawalpur, Chakwal, Faisalabad, Narowal, Rahim Yar Khan, Sahiwal, and Rawalpindi, provided no data, de-

spite repeated RTI reminders, raising concerns about transparency and accountability.

SSDO warned that data gaps weaken public trust and fuel misinformation. While improved reporting may have increased the numbers, the organisation stressed that robust reporting mechanisms, faster judicial processes, stronger police investigations, and enhanced survivor support services are urgently needed.

The report concluded that reliable data, accountable governance, and sustained community awareness are essential to confront the deep-rooted crisis of violence against women in Punjab. Without structural reforms, experts fear the violence will remain widespread and underreported, perpetuating cycles of abuse and impunity.

PM Modi Begins 3-Day Visit to South Africa for G20 Summit



TPN Correspondent | UN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for a three-day visit to South Africa on Friday to attend the 20th G20 Leaders’ Summit in Johannesburg, the coun-

try’s economic capital. The summit, themed “Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability,” marks the fourth consecutive G20 gathering hosted in the Global South and is the first

ever G20 Summit held on African soil. This year’s summit will proceed without US representation, as President Donald Trump announced a boycott over his dis-

puted claims regarding the treatment of South Africa’s Afrikaner minority. Chinese President Xi Jinping is also skipping the event, aligning with his reduced inter-

national travel schedule.

PM Modi’s Agenda During the summit, PM Modi is scheduled to speak in all three key sessions, which will focus on: Inclusive and sustainable economic growth, trade, and financing for development

Climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, food systems, and energy transitions

Artificial intelligence, critical minerals, and future-ready global cooperation

The Prime Minister will highlight India’s views on global economic challenges, equitable climate action, and responsible AI governance, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

On the sidelines, PM Modi will hold bilateral meetings with several world leaders. He will also attend the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Leaders’ Meeting, hosted by

South Africa.

Strengthening Africa’s Role in Global Governance

In his departure statement, PM Modi noted the significance of Africa hosting its first G20 Summit. He recalled that under India’s presidency in 2023, the African Union was inducted as a permanent member of the G20 — a move widely seen as a milestone for global inclusivity.

He emphasized India’s commitment to the principles of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — One Earth, One Family, One Future,” expressing hope that the summit would advance cooperation on global priorities.

The discussions over the next three days are expected to shape collective action on growth, climate, and emerging technologies, reinforcing the G20’s role as a platform for global consensus.

HSBC Predicts Sensex to Touch 94,000 by End-2026

Global brokerage HSBC expects India's benchmark BSE Sensex to rise roughly 10% by the end of 2026, setting a target of 94,000 points for the 30-share index. The firm highlighted that Indian equities currently offer better valuation support compared to Chinese markets, despite lagging other Asian peers this year due to softer corporate earnings and heavy foreign selling.

In 2025, foreign portfolio investors have offloaded \$16.8 billion of Indian equities, marking a record year of outflows. However, the selling trend has moderated since October amid signs of earnings recovery. Both the Sensex and Nifty are up about 10% year-to-date, trading slightly below their September 2024 highs.

HSBC analysts, led by Herald van der Linde, noted that India is regaining appeal as earnings strengthen and valuations ease after a 14-month pause. Key sectors expected to



benefit include banks, as margins expand, and consumption-driven industries, such as automobiles, which stand to gain from GST reductions and lower interest rates.

The brokerage also highlighted that India

is well-positioned to attract renewed emerging market inflows, as global investors seek growth opportunities in Asia beyond artificial intelligence-driven sectors. HSBC emphasized that ongoing fiscal and monetary sup-

port could boost growth in early 2026. Alongside India, HSBC remains overweight on mainland China, Hong Kong, and Indonesia, while staying underweight on Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and

Thailand. The firm had upgraded Indian equities to "overweight" from "neutral" in September, making it one of the first major global brokers to turn bullish on India's economy. HSBC's outlook sug-

gests optimism for the Indian stock market, driven by improving earnings, favorable valuations, and renewed investor interest, signaling a potential strong year ahead for equities in the country.

Tata Motors PV Q2 Profit Soars 2,065% on One-Time Gain



Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (Tata Motors PV) reported a staggering 2,065% jump in profit for the quarter ended September 2026, posting Rs 76,248 crore, driven largely by a one-time notional gain of Rs 82,616 crore following the company's de-

merger into passenger and commercial vehicle units. For comparison, the same quarter a year ago saw a profit of Rs 3,521 crore, while the June quarter of FY26 recorded Rs 4,003 crore.

Despite the sharp rise in profit, revenue fell 13.5%

year-on-year to Rs 72,349 crore, affected primarily by a cyber incident at Jaguar Land Rover (JLR). The company noted that domestic sales remained steady, with performance rebounding after recent GST reductions.

