

CM Focuses on Women's Empowerment, Education, and Massive Infrastructure Development

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, speaking at the Kodangal public meeting, emphasized that economic development in any state is intrinsically linked to the happiness and self-respect of women. He outlined several key welfare and development programs initiated by his government to uplift women and ensure they achieve financial independence. These initiatives include the distribution of fine rice to bring joy to every poor mother, providing cooking gas cylinders for just 500, and granting free travel on RTC buses, effectively making women "owners of RTC buses." Furthermore, to enable women to compete with major corporate entities like Adani and Ambani, the government has entrusted them with the management of Solar Plants. The administration is also actively working to



create robust marketing channels for women's products, offering stalls at Hitech City Shilparamam and initiating talks with Amazon to sell their handicrafts in the international market, ensuring women attain economic freedom.

The Chief Minister stressed that providing quality education is the singular path to illuminating people's lives and ensu-

ring generational change. Declaring Education and Irrigation as his government's top priorities, he announced ambitious plans for the Kodangal constituency. He revealed the establishment of a comprehensive set of institutions—including Medical, Veterinary, Agri, Paramedical, Nursing, and Engineering Colleges, along with ATCs, an Integrated Residential

School, Junior, Degree Colleges, and a Sainik School—with the goal of transforming Kodangal into an international-level Education Hub within 16 months. To address the immediate needs of students, the Akshaya Patra Breakfast Scheme is now feeding 28,000 students in 312 government schools, complemented by a centralized kitchen system for midday meals, reflec-

ting a mother's care for her children.

On the infrastructure front, CM Reddy detailed major projects: the Kodangal Lift Irrigation Project is set to be completed in three years, promising to irrigate the lands with Krishna River water with the voluntary cooperation of farmers. The Lagcharla Industrial Area will be upgraded to an International Industrial Zone, and the long-cherished 70-year dream of a railway line for Kodangal is set to begin construction within nine months. Additionally, plans are underway to establish cement industries in the region. The CM affirmed that Kodangal will become a model constituency for the entire state, urging citizens to elect good representatives in the upcoming Sarpanch elections. He concluded by asking the people and the 'Indiramma Sarees' recipients to support the development efforts, assuring that the 'Indiramma Rajyam' (welfare rule) will last for ten years.

I-BOMMA Ravi's Police Custody Concludes



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The five-day police custody of Ravi, the accused administrator of the film piracy website I-BOMMA, concluded today. Cyber Crime Police conducted necessary medical examinations on Ravi before presenting him at the Nampally Court. Following the court appearance, Ravi was transferred to Chanchalguda Jail. During the five-day period, it is reported that Ravi provided key information to the investigating police team. His defense lawyer, Srinath, confirmed that five separate cases have been regis-

tered against Ravi in connection with the piracy accusations. The lawyer clarified that the court had only ordered the five-day custody for investigation in one of these registered cases. Srinath also countered rumors suggesting that Ravi was uncooperative during his custody, explicitly stating that there is no factual basis for such claims. Ravi's legal team has already submitted a bail petition to the court, and the hearing on the plea is scheduled to take place on Tuesday. The conclusion of the police custody phase marks the transition of the high-profile film piracy case into the next stage of judicial proceedings.

CM Revanth Lays Foundation for 103 Crores Worth of Works

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for a host of development works in the Kodangal constituency valued at 103 crores, marking a major push towards comprehensive infrastructural and social upliftment in the region. These projects are strategically aimed at enhancing welfare facilities, education infrastructure, and overall urban connectivity within the constituency. The development plan includes significant investments in social welfare infrastructure. A sum of 5.83 crores has been earmarked for the construction of 28 Anganwadi buildings, and 5.01 crores for the construction of 23 additional classrooms in government schools, directly benefiting the education and early child development sectors. Furthermore, 3 crores will be utilized for the construction of 10 Gram Panchayat (GP) buildings, strengthening local governance. Community facilities are also being



upgraded, including additional amenities for the Banjara Bhavan (Compound Wall, Dining Hall, Water Supply, and Electrification) at a cost of 3.65 crores, and 4.91 crores allocated for the construction of various Community Halls, Kitchen Sheds, and Compound Walls.

A large portion of the fund, 60 crores, is dedicated to the crucial project of road widening in Kodangal town, aimed at improving urban mobility and easing traffic congestion. Additionally, 4.45 crores will be spent on constructing CC roads and Underground Drainage (UGD) systems. In terms of civic safety and recreation, the Chief Minister laid the foun-

Minister Ponnam Seeks Clearances for Irrigation Projects



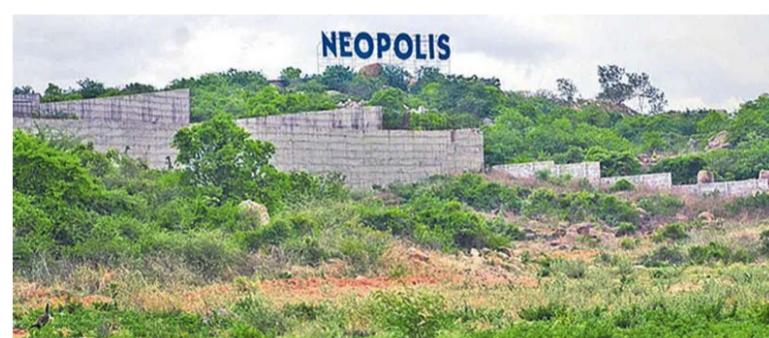
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State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar met with Tanmay Kumar, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment, in New Delhi to press for the speedy sanction of environmental clearances for crucial irrigation projects in Telangana, including the Gouravelli Project. Accompanied by Secretary Coordination Dr. Gaurav Uppal, the Minister engaged in discussions with the Central Secretary regarding the progress and approval status of various water resources projects being undertaken by the Telangana government.

Minister Prabhakar

underscored the critical importance of the irrigation schemes, explaining that the quick granting of necessary project approvals would significantly enhance the state's capacity to provide safe drinking water to the public and reliable irrigation water to farmers, thereby boosting agricultural output and public welfare. He emphasized that the timely execution of the projects is dependent on the swift action of the Central Ministry. Regarding the legal complexities surrounding the clearances, the Minister relayed that Secretary Tanmay Kumar acknowledged the situation arising from the recent development concerning the Supreme Court. The Central Secretary noted th-

Record Land Prices Recorded in Kokapet: 137.25 Crore Per Acre



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Land prices in Kokapet, a prime suburban area of Hyderabad, have reached a record high, with the highest bid soaring to 137.25 crores per acre in a recent auction. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) conducted the auction for plots situated in Survey No. 17 and 18 of the Neopolis area in Kokapet.

The state govern-

ment had earlier issued a notification to auction off these high-value lands within the HMDA jurisdiction through an online bidding process. For the Kokapet Neopolis auction, the minimum upset price was set at 99 crores per acre. However, the intense bidding resulted in the land in Survey No. 17 fetching the extraordinary price of 137.25 crores per acre.

This auction reinforces the soaring real estate valuation in Hyderabad's peripher-

ies. It follows another recent successful auction in Rayadurgam, where the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGI IC) auctioned 7.67 acres for a total of 1,357 crores, with the highest bid per acre reaching 177 crores against an upset price of 101 crores. The latest Kokapet figures once again highlight the massive investor interest and the premium value attached to strategically located plots in the rapidly developing zones of the city.



operating in the remote and inaccessible forest

areas of the special zone. The spokesperson clarified that the delay is not an indication of any hidden intent, but rather a direct consequence of the lack of swift and reliable communication channels within their operational territories.

The letter concludes with a set of reciprocal assurances designed to facilitate a temporary truce and build confidence. In return for the complete cessation of security force activities, the Maoists have guaranteed that they will not organize P LGA Week (People's Liberation Guerrilla Army Week), a customary period of intense recruitment and military activity. Furthermore, they prom-

ised a full suspension of all their activities for the entire duration of the requested ceasefire period, pending the internal consolidation of the decision. This conditional offer presents an immense strategic dilemma for the state governments and the central security apparatus. While a surrender of arms aligns with the ultimate goal of peace, the demand for a unilateral suspension of security operations across the entire MMC zone raises significant security concerns. Such a pause could potentially be exploited by the insurgents for tactical regrouping, resupply, or intelligence gathering. The governments of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, along with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, must now engage in intense consultations to thoroughly assess the legal, political, and security implications of the proposal. The response to the February 15th deadline will determine whether this moment leads to a genuine de-escalation of the conflict or is viewed as a calculated tactical maneuver in the ongoing counter-insurgency efforts. The situation highlights the complex and challenging path towards bringing the decades-long Maoist insurgency to a peaceful and permanent conclusion.

Maoists Offer to Surrender Arms if Security Operations Halt

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The declaration by the Maoist insurgency to conditionally suspend its armed operations marks a potentially pivotal moment in the decades-long conflict across Central India. Issued by Anant, the spokesperson for the Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh (MMC) Special Zonal Committee, the open letter makes a bold appeal to the Chief Ministers of the three states: immediately halt all counter-insurgency combat operations. This unilateral cessation of security for ce activity is the pre-

puse for the Maoists to announce a specific date for surrendering their arms and guaranteeing a full suspension of their current activities.

The proposal stems from an internal reassessment of the movement's strategic future. The letter explicitly endorses a recent decision by Comrade Sonu Dada, a high-ranking member of the party's Central Committee and Politburo, to temporarily halt the armed struggle in light of "changing circumstances nationally and globally." This decision has gained internal momentum, with the support of other key Central Committee members, Satish Dada and Chandrappa, and is now

formally backed by the MMC Special Zonal Committee, which declared its intention to "abandon their firearms."

The commitment to surrender is, however, deeply complicated by the operational reality of the Maoist organizational structure. The MMC Special Zonal Committee has formally requested an extension until February 15th of the following year. This extensive timeline—a period of nearly three months—is justified by the need to adhere to the principle of "democratic centralism." This core organizational rule dictates that such a major strategic policy shift must be collectively ratified and communicated systematically to all cadres and comrades



Deputy CM Bhatti VikramarkaMallu Invites Dignitaries for Son's Engagement

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti VikramarkaMallu and his wife extended personal invitations to the state's highest dignitaries for the engagement ceremony of their eldest son, Surya Vikrama-

mallu. The Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by his family, met with Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to formally present the invitation card. The engagement ceremony is scheduled to take

place on November 26th. The family's gesture of personally inviting the Governor and the Chief Minister underscores the significance of the event and the respect accorded to the constitutional and administrative heads of the state.

The brief report also noted the presence of Bhatti Vikramarka's brother, Mallu Ravi, who is a Lok Sabha Member of Parliament, during the presentations of the invitation cards. The gathering of high-ranking political figures high-

lights the important social and political connections of the Deputy Chief Minister's family. This act of personally inviting state leaders is a traditional way to convey respect and honor, ensuring their blessings for the couple's new beginning.

Cyber Safety Alert: Beware of E-KYC and Aadhaar Update WhatsApp Scams

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The public is strongly cautioned against responding to suspicious WhatsApp messages concerning e-KYC and Aadhaar updates that originate from unknown numbers. These messages are identified as a common method used in cyber fraud. The core warning is clear: do not download any APK file attached to or linked with these unsolicited messages. Downloading and installing such files can compromise the security of your device and lead to significant financial loss or identity theft.

This alert serves as a timely reminder for digital vigilance. Cyber-criminals frequently employ social engineering tactics, using the guise of mandatory updates or account verification (like e-KYC or Aadhaar update) to trick individuals into granting access to their personal data or installing malicious software. Once the APK file is installed, the perpetrators can gain control over the user's phone, access sensitive information such as banking credentials, and execute fraud-

ulent transactions without the victim's knowledge. The fraudulent nature of these messages often lies in their urgency and the request for immediate action.

Authorities urge everyone to immediately alert their friends and family members about these types of cyber scams to prevent them from becoming victims. Genuine government and financial institutions never request sensitive information or prompt the download of application files via unverified WhatsApp messages. Users should verify any official-looking message through the institution's official website or customer service channels. The key takeaway is to maintain a high level of suspicion towards any unsolicited digital communication that pressures one into performing actions such as downloading files or sharing personal data, especially when related to official documents like Aadhaar or bank account credentials. Immediate and widespread dissemination of this warning is crucial for community cyber safety.

Revanth Reddy Hailed as a Leader of Development



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Minister Vakiti Srihari praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as a leader admired by the people of Telangana, asserting that a leader like him is one in a crore. Speaking at the Kodangal Assembly meeting, he drew a sharp contrast between the current and previous governments regarding welfare schemes for women. He stated that the sarees distributed by the previous administration were often used by farmers to protect their crops from animals, thereby disrespecting women's honor. In contrast, the current government, under Revanth Reddy, is presenting 'Sare' (traditional gifts) to uphold the dignity of women.

Srihari declared that

the Kodangal region will become an 'AkshayaPatra' (a vessel of inexhaustible plenty) in terms of development. He highlighted the significant progress being made to bring Krishna River water to the Kodangal area, mentioning that a project is being undertaken at a cost of 4,500 crores to ensure the region is touched by 'GangaammaTalli' (Mother Ganga/Water). He emphatically stated that the delivery of water to Kodangal is solely due to Revanth Reddy, further calling the Chief Minister 'Aparabhageeratha' (a modern-day Bhagiratha, who brought the Ganga to earth). The government is prioritizing the honor and empowerment of women. The main goal of the current adminis-

Rapid Development of Temples Across Telangana from Basara to Bhadrakali



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Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has made the development of Telangana's temples, from Basara to Keesara and Bhadrakali to Bhadrachalam, her primary agenda. The Endowments Department is rapidly moving to develop temples in different ways across the state under the people's government. The Minister stated that the revenue of temples has significantly increased under the new government, attributing the rise to the comprehensive development work and improved facilities for devotees. The department's statistics show a massive increase in income from the 699

temple institutions in the state: revenue rose from 373.55 crores in late 2023 to 544.61 crores in 2024 following the government's initiatives. The Yadadri Sri Lakshmi NarasimhaSwamy Temple witnessed a huge surge in revenue during the Kartika month, with over 20.52 lakh devotees visiting. The temple's income increased to 17.62 crores, an increase of 3.31 crores compared to the previous year's 14.30 crores. This increased income will be utilized entirely for the temple's development.

The Endowments Department, led by Minister Konda Surekha, is executing a master plan for the development of major temples, com-

BEE Prepares for 35th National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025

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The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, is making comprehensive preparations for the 35th National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025, aiming for a grand success. Instituted in 1991, NECA promotes Energy Efficiency and Conservation as pillars of sustainable economic development. BEE is coordinating closely with Union Ministries, State Designated Agencies (SDAs), and public/private stakeholders nationwide to promote best practices.

Dhiraj Kumar Srivastava, Director General of BEE, stated that NECA



symbolizes India's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and climate responsibility, fostering healthy competition for greater energy savings. MilindDeore, Secretary of BEE, highlighted that India has achieved substantial energy savings, citing that

the Standards & Labeling Programme alone has saved 89.84 billion units of electricity and reduced CO_2 emissions by 63.78 million tonnes. He urged all states, including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, to actively participate in NECA 2025.

For the first time, NECA 2025 introduces a new category for Digital Content Creators & Influencers, recognizing their role in driving behavio-

ral change. Mr. Deore added that this initiative aligns with the vision of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), aiming to mobilize content creators as ambassadors of energy conservation. Separately, Dr. A. Sharath, Chairman and MD of TGREDCO, and V. Anila met with BEE Secretary MilindDeore and Abhishek Sharma to submit a report on Telangana's Energy Efficiency programs in areas like Cool Proofing, EVs, and Clean Cooking. The Secretary assured full support to Telangana in implementing policy, awareness drives, and capacity building programs.

JAC Demands Immediate Transfer of Nizampet Commissioner

Kutublapur | November 24, 2025

The Nizampet Municipal Corporation Joint Action Committee (JAC) launched a scathing attack on the corporation's current Commissioner, Sabir Ali, demanding his immediate transfer. The JAC accused Ali of presiding over massive corruption and illegalities across the engineering, town planning, and revenue divisions since he took charge in October 2024 without possessing the necessary qualifications. They alleged that he installed favored individuals in key posts, forming an employee syndicate that has pushed the corporation toward insolvency. Furthermore, the JAC criticized his administration as "highly inefficient," citing a total collapse in sanitation and drainage



management and a failure to protect public parks and roads from encroachment. The JAC formally registered a complaint at the Praja

vani program with Additional Collector Vijender Reddy. They demanded that a Group-1 or IAS officer be appointed as Commissioner, as man-

dated by the Telangana Municipal Act-2019, and called for a full-scale inquiry into all illegalities of the past year. JAC leader Akula Satish war-

ned that if the unqualified official is allowed to continue, the JAC, along with the citizens, would besiege the municipal office in December.

The JAC also expressed outrage over alleged discrimination in land allocation for the Hindu Vaikunthadham. They noted that despite a 2022 government order to allocate 3.20 acres, officials are currently offering only 1.20 acres, while the Muslim community was rapidly allotted two acres for development. The JAC accused the government and local MLA Vivekananda of exhibiting anti-Hindu discrimination and vowed to continue their struggle until the full 3.20 acres are allocated, even if it requires combining adjacent survey numbers (343 and 346) with Survey No. 186.