The quarter also saw a no-

table 60% surge in electric vehicle (EV) sales, highlighting Tata Motors PV's growing focus on EVs amid rising consumer demand. This increase underlines the company's strategic push toward electrification and innovation in passenger vehicles, a seg-

ment expected to drive future growth.

Tata Motors' strong one-time gain comes as part of broader corporate restructuring and strategic realignment, designed to separate passenger and commercial vehicle operations. Analysts said that while the profit spike is exceptional, the underlying operational numbers suggest a stable domestic market performance despite challenges at the global subsidiary, JLR.

The company emphasized that it remains focused on expanding EV offerings, strengthening domestic market share, and navigating international headwinds. With the demerger providing clearer business visibility, Tata Motors PV is well-positioned to leverage its EV growth momentum and enhance long-term shareholder value.

This quarter's results underscore the impact of strategic corporate moves, demonstrating how one-time gains and restructuring can significantly influence reported profitability, even amid operational challenges.

Tata Projects, ASI Global Join Hands for Aircraft Maintenance Facilities



Tata Projects Ltd (TPL) and ASI Global have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly design and construct aircraft maintenance facilities in India, positioning

themselves as integrated solution providers for hangar and MRO infrastructure.

The alliance brings together Tata Projects' engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC)

expertise with ASI Global's global experience in aircraft hangar design and fabrication. Together, the companies aim to cater to growing demand from commercial airlines, third-party

MRO operators, business aircraft operators, and the defence sector.

Under the MoU, Tata Projects and ASI Global will jointly identify and pursue opportunities across India for the de-

velopment of hangars and related maintenance infrastructure. The partnership is expected to streamline project execution and provide end-to-end solutions for aviation

clients, from design and engineering to construction.

Industry experts note that India's aviation sector is witnessing increased demand for modern maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities, driven by the expansion of commercial airlines and rising defence requirements. The collaboration between Tata Projects and ASI Global is seen as a timely move to strengthen domestic capabilities and reduce reliance on foreign infrastructure providers.

The MoU reflects a strategic effort to enhance India's aerospace infrastructure, supporting both civil and defence aviation growth. With the partnership in place, the companies are set to play a key role in shaping the country's MRO ecosystem while leveraging their combined technical and operational expertise.

Reliance Halts Russian Oil Imports at SEZ Refinery



Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has stopped importing Russian crude oil into its Special Economic Zone (SEZ) refinery, effective Thursday, November 20. The company confirmed that all pre-committed Russian crude shipments as of October 22 will be honoured, ensuring no disruption to ongoing operations.

Starting December 1, 2025, all products exported from the SEZ refinery will be sourced exclusively from non-Russian crude oil, marking a strategic shift in RIL's supply chain. According to a company spokesperson, this transition has been completed ahead of schedule to ensure full compliance with upcoming product-import restrictions, which are set to come into force on January 21, 2026.

The move aligns with broader geopolitical and regulatory pressures, as several nations tighten restrictions on Russian oil amid ongoing global tensions. Reliance's proactive adjustment is

aimed at avoiding potential disruptions to its export operations and maintaining smooth refinery output.

Industry experts note that this early compliance also allows Reliance to stabilize sourcing logistics and maintain customer confidence in international markets. Analysts say the SEZ refinery, a key part of Reliance's export-oriented strategy, will now increasingly rely on alternative crude suppliers, diversifying its supply chain to mitigate geopolitical risks.

This development comes at a time when global oil markets are closely watching supply realignments and sanctions compliance, and RIL's decision is expected to set a precedent for other private refiners managing Russian crude dependencies.

By moving swiftly ahead of the mandated restrictions, Reliance aims to ensure uninterrupted refinery operations, safeguard exports, and demonstrate its commitment to regulatory adherence and global trade norms.

Rupee Inches Up 2 Paise to 88.58 Against Dollar



Mumbai: The Indian rupee closed 2 paise higher at 88.58 against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday, supported by buying momentum in domestic equities and softer global crude oil prices.

Forex traders noted that despite these domestic positives, gains were limited due to a firm U.S. dollar and continued foreign capital outflows. The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.18% higher at 99.63.

Market participants also cited cautious investor senti-

ment ahead of developments on the proposed India-U.S. trade deal, which has been closely monitored by businesses and foreign investors alike.

"While the rupee saw modest gains, broader global factors and the strength of the U.S. dollar kept any sharp appreciation in check," said a senior forex dealer.

Analysts expect the rupee to remain sensitive to both domestic equity trends and international cues, including crude oil prices, dollar movement, and foreign fund flows, in the near term.

Redditor Wins PS5 Slim With Rs 20 Munch Bar



In a heartwarming story of luck and nostalgia, a Reddit user from India has won a PS5 Slim after purchasing a Rs 20 Munch chocolate bar at a local supermarket. The story, shared on the r/ps5india subreddit, quickly went viral.

The winner recounted that while visiting a supermarket with a friend, they picked up a Munch bar for nostalgic reasons. "I saw that it had a chance to win PlayStation offer. Just randomly went to the website and typed in the unique code and forgot about it," the user wrote.

Three days later, the user received a notification confirming their win. Initially skeptical, they feared it might be a scam. However, when the delivery ID arrived, excitement set in. "I didn't believe it and thought it was a scam. Then the delivery ID came and I was ecstatic," the Redditor shared.

Coming from a middle-class background, the winner revealed that owning a PlayStation had always been a dream. The unexpected fortune left

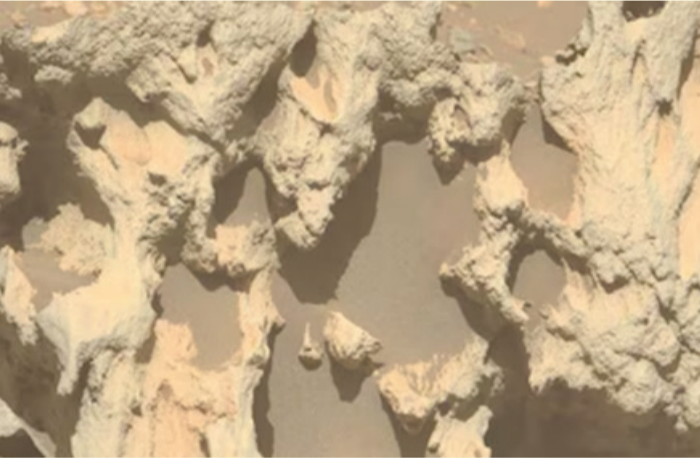
them torn between selling the console to cover urgent expenses or keeping it. Ultimately, they chose to retain the PS5 Slim and plan to subscribe to PS Plus, taking advantage of the ongoing Black Friday sale.

The post highlights not only the thrill of unexpected luck but also the joy of fulfilling a long-held dream. The winner's story has resonated with Reddit users, many of whom congratulated them on the "once-in-a-lifetime" chance and shared their own nostalgic gaming memories.

With the PlayStation 5's popularity soaring worldwide and Black Friday sales reducing its price, this story serves as a reminder that sometimes, even a Rs 20 chocolate bar can lead to life-changing rewards. The Redditor now looks forward to exploring the console and making the most of their digital gaming adventure.

The viral post has inspired many, reaffirming that small gestures and random luck can occasionally turn dreams into reality.

NASA Spots Mysterious 80cm Rock on Mars



NASA's rover Perseverance has discovered an unusual 80-centimeter rock in the Ver-nodden area of Mars' Jezero Crater, sparking excitement among scientists. The rock, named "Phippsaksa," stood out due to its size and structured appearance compared to surrounding stones.

Images captured by Perseverance's Left Mastcam-Z camera on September 19, 2025, show Phippsaksa both up close and from a distance, revealing details that prompted the team to investigate further.

To analyze its composition, the rover used its SuperCam instrument, which fires laser pulses at targets and examines the reflected light. Preliminary findings indicate that the rock contains iron and nickel, elements uncommon in typical Martian geology but often found in asteroids, suggesting that the rock may have formed elsewhere in the solar system.

"This could be a meteorite," NASA scientists noted, though further study is required to confirm its origin and how long it has been on the Martian surface.

Phippsaksa joins a growing

list of metal-rich rocks identified on Mars by previous missions. The Curiosity rover documented several iron-nickel meteorites, including the one-meter-wide "Lebanon" in 2014 and "Cacao" in 2023. Earlier rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, also recorded similar findings, offering valuable insights into materials that have traveled across the solar system to reach Mars.

Each metallic discovery enhances understanding of the diverse composition of objects impacting Mars, helping scientists piece together the planet's history and its interactions with space debris.

For Perseverance, Phippsaksa represents a new chapter in exploring extraterrestrial meteorites. The research team will continue analyzing data to determine its precise origin, composition, and the story it tells about Mars' cosmic neighborhood.

This discovery highlights how even a single rock can provide profound insights, reinforcing the importance of ongoing robotic exploration in expanding humanity's knowledge of the solar system.

US McDonald's Honours Indian Employee for 40 Years of Service

A McDonald's restaurant in Massachusetts celebrated an inspiring milestone, honoring Balbir Singh, an Indian-origin employee, for 40 years of dedicated service with a \$40,000 reward. The recognition included a special dinner organized by the restaurant to mark his long and exemplary career.

Balbir, also known as Pargan Singh, began his journey at the McDonald's in Saugus alongside his father, performing tasks such as cleaning tables, picking up trash, and assisting in the kitchen. Over the years, he mastered every aspect of the restaurant's operations. Within a few months of joining, his dedication earned him a promotion to swing manager, a role he excelled in for decades.