Rajeev Gandhi Panchayat Raj State-Level Training Camp Begins



Medchal | November 24, 2025

The state-level Sarvodaya Sankalp Camp training session, organized under the auspices of the Rajeev Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan (RGPRS), commenced at the Keesara Bala Vikas Training Centre in Medchal. This two-day training camp is a strategic initiative aimed at fortifying the capabilities of the Congress party's grassroots workers and leaders,

training them in the principles of decentralized governance and community service. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud graced the inaugural function as the chief guest. The event also saw the virtual participation of the AICC In-charge, Meenakshi Natarajan, signifying the importance of the national leadership places on local governance structures. Other key dignitaries present included Corporation

Chairman Shiv Sena Reddy, RGPRS Chairman Rachamalla Siddeshwar, and various AICC Secretaries. The camp focuses on instilling the vision of "Sarvodaya" (the upliftment of all) and equipping participants with the knowledge necessary to effectively implement the party's welfare and development agendas at the panchayat and local body levels across Telangana.

BRS Prepares for 'Deeksha Divas'

Suryapet | November 24, 2025

BRS party leaders held a preparatory meeting at the district office in Suryapet to ensure the grand success of 'Deeksha Divas,' scheduled for November 29. They emphasized that November 29 is a pivotal day in Telangana's history, marking KCR's fast-unto-death, which the party credits as the decisive factor that compelled the central government to grant statehood. The leaders asserted that the slogan "Telangana Vachchudo—KCR Sachchudo" (Telangana must be achieved or KCR must die) galvanized the movement and united all sectors. They encouraged party workers from all villages to prepare for the event, aiming to make Suryapet's 'Deeksha Divas' a model for the entire state.

Following the meeting, BRS leaders accused the current Congress government of engaging in misgovernance and cor-

ruption, alleging that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's primary objective is solely money-making, which is evident in major land scams. They pointed to the suspicious sale of government land, particularly properties allocated to the Industrial Corporation in Kokapet. They questioned why the land, which previously fetched 100 to 170 crores per acre, is now being sold for a significantly lower price, claiming the administration is focused on plundering public money. The BRS warned that an inquiry into this land scam is inevitable under the next government, stating that all those who assisted in stealing public assets would face jail. They also severely criticized the government for prevailing chaos in paddy procurement and for allegedly deceiving the BC community, noting that BC reservations are now at risk, urging the BRS to intensify its fight for BC rights.

BRS Vows Multi-Phased Fight for BC Rights

Former Minister Statement | November 24, 2025

BRS leaders affirmed their party's commitment to standing by the BC (Backward Classes) community, announcing a phased agitation program to fight the deceptions allegedly perpetrated by the Congress government against BCs. This dedicated struggle for the rights of the BC community will be launched from the village level and will be reinforced through the organization of seminars across the state. They highlighted that the BRS is also taking the fight to the national level: MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra is slated to introduce a private bill in Parliament aimed at securing the

rights and welfare of the BC community. The leaders stated clearly that the BRS will relentlessly pursue the Congress government to ensure that justice is delivered to the community. A former minister questioned the legitimacy of providing party-based reservations, specifically the promised 42%, in the upcoming elections for the posts of Sarpanch, which are supposed to be non-partisan. This two-pronged approach—simultaneously fighting on the ground and in legislative forums—underscores the BRS's resolve to counter the perceived anti-BC policies of the current administration and regain political ground.

ED Attaches Assets of Patancheru MLA's Brother Worth 80 Crores

Hyderabad | November 24, 2025

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) provisionally attached assets valued at 80 crores belonging to Madhusudhan Reddy, who is the brother of Patancheru MLA Guddem Mahipal Reddy. This significant action was taken following a comprehensive ED investigation into allegations of large-scale financial irregularities by Madhusudhan Reddy's company, Santosh Sand and

Granite. The investigation revealed that the company was allegedly involved in illegal activities amounting to an estimated 300 crores. A major point of contention was the company's alleged failure to remit 39 crores in royalty payments owed to the state government. The ED's decision to attach the assets underscores its firm approach toward individuals and entities involved in illicit mining operations and associ-



KTR Strategizes with BRS Corporators for GHMC

Hyderabad | November 24, 2025

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) convened a meeting with the party's MLAs, MLCs, and Corporators from the GHMC area at Telangana Bhavan to strategize for the upcoming municipal corporation meeting. KTR offered firm assurances, promising that every corporator who remained loyal to the party during its time in opposition would be rewarded with further official positions in the future. He commended the corporators for their decade of service, highlighting their work as being free from corruption and noting their exceptional dedica-

tion during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic. KTR instructed the corporators to adopt an aggressive posture during the municipal session, directing them to demand answers from the current state government regarding the controversial sale of lands in Hyderabad and the allocation of industrial land. They were also told to hold the government accountable for its alleged failures in implementing key development and welfare programs. KTR instilled confidence that the BRS would decisively win the GHMC elections whenever they are held, urging all members to remain united and perpetually prepared for the polls.

Niranjan Reddy Condemns Kavitha's Attacks

Wanaparthy | November 24, 2025

BRS leader and former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy fiercely criticized the Revanth Reddy government for its "complete failure" on farmers' issues, pointing to 720 alleged farmer suicides in the past two years and the stall of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Project. However, the focus quickly shifted as he lashed out at Telangana Jagruthi President K. Kavitha for allegedly making "abusive comments" against him instead of attacking the ruling government.

Niranjan Reddy expressed deep anguish, questioning why she was attempting to please unnamed persons by attacking him, reminiscing her that KCR loyalists were grief-stricken when



she was jailed in the liquor case. The confrontation escalated into sharp personal verbal exchanges.

Niranjan Reddy dismissed Kavitha's taunts about being "Water Niranjan Reddy" and retaliated by calling her



GHMC Deputy Mayor Intervenes on Tarnaka Bus Stop Issue

Hyderabad | November 25, 2025

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Deputy Mayor Smt. Mothe Srikrutha Shobhan Reddy took prompt action to resolve the critical issue faced by commuters at the Old Dairy Farm Bus Stop in Tarnaka Division. For several days, the TGRTC buses had been skipping this major stop, severely inconveniencing the large number of students, employees, women, and the elderly who use it daily to travel to

key institutions like NIN, EFLU, and Osmania University. Key routes (including 3, 3K, 3H, and others) ignoring the stop forced commuters to stand on the road, walk long distances, and face persistent delays. Upon learning of the problem, the Deputy Mayor personally visited the site to assess the situation and speak with the affected passengers. She issued clear instructions directly to the bus drivers and conductors passing by, stating the stop must be honored

Massive Drug and Ganja Seizure in Madhapur Zone

TPN Bureau | November 24, 2025, The Madhapur Special Operations Team (SOT) police have dealt a major blow to drug trafficking in Hyderabad by successfully cracking down on three separate narcotics cases within the Madhapur Zone. These extensive operations, overseen by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Rithiraj, resulted in the arrest of six individuals and the confiscation of illicit substances valued at over 32.50 lakhs. The total seizure includes a substantial 41.9 kg of Ganja, 15 grams of MDMA (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine), and 1.170 kg of Alprazolam, underscoring the police's sus-



tained efforts against drug distribution networks. The first case, within the Chandannagar Police Station jurisdiction, involved the seizure of 1.170 kg of the psychotropic substance Alprazolam, valued at 10 lakhs. Police arrested Goundla Bala Murali Krishna (38), who was actively attempting to supply the drug to local Kallu (Toddy) shops, suggesting a dangerous trend of mixing the drug into the local brew. While one arrest was made, two other persons involved in this network are currently absconding.

In a separate operation also under the Chandannagar PS limits, the SOT teams intercepted a syn-

thetic party drug network. They confiscated 15 grams of MDMA (Ecstasy), worth an estimated 1.50 lakhs. The investigation revealed that the drugs were procured from Bengaluru and smuggled into Hyderabad specifically for distribution and consumption during the upcoming New Year celebrations. The police arrested three individuals in this case: Harish, Sai Krishna, and Sai Mani Kantha.

The largest seizure occurred in the Kollur PS jurisdiction, targeting a cannabis smuggling operation. A massive consignment of 41.9 kg of Ganja, valued at 21 lakhs, was seized. The net-

Beware of Fake APK File Frauds: HYDERABAD POLICE

Public Advisory | Date 24.11.2025

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crimes, Hyderabad, issued an urgent public advisory detailing the rising threat of Fake APK File Frauds. Cyber fraudsters are circulating malicious Android Package Kit (APK) files via various platforms (SMS, WhatsApp, fake websites) deceptively claiming to offer government benefits, bank services, or rewards like RTOChallan APK or PMKisan Yojana apk. Victims are tricked into downloading these files from outside the Google Play Store and granting extensive permissions (like SMS access or

screen sharing). This allows the malicious app, often containing Remote Access Tools (RATs), to secretly capture all sensitive details, including mobile banking credentials and OTPs, resulting in significant financial loss and misuse of personal data. The police strongly advised citizens: Never download or install unknown APK files, avoid clicking unverified links, be cautious of excessive app permissions, and keep all device security features updated. Immediate reporting of suspicious activity to the National Cybercrime Help line (1930) or cybercrime.gov.in is urged to prevent fraud escalation.