The reward of \$40,000, equivalent to approximately Rs 35.5 lakh, was presented



as a token of appreciation for his loyalty, hard work, and commitment, symbolizing the familial culture McDonald's fosters among its staff. The restaurant described Balbir's journey as an inspiration to both colleagues and customers, highlighting how consistent effort, perseverance, and dedication can lead to remarkable achievements.

Balbir's story is a re-

mind-reminder that McDonald's is not just about burgers and fries but also about recognizing and valuing employee contributions. From his humble beginnings in entry-level tasks to becoming a key member of the management team, his career reflects the opportunities the fast-food giant provides for growth, skill development, and long-term stability.

Restaurant management praised Balbir for embodying the values of hard work, reliability, and commitment, noting that his tenure strengthened both operations and team morale. The celebration also included colleagues and community members, acknowledging the positive impact of his decades-long service.

Balbir Singh's journey at McDonald's underscores a timeless message: dedication and loyalty are invaluable, and sustained excellence is always recognized, leaving a lasting legacy for both employees and the organization.

Ancient Gold, Silver Coins Unearthed in Polish Forest

Archaeologists have made a remarkable discovery in northeastern Poland's Knyszynska Forest Landscape Park, unearthing 69 ancient coins, including one gold and 68 silver pieces, dating back to the 16th-17th centuries.

The excavation, led by archaeologist Hubert Lepionka, highlights the region's historical significance as a hub of trade. During this period, large quantities of timber and forest products, including wood, tar, honey, and iron, were exported to Dutch merchants, primarily for shipbuilding. The coins were likely buried along these trade routes, possibly hidden for safekeeping during times of war or instability, and never retrieved.

Among the findings, the latest coin dates to 1634, while the gold coin is a Dutch ducat from 1633. The silver coins include small Polish and Swedish denominations such as poltorak, trojak, and szostak, reflecting active trade between dif-



ferent regions and currencies. This combination of coins underscores the cross-cultural economic interactions in Europe during the

era. Archaeologists believe the treasure may have belonged to a trader or someone engaged in forest-related commerce. The discovery not only provides insights into local trade but also sheds light on historical practices of hiding wealth

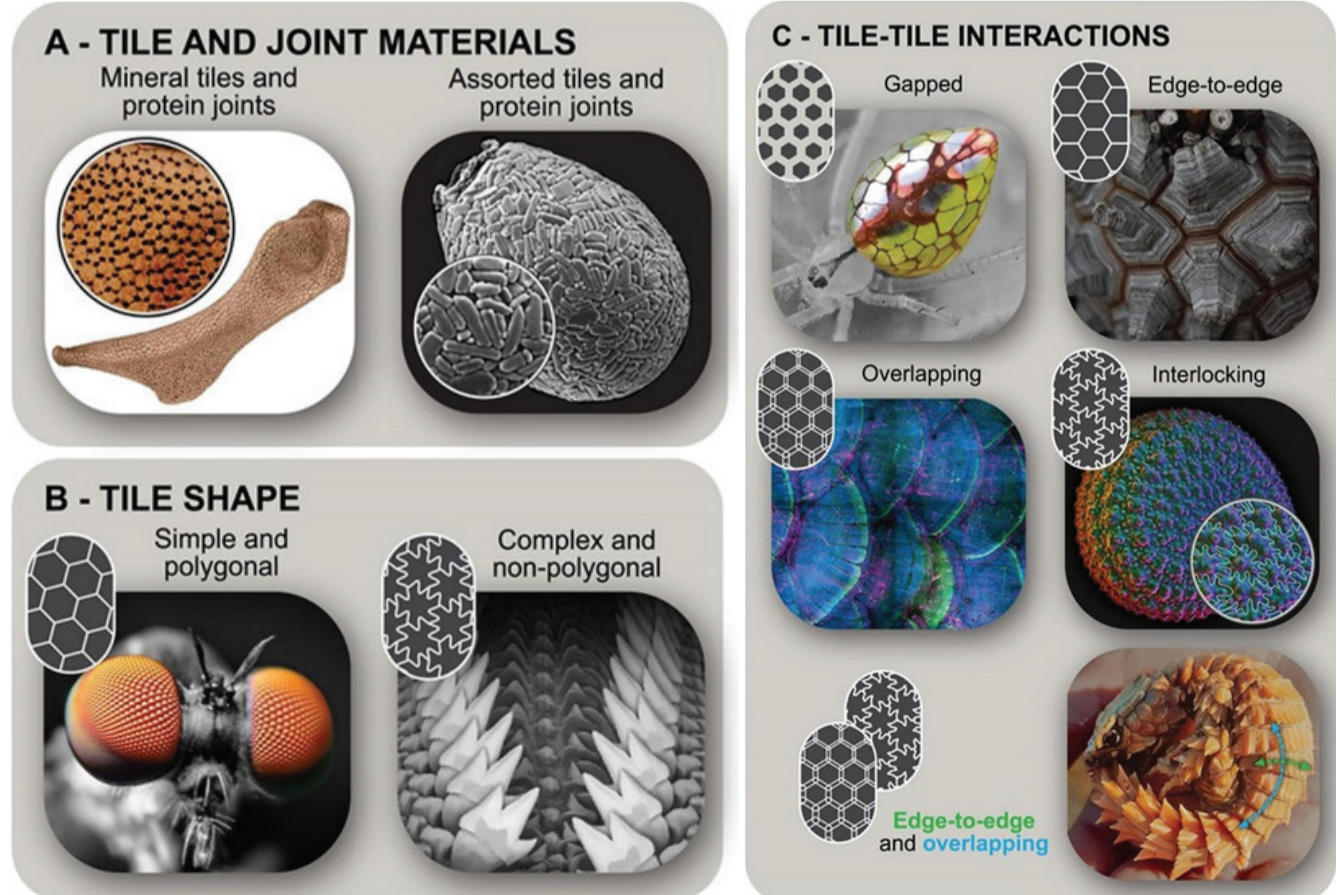
amid uncertain times.

Next, scientists plan to clean the coins and examine their dates and markings, alongside analysing soil and ash layers to understand the timing and circumstances of the burial. Additional metal artifacts found nearby will help reconstruct activities in the area during the 17th century.

This find emphasizes the historical connection between Poland's forests and European trade networks, offering a tangible link to the past. As research progresses, the coins are expected to provide further insights into economic, social, and cultural life in early modern Europe, enriching our understanding of regional and international commerce.

The discovery has captivated historians and archaeologists, serving as a reminder of the hidden treasures that continue to lie beneath Europe's historic landscapes.

New Study Shows Tiled Patterns Are Common in Nature



A recent scientific study has revealed that tiled or repeating patterns, long admired in nature, are far more widespread across life on Earth than previously recognized. These patterns, where surfaces are divided into repeated units, appear in organisms ranging from plants and animals to fungi.

Researchers have focused on patterns known as "cellular foams," commonly found in bone, wood, and plant tissues, where thin walls enclose numerous small chambers. These structures are lightweight yet strong, providing rigidity without adding excess mass—an efficient design nature has repeatedly used.

The study, described in the weekly Science for All newsletter, emphasizes that tiling patterns are not limited to microscopic structures. They are observed in scales, shells, leaves, and even insect wings, showing that evolution often converges on modular designs to optimize strength, flexibility, and efficiency.

Scientists used a new atlas of tiling patterns, classifying them across species and materials. The classification highlights variables such as shape, orientation, connectivity, and symmetry of tiles, helping biologists understand how these structures form and function.

Beyond biology, these insights have implications for engineering and design, inspiring lightweight and resilient materials for architecture, robotics, and aerospace. By studying natural tiling, researchers hope to replicate nature's solutions to balance strength, weight, and adaptability.

The findings underscore that tiling is a universal strategy employed across diverse life forms, from the microscopic to the macroscopic. Whether in bones that support a giraffe's neck, honeycombs that house bees, or leaves that capture sunlight efficiently, tiling demonstrates how repeated modular units can achieve structural excellence and efficiency.

This new atlas and classification of tiled structures provide a framework for future studies, bridging biology, physics, and design, and showing that some of nature's most elegant patterns are both functional and beautiful.

Lakshya Sen Reaches Australian Open Semis; Satwik-Chirag Exit

India's Lakshya Sen delivered a strong performance to enter the men's singles semifinals of the Australian Open Super 500 tournament on Friday, overcoming fellow Indian shuttler Ayush Shetty in straight games. However, it was a disappointing day for India in men's doubles, with the top-seeded pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowing out of the competition. Lakshya, seeded seventh, showcased excellent composure as he defeated 20-year-old Ayush Shetty 23-21, 21-11. This marks Lakshya's second victory over Shetty at the semifinal stage this year, following their clash at the Hong Kong Open. The tightly contested opening game saw Lakshya trailing 6-9 before he rallied to take an 11-10 lead at the interval. In a tense back-and-forth finish, Ayush earned the first game point but could not convert it, allowing Lakshya to close the game with solid nerve. The second game turned one-sided, with Lakshya



racing to a 6-1 start. His dominance grew as he extended the lead to 15-7, ultimately sealing the match in 53 minutes. With this win, Lakshya becomes the only Indian remaining in men's singles, following early exits from senior players HS Prannoy and Kidambi Srikanth. Lakshya will next face Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, the second seed and world No. 9. Chou earned his semifinal berth after a grueling 1 hour 23-minute battle, defeating Farhan Alwi 13-21, 23-21, 21-16. In men's doubles, the Indian challenge ended as Satwik and Chirag fell to Indonesia's fifth-seeded duo Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Shohibul Fikri. Despite recent strong form, including finals appearances at the Hong Kong Open and China Masters, Satwik-Chirag were outplayed 21-19, 21-15. As Lakshya continues his pursuit of a title, expectations remain high for the 2021 World Championship bronze medallist, who is still seeking his first tournament win of the year.