Press Note | November 24, 2025

GHMC Mayor Gudwal Vijayalakshmi inaugurated the new Banjara Hills Excise Station and called upon the Excise Department to work vigorously to eradicate drugs, striving to make the entire Hyderabad and GHMC area a "Drug-Free Metropolitan City." She stressed the vital need to actively educate the youth and general public about the severe harm caused by drug

abuse, emphasizing prevention alongside enforcement. This inauguration was part of a coordinated effort across Telangana, following orders from Prohibition and Excise Commissioner C. Harikiran to establish 14 new excise stations, including three in Hyderabad, nine in Ranga Reddy, and one each in Sangareddy and Warangal. In the Hyderabad Division, Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha Reddy opened the Chik-

kadpally station, and Cantonment MLA Ganesh inaugurated Maredpally. Other dignitaries, including Hyderabad Excise Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Reddy, participated in the simultaneous openings in key areas like Gandipet, Kompally, Kukatpally, and Aminpur, showcasing a unified administrative strategy to strengthen vigilance against the drug menace across the urban and suburban areas.

Hyderabad Launches New Excise Stations



Beware of OTP Frauds: POLICE

Public Advisory | Date 24.11.2025

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crimes, Hyderabad, issued a second critical public advisory cautioning citizens against the persistent danger of OTP Frauds. Cybercriminals employ various deceptive tactics—including fake bank calls, false customer care inquiries, online shopping scams, and UPI Collect Requests—to trick victims into disclosing their

One-Time Passwords (OTPs). Fraudsters often impersonate bank officials, threatening to block accounts unless the OTP is shared, or mislead victims with promises of fake refunds or cashbacks. Once the OTP is obtained, criminals gain unauthorized access to bank accounts, credit cards, digital wallets, and personal data, leading to severe financial loss.

The police delivered

Hyderabad CP Sajjanar Conducts Surprise Midnight Patrol, Warns Rowdy Sheeters

Press Release | Date 24.11.2025
Hyderabad Police Commissioner Shri V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, conducted an extensive, unannounced midnight patrol in an unmarked police vehicle to strengthen visible policing and accountability in the South West Zone. The CP personally visited the homes of several identified rowdy sheeters in areas like MD Lines and Asham Nagar under the Langer Houz PS limits. He woke them up to in-



quire about their criminal history, current livelihood, and social conduct, issuing a severe warning that any return to criminal activity

would result in the most stringent legal action. The patrol, conducted between 12:00 AM and 3:00 AM, covered key roads and sensitive poi-

Cyberabad Inspector J. Upendar Honoured with Kendriya Grih Mantri Dakshata Padak – 2025

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Inspector J. Upendar of the Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing (EOW) was selected for the prestigious national-level recognition, the 'Kendriya Grih Mantri Dakshata Padak – 2025' (Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal). Announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the award acknowledges the Inspector's exceptional professionalism and unwaver-



ing commitment to justice. Specifically, the honor recognizes his outstanding performance in complex homicide investigations

Muthyam Reddy, met with Cyberabad Commissioner of Police (CP) Avinash Mohanty. CP Mohanty personally appreciated and congratulated the Inspector for bringing national recognition to the Cyberabad Police unit. This award serves to boost the morale of the police force and highlights the crucial role played by dedicated officers in ensuring accountability and maintaining public trust in law enforcement agencies through meticulous investigation.

MP Mallu Ravi Distributes Digital QR Code Textbooks

TPN Bureau | Today In a significant educational initiative for the Nalgurkurnool Parliament constituency, Dr. Mallu Ravi, MP, distributed specially designed Digital QR Code textbooks to 10th-grade students. This project was made possible through a generous allocation of 1 crore in CSR funds from the IIFCL organization. Speaking at the distribution ceremony, MP Mallu Ravi highlighted that these technologically advanced books will serve as a valuable resource, enabling students to grasp complex subjects more quickly and easily. The key feature is the integrated QR code, which, when scanned, instantly connects students to supplementary learning materials like videos, examples, and practice model papers via the internet. Dr. Ravi stated that this program is a major step towards enhancing the academic standards of students in the region, providing them with the necessary digital tools to excel in their crucial board examinations. The initiative received widespread appreciation from all stakeholders present, including IIFCL CMD Jay Shankar and local MLAs Rajeswar Reddy and Ennambal Srinivas Reddy.



NEW Medical Equipment Donated to Husnabad Hospital Amidst Service Failures

TPN Bureau | Today The Husnabad Government Area Hospital in Siddipet district received and inaugurated a comprehensive set of modern medical equipment purchased with approximately 1 crore in CSR funds contributed by the public sector undertaking NMDC. This crucial donation included 15 different types of advanced machines, such as ECG machines, an Ultrasound machine, an ENT Surgical Microscope, a Multiple Monitor, and a Mortuary Cabinet. However, during the inspection coinciding with the launch, officials were deeply concerned to discover major deficiencies in patient care, noting that even essential treatments like the Anti-Rabies Vaccine for dog bites were unavailable. Officials issued a firm directive to the staff, urging them to stop sending poor and middle-class patients to private hospitals under the pretense of lacking tests or injections, a practice that causes severe financial distress. They pledged to urgently procure all necessary supplies and assistance, ensuring that the new, high-value equipment translates into guaranteed, accessible, and comprehensive healthcare for the local populace.

Police Locate Missing Boy and Reunite Him with Parents



Tru Point Adilabad | Today Police officers on routine patrol in the Ichoda mandal centre demonstrated exemplary vigilance by quickly locating a distressed, crying boy at Shivaaji Chowk who was separated from his parents. Utilizing the help of local residents, the police swiftly gathered the necessary information and successfully identified

the child as the son of Alakunta Ramu and his wife, residents of Subhash Nagar Colony. This prompt action ensured the child's safety and brought immediate relief to the frantic parents. The police team immediately contacted the family and safely reunited the boy with them. During the emotional handover, Ichoda CI Anjanma provided essential counsel to the parents, emphasizing the critical importance of paying constant attention to their children and being highly vigilant to prevent such disappearances, which can quickly turn dangerous. The officers involved, including A.S.I. Nanak Singh, and constables Narsingh, Vishnu Vardhan, Jayakumar, and Ramachandra, were praised for their timely and compassionate response.

Rowdy Sheeter's Chaos with Knives Under Ganja Influence

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A climate of fear gripped Dayananda Nagar, located within the Suraram PS limits of Quthbullapur, after a dangerous incident involving known rowdy sheeters. The primary accused, Gaja alias Ravi (25), along with Hari Babu, allegedly went on a rampage while intoxicated by ganja (cannabis), assaulting locals and creating a disturbance with knives, resulting in injuries to three individuals. The recurrence of such violent, drug-fueled incidents has left the colony residents deeply pan-

icked and demanding swift intervention. Although police personnel searched the area shortly after the incident, they were unable to locate the assailants that night. Consequently, the worried residents submitted a united complaint to the police station. Victims and locals vehemently urged the authorities to take the most stringent action possible, specifically calling for a case to be registered under the PD (Preventive Detention) Act to ensure the permanent removal and severe punishment of the repeat offenders. Police confirmed that a formal case has been registered and that a thorough investigation is underway.

Women Empowerment is the Goal - Minister Jupally

Tru Point Adilabad | Monday District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao reiterated the state government's unwavering commitment to ensuring women empowerment and promoting their economic self-reliance. Speaking at the inauguration of the Indira Mahila Shakti Saree distribution program at STU Bhavan, Adilabad, the Minister stressed the integral role of women in strengthening the state's economy and contributing to societal growth. He elaborated on several targeted welfare schemes designed to enable women to move forward with greater dignity and confidence. These initiatives include setting up RTC buses,

solar power plants, and petrol pumps to be operated by women's groups, strategically boosting their income sources and transforming them into employers, thus securing their families' financial future. Furthermore, the Minister highlighted broad-based welfare schemes, such as the 22,000 crore allocation for 4.50 lakh houses and the provision of 200 units of free electricity to poor families. He advised the women beneficiaries to make the most of the government's support and cultivate a strong culture of saving. The event concluded with the distribution of Indiramma sarees and the handing over of 21.83 crores in SHG loans.