India Names 23-Man Squad for AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers



India has announced a 23-member squad for the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers, with head coach Bibiano Fernandes unveiling the list on Friday. The qualifiers begin on Saturday at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad, where India will compete in a challenging group featuring Palestine, Chinese Taipei, Lebanon, and Iran. India opens its campaign against Palestine on November 22, followed by matches against Chinese Taipei (November 26), Lebanon (November 28), and Iran (November 30). With only the group winners earning direct qualification to the final tournament in Saudi Arabia next year, the young Blue Colts face a crucial test. The 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup will also serve as the qualifying pathway to the FIFA U17 World Cup in Qatar, adding further weight to the competition. Coach Bibiano Fernandes, known for shaping India's youth football structure with past U17 successes, expressed confidence in the squad's preparation. The team has undergone multiple training camps and exposure matches, aiming to put up a strong performance in front of home supporters.

Full Squad
Goalkeepers: Manashjyoti Baruah, Maroof Shafi, Rajrup Sarkar.
Defenders: Abhishek Kumar Mondal, Ankur Rajbagh, Indra Rana Magar, Korou Meitei Konthoujam, Lawmsangzuala, Md Aimaan Bin, Shubham Poonia.
Midfielders: Dallalmuon Gangte, Denny Singh Wangkhem, Diamond Singh Thokchom, Mukundo Singh Ningthoujam, Nitishkumar Meitei Yengkhom, Thonggoumang Touthang.
Forwards: Aazim Parveez Najar, Azlaan Shah Kh, Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam, Heeranganba Seram, Jasir Khan, Lesvin Rebelo, Rahan Ahmed.
With a blend of promising talent across positions, India aims to top the group and secure its place in the continental finals. The home crowd in Ahmedabad is expected to provide a strong boost as the young squad fights for qualification and a chance to compete on the world stage.

Starc's 7-Wicket Burst Floors England for 172 in Ashes Opener

Australian pace spearhead Mitchell Starc produced a sensational spell, claiming a career-best 7 for 58, as Australia bowled out England for just 172 on Day 1 of the first Ashes Test in Perth. The dramatic collapse came despite England winning the toss and opting to bat. Starc wasted no time asserting dominance, striking in the very first over of the series. He removed Zac Crawley for a duck with the sixth delivery of the match, caught by Usman Khawaja at slip. The wicket marked yet another milestone for the left-arm pacer — it was the 24th time he has taken a wicket in the first over of a Test. More notably, he reached 100 Ashes wickets after dismissing England's key batter Joe Root, a breakthrough that further tilted momentum Australia's way. England's batting lineup struggled to cope with Starc's pace, swing, and accuracy. While a few batters attempted to stabilize the innings, frequent breakthroughs kept Australia firmly in control. No England player managed a substantial score, with the middle order faltering under relentless pressure. Starc's fiery spell was well-supported by the rest of the Australian bowling unit, who maintained tight lines to keep England contained. The disciplined attack ensured there was no room for recovery, as wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. The pitch offered some assistance early on, but it was Starc's execution and rhythm that defined the innings. His ability to strike early and return for crucial breakthroughs later in the session left England reeling. With England dismissed for 172, Australia entered a commanding position in the series opener. The hosts will now look to capitalize on the strong start as they begin their first-innings reply, aiming to build a significant advantage in the opening Test of the 2025 Ashes series.



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Sania Mirza Shares Advice on Handling Social Media Trolls



Six-time Grand Slam champion Sania Mirza offered thoughtful advice on dealing with social media criticism during a fireside chat with Indian cricketer Richa Ghosh at the Future Makers Conclave (FMC), part of the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025. Moderated by sports journalist Mayanti Langer, the session brought forward candid reflections on navigating the digital world as professional athletes. Mirza stressed the importance of emotional stability and detachment from online chatter. "Social media cannot make or break your day," she said, urging young athletes like Ghosh to avoid letting negativity cloud their performance or peace of mind. Drawing from her early years, she recalled the shift from traditional print media to tabloids and electronic platforms, which began focusing more on athletes' personal lives than their performances. Discussing the harsh comments she once faced, Mirza said they eventually made her "thick-skinned." She added that she often found such criticism humorous, especially from people who have "never held a cricket bat or a tennis racket." Mirza reflected on the irony of strangers passing judgment on athletes representing the nation, saying she sometimes felt pity for those who spewed hate online. Her advice was simple yet powerful: "You don't take the good to heart, and you don't take the bad to heart." She emphasized that validation should come from loved ones, not from the fleeting opinions of social media users. Richa Ghosh, representing a generation that grew up in the digital era, shared a contrasting perspective. She views criticism as a sign of progress in women's cricket. With growing viewership and fan engagement, she believes scrutiny reflects popularity. "The bigger we get, the more people come to watch," she said, highlighting the positive side of rising attention. The 28th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit, themed "Futurise," concluded on Thursday at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), celebrating innovation and dialogue across industries.