Sonala Primary School Neglected Due to Teacher Shortage



Tru Point Adilabad | Today, The Sonala Primary School in Both mandal center, Adilabad district, is struggling with a crisis of neglect due to a severe teacher shortage, directly affecting the education of its large student body. At

the beginning of the academic year, the school was responsible for 126 students but had a minimal staff of just three regular teachers and one Special Education Teacher. This situation worsened significantly when

one regular teacher was transferred due to a promotion, and critically, the Special Education Teacher was dispatched on a deputation assignment to the Adilabad district center. This series of staff losses has severely

strained the remaining resources, jeopardizing the quality of instruction for the 126 children. Concerned parents are now raising their voices, appealing to the authorities to immediately cancel the deputation of the Special

Education Teacher and to appoint an additional regular teacher. They firmly believe that filling these vacant positions is the only way to ensure their children receive the continuous, quality education they deserve.

Aadhaar, Citizenship, and Voting Rights

SC Directive Sparks Legal and Political Debate



The Supreme Court's recent directive asking the Election Commission of India (ECI) to consider Aadhaar as a valid identity proof for voter enrolment in Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has reignited a complex and sensitive debate over citizenship, voting rights, and national security.

While Aadhaar serves as proof of identity for accessing welfare schemes and services, it is not a conclusive document for establishing Indian citizenship. This legal distinction, upheld in the 2018

Puttaswamy judgment, lies at the heart of the controversy. The ECI had opposed the move, fearing it could allow illegal migrants—especially in border states—to gain access to the electoral rolls.

Under Article 326 of the Constitution, only Indian citizens can vote. With Aadhaar now being used to validate voter identity, critics argue that the gap between identity and citizenship is being dangerously blurred, particularly in sensitive states like Assam and West Bengal.

Assam's Long History of

Anxiety

Assam has long been wary of demographic shifts due to illegal immigration. Following the Assam Movement (1979–1985), amendments to the Citizenship Act in 1986 and 1992 made it harder to gain Indian citizenship by birth, shifting towards the principle of *jus sanguinis* (citizenship by blood).

Currently, several districts in Assam report Aadhaar holders exceeding projected population figures, prompting the state to halt Aadhaar issuance in those areas. This

has raised alarm over the misuse of Aadhaar by undocumented migrants.

West Bengal & Beyond
In West Bengal, over 2.43 lakh voter enrolment applications were recently rejected, mostly from border districts. Similar fears are growing in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland, highlighting the need for a coordinated regional response.

Legal Ambiguity & National Security

India's legal regime, split between the Citizenship Act (1955) and the Foreigners Act (1946), does not

clearly address undocumented citizens or infiltrators. Foreigner Tribunals in Assam attempt to adjudicate these cases, but their processes remain complex and inconsistent.

As the SIR process potentially scales nationwide, unresolved legal questions about Aadhaar's role, citizenship verification, and voting rights could deepen. The judiciary's directive, though well-intentioned, may require broader legal reform to protect the integrity of India's electoral and citizenship systems.

Latin American Left Finds Curious Admirers in Indian Intellectual Circles



thought. The genre's subtle critique of authoritarianism resonated with Indian audiences, even though it lacked overt political messaging.

The most curious—and controversial—export has been Liberation Theology, a fusion of Marxism and Roman Catholicism led by Peruvian priest Gustavo Gutiérrez. While dismissed by the Vatican's conservatives like Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict), the movement has gained quiet traction among some Catholic communities in India. Pope Francis, an Argentine, is seen as more sympathetic to these ideas.

While diplomatic moments between India and Latin America have been few and episodic—from Gandhi's inquiry into migration prospects to Brazil in 1948, to Tagore's fanbase in Argentina—the deeper connection lies in shared philosophical undercurrents that have attracted Indian intellectuals for decades.

At the centre of this soft-power exchange is Che Guevara, the Argentine revolutionary who became a global leftist icon. Unlike Fidel Castro, Che's internationalism and tragic end made him a cult figure, particularly in Indian university towns like Calcutta in the 1960s. His image, idealism, and anti-capitalist rhetoric deeply influenced India's student Left.

Nonetheless, the symbolic solidarity continues to appeal to sections of India's academia and political Left—despite the region's limited real-world impact on Indian life. Whether this connection leads to fruitful collaboration or ideological quicksand remains to be seen.

Gold's Sharp Rally Triggers FOMO – But Should Investors Jump In?



The recent surge in gold prices has reignited a classic dilemma for Indian investors: Has the best opportunity already passed, or is now still a good time to buy?

With gold touching new highs, the fear of missing out (FOMO) is becoming palpable—especially in a country like India, where gold carries deep emotional and cultural value. However, financial experts are urging caution. History suggests that chasing gold during sharp rallies often leads to disappointment.

Gold is not typically a wealth-creation tool like equities. While it offers strong returns during crises, such as the 2008 financial meltdown or the 2020 COVID-19 shock, it also experiences long periods of stagnation. Between 2011 and 2018, for instance, gold returned a mere 2.5% annually, significantly underperforming the stock

market.

Global Drivers at Play

Gold's price is influenced by global uncertainties, central bank actions, and interest rate movements. As US interest rates drop, the opportunity cost of holding gold decreases, pushing investors toward the metal. With rising geopolitical tensions and a potential economic slowdown looming, many central banks are increasing their gold reserves, reducing reliance on the US dollar.

However, gold's upward momentum is easily reversed. A strengthening dollar, rising bond yields, or easing geopolitical tensions can all deflate gold's appeal. In India, rising prices also dampen jewellery demand, causing consumers to shift toward alternatives like silver or platinum.

Indian Investors and Port

folios Allocation

Over the past 25 years, Indian investors have enjoyed annualised gold returns of 12–13%, aided by a weakening rupee. Still, this historical performance shouldn't be mistaken for a guarantee of future gains. Financial planners caution against treating gold as a primary engine of growth.

The key is disciplined asset allocation. Experts recommend maintaining a gold allocation of 5–15% in one's investment portfolio. This helps hedge against volatility without overexposing to an unpredictable asset.

In conclusion, gold is best viewed as insurance in an investment plan—a stabiliser, not a star performer. While FOMO is understandable amid surging prices, smart investors know that discipline and diversification, not emotion, deliver long-term financial success.

Flood-Hit Punjab Feels Ignored, Old Wounds Reopen Amid Rising Alienation



As Punjab grapples with one of its worst flood disasters in decades, simmering discontent is boiling over into a deeper sense of alienation. Despite the Centre promising support, the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the state has struck a nerve among many Punjabis—particularly within the Sikh community—who feel abandoned in their hour of crisis.

While PM Modi tweeted condolences for the Afghanistan earthquake upon returning from Tianjin on September 1, his silence on Punjab's floods sparked backlash. Giani Harpreet Singh, former Akal Takht head priest and now a

rising religious-political voice, publicly rebuked the Prime Minister. "Punjab is also part of this country," he wrote, questioning Modi's priorities in a pointed social media post followed by a formal letter.

Though the Prime Minister reportedly spoke to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and promised help, for many affected families across 1,500 villages and 3 lakh displaced people, this fell short of expectations. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan did visit flood-hit areas, wading through water, but Modi's absence is being perceived as political distancing.

The alienation, observers

note, is rooted in the unresolved trauma of the farm laws movement, where Sikh farmers were at the forefront of the year-long protest against the Centre. That movement fractured already tenuous bonds between New Delhi and Punjab, and today's silence only reinforces old suspicions.

Politically, the BJP's relationship with Punjab has remained complicated. Once a junior partner to the Shiromani Akali Dal, it now contests alone, tripling its vote share in 2024 but winning no seats. Analysts suggest the party may be eyeing a long game—banking on a fragmented Sikh vote

and Hindu consolidation.

However, this gamble is risky. The rise of radical voices like Amritpal Singh's faction, growing online propaganda linking Sikh grievances with broader separatist narratives, and the vacuum in traditional Sikh politics are creating fertile ground for unrest—and for external actors like Pakistan's ISI to exploit.

History reminds us that neglect during crisis breeds discontent. Punjab's flood tragedy, if not met with empathy and urgency, could deepen a dangerous divide. The moment calls not just for aid—but presence, understanding, and political foresight.

PM Modi Holds Bilateral Talks With Japanese PM at G20 Summit

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday held bilateral talks with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit, discussing ways to strengthen India-Japan cooperation across multiple sectors.

"Had a productive meeting with Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi of Japan. We discussed ways to add momentum to bilateral cooperation in areas such as innovation, defence, talent mobility and more," PM Modi posted on social media. The leaders also explored measures to enhance trade ties, emphasizing that a strong India-Japan partnership is vital for global progress.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, both leaders reaffirmed the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, grounded in civilizational connect, shared values, mutual goodwill, and commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. They highlighted the need to deepen bilateral ties to promote regional and global peace, prosperity, and stability.

The discussions built on the 15th India-Japan An-

nual Summit, focusing on expeditious implementation of agreements across defense and security, trade and investment, SMEs, artificial intelligence, critical minerals, semiconductors, infrastructure, technology, and people-to-people exchanges. They also explored strategic sector collaborations and exchanged views on regional and global issues.

PM Takaichi expressed strong support for the AI Summit to be hosted by India in February 2026. This was the first meeting between the two leaders since she assumed office in October.

The talks followed PM Modi's visit to Japan in August, during which India and Japan finalized 13 key agreements and declarations, launched transformative initiatives, and adopted the India-Japan Joint Vision for the Next Decade. Building on progress toward the 2022-2026 target of JPY 5 trillion in Japanese investments in India, a new goal of JPY 10 trillion (USD 68 billion) in private investment has been set. The vision emphasizes strategic alignment in clean energy, emerging technologies, and infrastructure development.



Justice Surya Kant Sworn in as 53rd Chief Justice of India

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Justice Surya Kant, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, was sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Monday. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at a brief ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan at 10 am.

Justice Kant succeeds Justice BR Gavai, who retired on November 23 after serving just over six months. Justice Gavai had recommended Justice Kant's name as his successor on October 27, and the President appointed him on October 30. Elevated to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019, Justice Kant will serve as CJI for nearly 15 months, retiring on February 9, 2027.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, several Union ministers, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, outgoing CJI Gavai, former Vice President



Jagdeep Dhankhar, and judges from the Supreme Court and High Courts. Chief justices and judges from countries including Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Malaysia, Brazil, and Kenya were also present.

Justice Kant outlined his priorities as CJI, focusing on reducing the massive pendency of cas-

es in the Supreme Court, which currently stands at around 90,000. He emphasized the importance of mediation as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism and highlighted plans to set up Constitution Benches to dispose of key constitutional matters, which could help clear hundreds of cases in high courts.

Born on February 10, 1962, in Hisar, Haryana, Justice Kant graduated in law from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, and earned his Master's degree in law from Kurukshetra University, standing first in his class. He became the youngest Advocate General of Haryana in 2000, was appointed judge of the Punjab and

Haryana High Court in 2004, and served as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court in 2018 before elevation to the Supreme Court.

Justice Kant brings over two decades of judicial experience, with landmark judgments on Article 370, free speech, corruption, environment, and gender equality.

Delhi HC Seeks Response on Christian Michel's Extradition Challenge



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Monday sought responses from the Centre, the CBI, and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on a plea filed by British national Christian Michel James, accused in the ₹3,600-crore AgustaWestland VVIP chopper scam, challenging a provision

of the India-UAE extradition treaty.

A bench comprising Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Manoj Jain directed the Home Ministry, the Ministry of External Affairs, the CBI, and the ED to submit their objections regarding the maintainability of Michel's petition. The

court's notice marks the next step in a legal battle that has spanned several years.

Michel's lawyer highlighted that the accused will complete seven years in Indian custody on December 4, 2025, and has not been granted release even once during this period. The plea contends

that certain provisions of the extradition treaty are arbitrary and seek relief from continued detention, raising questions about procedural safeguards and legal rights under the treaty framework.

The court will review submissions from the government and investigative agencies before deciding on the maintainability of Michel's petition and the next course of action, which could include hearings on his release or modifications to his detention conditions.

15 Arrested For Using Pepper Spray On Delhi Cops During Air Pollution Protest

'Madvi Hidma Amar Rahe' Slogans Raised



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Fifteen individuals were arrested during a protest against rising air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region, after allegedly using pepper spray on police officers, officials said on Monday. The detentions followed Sunday's demonstration at the C-hexagon, where protesters reportedly refused repeated warnings to disperse.

The arrested were taken to the Parliament Street Police Station for medical examination. Delhi Police confirmed an FIR has been registered under multiple sections, including obstruction of government work. Some of the protesters were apprehended near India Gate, while others were detained outside the police station.

Authorities said the pepper spray caused irritation to three to

four officers, who were treated at a hospital.

Officials explained that several demonstrators attempted to cross barricades meant to regulate traffic and allow ambulance movement.

When asked to step back, the protesters allegedly became agitated, sat on the road, and disrupted traffic, forcing police intervention to restore order.

This is the latest in a series of "clean air protests" in the capital. Earlier, on November 9, demonstrators were detained at India Gate demanding stricter government action to address the "air emergency" in Delhi.

Meanwhile, Delhi and neighbouring NCR cities are facing severe air quality issues. Current AQI readings include Gurugram at 370, Noida at 372, Faridabad 358, and Ghaziabad 355, with

several areas in Delhi breaching 400, entering the 'severe' category. Low wind speeds are expected to worsen conditions.

In response, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQW) has revised the Graded Response Action Plan, enforcing measures previously meant for Stage IV under Stage III. These include uninterrupted power supply to curb diesel generator use, deployment of additional traffic personnel, alerts via media, and expanded CNG and electric public transport with differential fares.

The Delhi government has directed private offices to operate with 50% on-site staff and allow the rest to work from home, as authorities continue to urge caution amid hazardous air quality.

Indian Navy Commissions Indigenous ASW Vessel INS Mahe



TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

The Indian Navy on Monday commissioned INS Mahe, the first of the Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare (ASW) shallow water crafts, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. The vessel is designed to hunt submarines, conduct coastal patrols, and secure India's vital maritime deal.

Legal experts said the High Court's examination of the extradition treaty provisions could have broader implications, including the interpretation of bilateral agreements and the procedural rights of foreign nationals facing long-term detention in India.

The court will review

and agile shallow-water combatants. The vessel is equipped with advanced sonar systems, torpedoes, and other anti-submarine warfare weaponry, enabling it to detect and neutralize underwater threats efficiently. Its design also allows for rapid deployment along India's extensive coastline, safeguarding strategic maritime routes.

The ship is expected to play a crucial role in coastal security, surveillance, and intelligence gathering, complementing larger fleet units in safeguarding India's maritime interests. Indian Navy officials emphasized that the induction of INS Mahe strengthens the country's self-reliance in defense manufacturing while significantly boosting anti-subma-

rine capabilities in the shallow water environment.

The Mahe-class vessel is part of a broader program aimed at modernizing the Indian Navy with indigenous, state-of-the-art platforms capable of operating in diverse maritime conditions. Its commissioning aligns with the government's "Make in India" initiative, reflecting India's growing emphasis on homegrown defense technology and strategic maritime preparedness.

With INS Mahe joining the fleet, the Indian Navy now possesses enhanced capability to monitor and counter potential underwater threats, ensuring the security of India's coastline and safeguarding the nation's strategic maritime interests.

Bangladesh Seeks Extradition of Sheikh Hasina from India



TPN Correspondent | Dhaka

The interim government of Bangladesh has formally requested the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India, following her death sentence by the International Crimes Tribunal in Dhaka. The letter was sent to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, and Bangladeshi authorities are currently awaiting a response, according to Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossein.

Sheikh Hasina, who fled Bangladesh on August 5, 2024, amid widespread protests against her government, has been living in India since her departure. Prior to her flight, the tribunal had declared her a fugitive, and she now faces multiple charges, including alleged involvement in the enforced disappearance of political activists and critics during her 16-year tenure as Prime Minister.

Mr. Hossein stated that the extradition request follows the tribunal's latest verdict and comes at a time when the court continues to hear cases related to Hasina's alleged role in suppressing dissent and human rights violations. "The interim government is committed to ensuring ac-

countability for crimes committed during the previous administration," he added.

The request underscores the growing diplomatic and legal tensions between Dhaka and New Delhi, as India has historically provided refuge to political figures facing turmoil in neighbouring countries. Legal experts suggest that extradition could become a complex process, requiring careful consideration of international law, bilateral treaties, and humanitarian concerns.

Observers note that this development will test India's diplomatic balancing act between respecting Bangladesh's judicial process and safeguarding individuals residing within its territory. Meanwhile, Bangladesh has reiterated its commitment to upholding the tribunal's decisions and pursuing all legal avenues to ensure that Hasina faces trial for alleged crimes committed during her administration.

The situation continues to evolve, with both countries expected to engage in diplomatic consultations in the coming weeks over the handling of the extradition request.

South Africa Passes G20 Baton to U.S. Amid Debt Concerns



TPN Correspondent | Abuja, Nigeria

South Africa has formally handed over the G20 presidency to the United States, concluding a year in which it pushed to highlight debt sustainability challenges facing developing nations. The transition marks the end of a four-nation leadership stretch by emerging economies, including Indonesia, India, Brazil, and South Africa, which collectively focused on elevating the Global South's priorities on the global stage.

Speaking on the handover, Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana emphasised that South Africa aimed to institutionalise debt relief mechanisms and push forward recommendations agreed upon by the G20 over the past year. "Debt sustainability remains a critical issue for emerging economies and low-income countries," he said, noting that global debt across developing nations has now surpassed \$100 trillion.

The G20's debt agenda under South Africa's leadership sought to strengthen coordinated approaches to sovereign debt restructuring, promote financing for development, and prevent debt crises from escalating in vulnerable economies. Analysts

have described these efforts as an important step in bridging inequalities between the Global South and advanced economies.