Jaismine, Nikhat Advance to World Boxing Cup Finals



Greater Noida: India's boxing stars Jaismine Lamboria and Nikhat Zareen booked their spots in the finals of the World Boxing Cup 2025 with dominant performances in their respective semifinal bouts at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Indoor Stadium on Wednesday. Jaismine, the reigning world champion in the 57kg category, faced Kazakhstan's Ulzhan Sarsenbek, a former Asian youth gold medallist. Despite starting her campaign later than most, Jaismine showcased her class and experience, defeating Sarsenbek convincingly with a 5-0 scoreline. Her precise combinations, swift footwork, and tactical control of the ring left little room for her opponent to mount a challenge. In the 51kg category, former world champion Nikhat Zareen also advanced with a commanding 5-0 victory over Gulsevar Ganieva, the 2022 World youth champion. Nikhat, known for her aggressive style and sharp counterpunching, dominated all rounds, demonstrating her readiness to reclaim the top spot in her weight division. With these wins, India now has a strong presence in the title rounds, with a total of 15 Indian boxers still in contention for medals across different categories. Alongside Jaismine and Nikhat, six more Indian pugilists progressed to the finals on Wednesday, highlighting the country's growing strength in international women's boxing. The World Boxing Cup Finals have attracted top talent from around the globe, but India's performance so far reflects a blend of skill, preparation, and determination. Both Jaismine and Nikhat will now focus on their final bouts, aiming to bring home gold for the host nation. The championship promises exciting showdowns in the coming days, with Indian boxers looking to capitalize on home advantage and continue the country's impressive run in the tournament. Fans are eagerly anticipating the finals, where the nation's top fighters will battle for the coveted World Cup titles.

Premante : Priyadarshi’s New Romantic Drama



The much-awaited romantic drama ‘Premante’, starring Priyadarshi and Anandi, has finally hit the screens and has been creating a positive buzz ever since its promotional material started rolling out. With catchy music by Leon James and the backing of producers Puskur Rammohan Rao and Janvi Narang, the film entered theatres with promising expectations among youth and family audiences.

Directed by Navaneeth Sriram, Premante follows the story of Ramya (Anandi) and Madan Mohan “Madi” (Priyadarshi), two individuals hesitant about marriage due to personal fears and conflicts. After an unexpected meeting at a wedding, the two fall in love and tie the knot. Their marriage initially blossoms, but soon responsibilities drive them apart—Ramya gets buried in office tasks while Madi’s nightlife-based business involving CCTV installations and locks creates constant distance.

This gap breeds misunderstanding, pushing Ramya to suspect Madi’s actions at home. Evidence fuels her doubts until a heated confrontation reveals the surprising truth: Madi’s secret business involves theft, and Ramya is left shocked. The film unfolds around how their relationship copes with this truth, the choices they make, and what becomes of their marriage.

On the performance front, Priyadarshi shines with a nuanced portrayal of a conflicted man, while Anandi steals the show as a devoted wife whose love pushes her into unexpected territory. Their chemistry is one of the film’s strongest pillars. Suma and Vennela Kishore add value, though their comedic tracks feel stretched.

Technically, Viswanath Reddy’s visuals and Leon James’ music elevate the film. However, some subplots—especially involving friends—could have been tighter.

Overall, Premante is a heart-felt family drama with fresh narrative elements, strong performances, and emotional depth.

Rating: 2.75/5

Allari Naresh’s 12A Railway Colony – Only for a few twists



Allari Naresh teams up with debutant director Nani Kasaragadda for the suspense thriller “12A Railway Colony,” which released today. The film also stars Dr. Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Sai Kumar, Viva Harsha, Jeevan Kumar, Anish Kuruvilla, and others, with music by Bheems Ceciroleo and cinematography by Kushendar Ramesh Reddy.

Set in 12A Railway Colony, Warangal, the story follows Karthik (Allari Naresh), an orphan working for politician Tillanna (Jeevan Kumar). He pursues his neighbour Aaradhana (Kamakshi Bhaskarla) and decides to help her achieve her goals, only to uncover a shocking secret that changes the course of the narrative.

The first half focuses on world-building and character introductions, which some viewers may find slow and dragging. However, Allari Naresh impresses in his role, smoothly transitioning from a carefree young man to someone entangled in suspense. Kamakshi’s performance is

satisfactory, and supporting actors adequately fulfill their roles.