However, the shift to a U.S.-led presidency raises questions about whether the momentum on debt relief will be maintained. Historically, priorities under advanced-economy leadership have leaned toward global financial stability and regulatory issues, while debt relief and development finance have received comparatively less focus.

Observers note that the United States will face pressure to translate G20 ambitions into concrete action, especially as economic stress in poorer nations threatens to intensify. Emerging economies have warned that rising debt levels, coupled with inflationary pressures and slower global growth, could trigger new crises without robust international coordination.

As the G20 prepares for its next summit, all eyes will be on Washington to see whether the commitments and frameworks developed under South Africa's leadership will be sustained, ensuring that debt relief remains a priority for the world's most vulnerable countries.

Trump's Evolving Rhetoric on Zelenskyy and Putin

TPN Bureau | Washington

President Donald Trump's rhetoric toward Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin has shifted dramatically over the first 10 months of his second term, reflecting changing dynamics in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

During his 2024 campaign, Trump repeatedly claimed he could end the war "in 24 hours" if re-elected. Initially conciliatory toward Putin, whom he has long admired, Trump over time expressed growing frustration with the Russian leader. Conversely, after a February Oval Office confrontation, Trump softened his criticism of Zelenskyy, though tensions remained evident.

In recent months, Trump endorsed a peace plan seen by some as favorable to Russia. Democratic



senators criticized it as a "wish list" from Moscow, while Secretary of State Marco Rubio insisted it was drafted by the U.S. Allies in Eu-

rope expressed concern the plan could be overly lenient toward Russia.

Trump has alternated between criticizing

and praising both leaders. At times, he slammed Zelenskyy for allegedly failing to show sufficient gratitude for U.S. military support, recalling the Oval Office spat with Vice President JD Vance that temporarily paused aid to Ukraine. He also rebuked Euro-

pean nations for not applying more economic pressure on Russia.

At the same time, Trump has occasionally defended Putin, expressing trust that the Russian leader would honor potential peace commitments. After Russian attacks on Kyiv, Trump publicly condemned the strikes, highlighting the human toll, while signaling his continued willingness to negotiate directly with both leaders.

Trump's fluctuating tone—ranging from admiration and trust toward Putin to occasional harsh criticism of Zelenskyy—illustrates the complex balancing act of U.S. diplomacy. Analysts note that his statements have had significant domestic and international repercussions, influencing both bipartisan support for Ukraine and the broader trajectory of U.S.-Russia relations.

"Arunachal In China": Indian Woman's Post On Shanghai Airport Harassment

TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv/Europe

A woman from Arunachal Pradesh, India, was detained and harassed by Chinese authorities at Shanghai Pudong Airport after officials refused to recognise her Indian passport during a transit stop on November 21. Pema Wang Thongdok, who was traveling from London to Japan, said in posts on X that she was held for over 18 hours because immigration officers claimed her birthplace, Arunachal Pradesh, is Chinese territory.

Thongdok stated that officials repeatedly told her that her Indian passport was invalid, confiscated it, and prevented her from boarding her onward flight, despite having a valid Japanese visa. She was also denied access to food, airport facilities, and updates on her status. Officers reportedly mocked her and suggested she should "ap-



ply for a Chinese passport."

To resume her journey, Thongdok had to purchase a new ticket exclusively on China Eastern Airlines, resulting in financial losses from missed

flights and hotel bookings. Confined to the airport transit area, she was eventually able to leave after contacting the Indian Consulate in Shanghai, with consular intervention.

Calling the incident a "direct insult to India's sovereignty," Thongdok appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indian authorities to raise the issue with Beijing, seek accountability and compensation, and ensure the protection of all Indian citizens from Arunachal Pradesh while traveling abroad.

The episode has sparked strong reactions in diplomatic circles and among Indian citizens, highlighting the sensitive territorial dispute between India and China. Beijing claims Arunachal Pradesh as part of "Zangnan" or southern Tibet, a position consistently rejected by New Delhi.

India has maintained that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of the country. In May, the Ministry of External Affairs criticized China's attempts to rename 27 locations in the state, calling them "vain and preposterous" and reaffirming that naming changes cannot alter the reality that Arunachal Pradesh "was, is, and will always remain" part of India.

The incident underscores the challenges faced by citizens of Arunachal Pradesh amid ongoing India-China tensions and the importance of consular support for Indians abroad.

TTAP Launches Three-Day Drive Against 27th Amendment



The opposition alliance Tehreek Tahafuz Ayeen-i-Pakistan (TTAP) has announced a three-day public mobilisation campaign in early December to intensify its resistance to the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment. The movement will begin in Kamo-

Shaheed, Ghotki, and conclude in Karachi, according to a report by Dawn.

The decision was finalised during a crucial meeting of TTAP's Sindh chapter, chaired by Syed Zain Shah and attended by senior representatives from PTI, Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen, Sindh United

Party, PkMAP, and other coalition partners. The session reviewed the ongoing political and constitutional situation in Pakistan and approved several organisational measures to strengthen the alliance's outreach.

A statement released after the meeting noted that the TTAP leader-

ship had mapped out the route for the mobilisation, which will pass through multiple towns before reaching Karachi.

The participants also commended the people of Sindh for marking Black Day on November 21, and praised the legal fraternity for its continued opposition to the

government for imposing Section 144 shortly after TTAP announced a rally in Hyderabad, calling it proof that the ruling PPP had "lost its popular support."

He warned that attempts to suppress dissent or impose government through "fabricated mandates" would no longer be tolerated.

PTI leader Haleem Adil Sheikh echoed these concerns, alleging that the amendment "strips the judiciary of its independence." He stressed that only a strong, people-powered movement could counter what he described as a system built on a "stolen mandate," while condemning the government for introducing "anti-people" changes and keeping PTI founder Imran Khan in "unjust imprisonment."

The TTAP expects significant public participation in its December mobilisation as it continues its campaign against the proposed constitutional reforms.

India's Exports Fall for First Time in 14 Months: CRISIL

India's merchandise exports recorded a decline in October 2025, marking the first drop in 14 months, according to a report by CRISIL. Exports fell 11.8% year-on-year to \$34.38 billion, reversing the growth trend seen since August 2024.

The slowdown was broad-based, affecting key sectors such as petroleum products, gems and jewellery, and other core industrial segments. CRISIL attributed the decline to subdued global demand and lingering supply-side constraints that affected production and shipment timelines.

Petroleum exports, which have historically contributed significantly to India's merchandise trade, saw a marked reduction amid fluctuating crude prices and weaker overseas demand. Gems and jewellery, another major export segment, also experienced a drop due to subdued international



al consumption and ongoing market volatility.

Chemicals, and textiles, witnessed slower growth, reflecting challenges in the global

trade environment. Analysts noted that while domestic production remains strong, external

factors such as weakening global demand, inflationary pressures in importing countries,

and currency fluctuations have impacted export performance.

Despite the decline, CRISIL emphasized that the long-term fundamentals of India's export sector remain intact, supported by ongoing diversification of export markets and the government's focus on promoting value-added manufacturing. Efforts to enhance competitiveness in sectors like electronics, pharmaceuticals, and engineering goods are expected to gradually offset the near-term challenges.

The report suggests that while October's numbers indicate a temporary setback, policy measures to incentivize exports and strengthen supply chains could help stabilize growth in the coming months. Experts anticipate a cautious rebound if global demand improves and domestic industries maintain production efficiency.

Stock Markets Rebound on IT Rally, Strong Global Trends



Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded in early trade on Monday, November 24, 2025, led by gains in IT stocks and supportive global market trends.

The 30-share Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Sensex

climbed 218.44 points to 85,450.36, while the 50-share National Stock Exchange (NSE) Nifty rose 69.4 points to 26,137.55 in early trading. Market analysts attributed the recovery to optimism in the technology sector and

positive cues from global

newed investor confidence in IT and banking stocks. Broader sectoral movements indicated firm buying in financial services, automobile, and engineering stocks.