The second half is where the film gains momentum. The narrative shifts into a whodunit-style thriller with unexpected twists and a crime that drives the story forward. The screenplay, penned by Dr. Anil Vishwanath (Polimera fame), keeps the audience engaged as mysteries unravel.

On the technical front, Bheems Ceciroleo’s songs fit the narrative, and the background score complements tense sequences. Kushendar’s cinematography is neat, but the VFX work is inconsistent, particularly in scenes using green screens. Editing, handled by the director himself, could have been tighter to avoid the drag in the first half.

Verdict: “12A Railway Colony” attempts to be a gripping suspense thriller but delivers a mixed experience. While the second half offers twists and engagement, the slow-paced first half and a setup for a potential sequel dilute the overall impact.

NC24 BTS: Chay Preps for High-Voltage Action

Naga Chaitanya, who is currently working on the unique mythical thriller #NC24, is gearing up for a special birthday celebration on November 23rd. The makers have planned a significant treat for fans, officially confirming that the film’s title and first look will be unveiled on the actor’s birthday. The announcement arrived through an engaging BTS (behind-the-scenes) video that offers a detailed look into the ongoing efforts behind the project.

The BTS video showcases the massive scale on which the film is being crafted. Production Designer Sri Nagendra Tangala and his team have constructed an extensive and visually rich set in the city. The structure plays a crucial role in the narrative, with the team capturing key sequences in this specially designed location. The video highlights their remarkable craftsmanship and the meticulous world-building essential for a film rooted in mythology and mystery.

Another major highlight of the BTS footage is Naga Chaitanya’s intense preparation for his



role. The actor is seen undergoing rigorous physical training, particularly focused on action sequences, under the guidance of stunt choreographer Joji Master. The glimpses of behind-the-scenes action hint at spectacular stunt work that is expected to elevate the film’s visual appeal. Chaitanya’s refreshed makeover and the sheer effort behind it have already caught the attention of fans.

The film features Meenakshi Chaudhary as the female lead, adding further strength to the cast. Actor Sparsh Shrivastava plays a key role, expanding the film’s character depth. BVSN Prasad and Sukumar are producing the project, while Bapineedu presents it under their banner.

With anticipation building, the upcoming title and first-look reveal are set to heighten excitement as NC24 moves closer to its next major promotional milestone.

Rebel Saab: First Single from The Raja Saab Gets Release Date



Prabhas’ upcoming film The Raja Saab has finally delivered the update fans have been eagerly waiting for. The makers officially announced that the film’s first single, titled “Rebel Saab,” will be released on November 23, 2025, sparking excitement across the fandom. The update arrives after weeks of anticipation, with social media buzzing about when the musical promotions would begin.

Accompanying the announcement was a vibrant poster showcasing a striking still from the song. The visual hints at an energetic, mass-appeal track that aligns with Prabhas’ signature style. With the poster already capturing attention, fans are now looking forward to the promo, which the team is expected to release tomorrow. The buzz surrounding the track suggests it may become one of the film’s standout highlights.

The Raja Saab features a strong ensemble cast with Malavika Mohanan, Nidhi Agerwal, and Riddhi Kumar playing the female leads, adding significant star power to the project. The film also includes Sanjay Dutt in a crucial role, further elevating expectations. Known for his impactful screen presence, Dutt’s involvement hints at dynamic character moments and high-voltage sequences.

Produced by People Media Factory, this pan-Indian horror entertainer is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated releases of the coming year. Adding to the excitement is renowned composer Thaman, who is scoring the film’s music. With his track record of chart-topping numbers, fans are expecting “Rebel Saab” to set the tone for an impressive album.

Directed with a blend of grandeur and genre thrills, The Raja Saab is slated for a theatrical release on January 9, 2026. With the first single now announced, promotional activities are expected to pick up pace, keeping fans engaged as the film approaches its big release.

Producers Raj & DK, who helmed the first two seasons, return to direct the third chapter as well, ensuring consistency in tone, storytelling, and world-building. Known for their genre-bending narratives, the duo has once again crafted a gripping storyline that pushes the stakes higher than ever.

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Family Man Season 3 Debuts on OTT



The wait is finally over for fans of one of India’s most popular streaming franchises. ‘The Family Man’ Season 3 has officially arrived on OTT and is now streaming on Prime Video, marking the return of the high-stakes action thriller that has captivated audiences nationwide.

The new season is available in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi, allowing viewers across regions to dive back into the world of Srikant Tiwari, the relatable yet razor-sharp intelligence officer portrayed by Manoj Bajpayee. The first two seasons of the series were major successes, earning critical acclaim and smashing viewership records on Amazon Prime Video.

Joining Manoj Bajpayee once again is Priyamani, who reprises her role as Suchitra. Their on-screen dynamic, blending family pressures with national security dilemmas, has been one of the show’s core strengths. Season 3 continues to expand this emotional and suspense-filled

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