Global trends also supported the rally, with major indi-

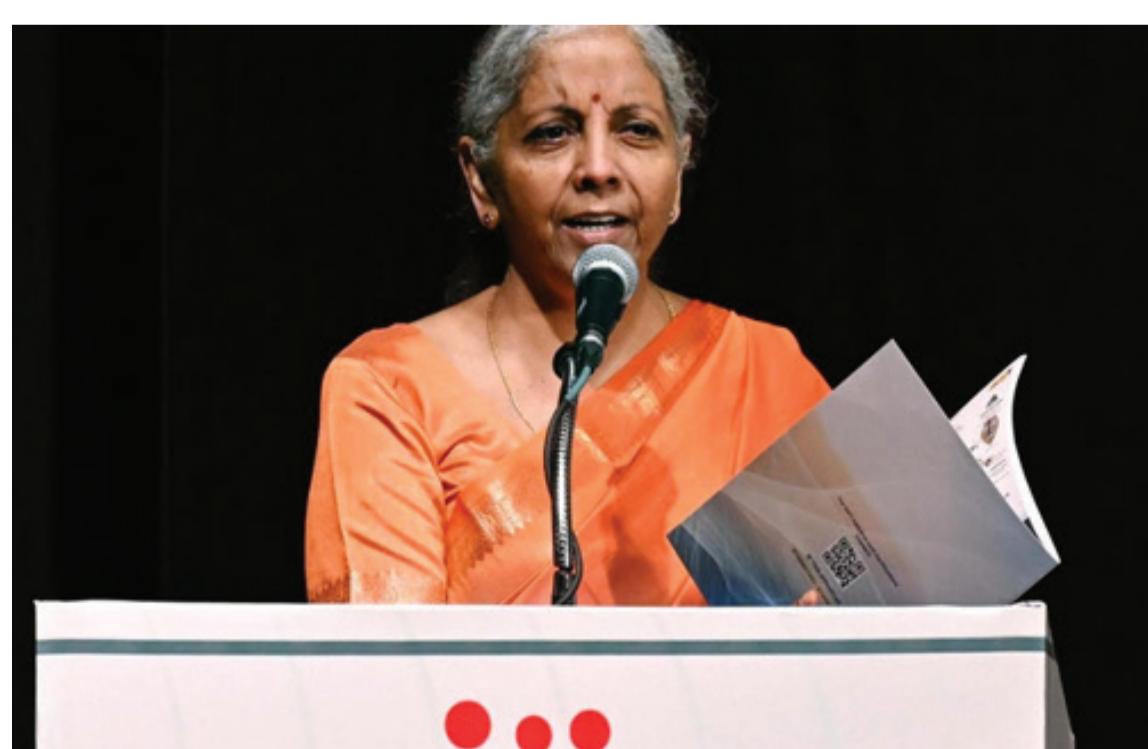
ces in the US and Europe recording gains overnight amid easing concerns over interest rates and encouraging corporate earnings. Analysts said that the positive global cues helped offset domestic market uncertainties, prompting early buying interest among investors.

Sector experts highlighted that IT stocks are expected to continue benefiting from strong earnings, higher order inflows, and favorable currency movements. The banking sector also drew investor attention due to steady asset quality and healthy credit growth prospects.

Market participants are closely watching macroeconomic data, corporate results, and global developments to gauge the sustainability of the rebound. Short-term trading activity is likely to remain volatile, with investors cautiously optimistic about further upside potential in select sectors.

Overall, Monday's early session indicated a positive start for Indian equities, fueled by IT sector momentum and firm global cues, suggesting that investors are regaining confidence after recent bouts of market consolidation.

Government to Propose 100% FDI in Insurance Sector: Sitharaman



The government is set to introduce a Bill in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament to raise foreign direct in-

vestment (FDI) in the insurance sector to 100%, officials said on Friday. The session is scheduled to begin on December 1

and run until December 19, spanning 15 working days.

The proposed legisla-

broader effort to modernize India's insurance regulatory framework. As part of the exercise, the Life Insurance Cor-

poration Act, 1956, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999, and the Insurance Act, 1938, are expected to be amended to facilitate full foreign ownership in the sector.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted that allowing 100% FDI is aimed at attracting greater foreign capital, enhancing technology adoption, and expanding product offerings in the insurance industry. She emphasized that this step would boost competitiveness, improve customer service, and strengthen India's insurance market in line with global best practices.

Currently, foreign investors can hold up to 74% stake in insurance companies, subject to regulatory approvals. The proposed hike to 100% would make India one of the few major

economies with full foreign participation allowed in its insurance market.

Industry analysts said the move is likely to attract global insurers seeking a foothold in one of the world's fastest-growing insurance markets. Increased FDI could also support the government's broader objectives of financial inclusion and deepening penetration of life and non-life insurance products across urban and rural India.

The Winter Session is expected to see detailed debates on the Bill, with both opposition and ruling parties discussing regulatory safeguards, consumer protection, and the potential impact on domestic insurers. If passed, the amendments would mark a historic milestone for India's insurance sector, paving the way for enhanced foreign collaboration and investment.

S&P Projects India's FY26 GDP Growth at 6.5%



fiscal year. The government's 2025-26 Budget raised the income tax rebate to ₹12 lakh from ₹7 lakh, providing around ₹1 lakh crore in relief to the middle class.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had cut key policy rates by 50 basis points in June, bringing the repo rate to a three-year low of 5.5%. Additionally, GST rates on approximately 375 items were reduced from September 22, making essential consumer goods more affordable.

S&P noted that the spike in effective US tariffs on Indian products is weighing on export-oriented manufacturing, though signs suggest potential tariff reductions in the future. The agency added that current US trade policies are diverting time and resources toward negotiating exemptions, which could impact productivity gains.

"Domestic growth remains robust, driven by strong consumption, despite the impact of US tariffs," S&P said. The report also noted that a potential trade agreement with the US could reduce uncertainty and boost confidence, benefiting labour-intensive sectors. S&P highlighted that lowered goods and services tax (GST) rates, combined with income tax relief and recent interest rate cuts, are likely to make consumption a stronger growth driver than investment in the current and next

SEBI to Review Mutual Fund, Broker Rules on Dec 17



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) plans to undertake a comprehensive review of its mutual fund and stock broker regulations at its upcoming board meeting, officials said on Friday. The meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025, and will discuss proposed reforms aimed at making regulatory frameworks more relevant, transparent, and efficient.

In October, SEBI had issued a consultation paper proposing an overhaul of mutual fund rules. Key recommendations included a clearer definition of the Total Expense Ratio (TER), revised limits on brokerage charges, and enhanced disclosure requirements for investors. The regulator had sought public feedback on these proposals to ensure that the new framework aligns with evolving market practices and investor interests.

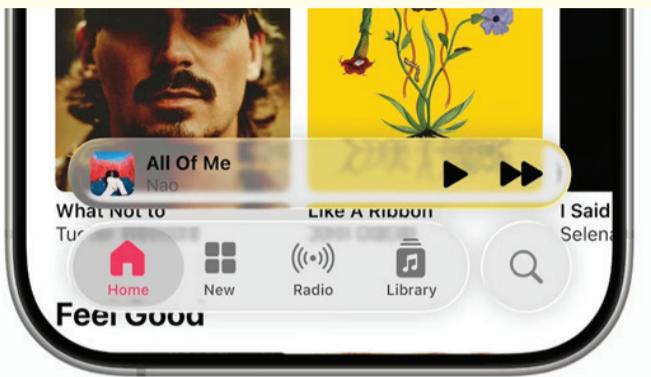
The board will also examine changes to stock broker regulations, focusing on improving risk management, operational efficiency, and investor protection. This initiative comes amid growing market complexities, rising trading volumes, and increased participation of retail investors in equities and

mutual funds. SEBI officials emphasized that the review aims to simplify existing rules, address ambiguities, and strengthen governance practices within the mutual fund and brokerage sectors. Analysts said the proposed reforms could enhance transparency, lower costs for investors, and make mutual funds a more attractive investment avenue.

Market participants are closely watching the developments, as any changes in TER norms, brokerage limits, and compliance requirements could significantly impact fund houses and stock brokers. Investor advocacy groups have welcomed SEBI's review, noting that a modernized regulatory framework could boost confidence in India's capital markets and promote long-term sustainable growth.

The board meeting on December 17 is expected to provide clarity on the timeline for implementing these reforms and finalizing the regulatory amendments. SEBI's move reflects its ongoing commitment to safeguard investor interests while fostering a dynamic and resilient capital market ecosystem..

iOS 26.1 Lets Users Tone Down Liquid Glass Effect



Apple's iOS 26.1 update brings a new option to adjust the controversial Liquid Glass effect, which debuted in iOS 26 last September. The feature, praised for its sleek glossy appearance but criticized for reducing readability, can now be toggled between Clear and Tinted modes, giving users more control over their display experience.

The Liquid Glass effect adds a high-translucency, glass-like finish across iPhone interfaces. While visually striking, many users found it distracting and inconsistent across different wallpapers. iOS 26.1 addresses these concerns by allowing users to reduce transparency and gloss with the Tinted option, making menus and app backgrounds easier to read.

To adjust the Liquid Glass effect, users should first ensure their device is updated to iOS 26.1. Then, navigate to Settings > Display & Brightness > Liquid Glass. Selecting Clear preserves the original glossy look, while Tinted tones down the effect, giving the interface a more opaque and neutral appearance.

This makes text and icons clearer, improving usability without losing the modern aesthetic.

The update is available for iPhone 11 and newer models, including the second-generation iPhone SE. While the change may seem minor, it reflects Apple's willingness to respond to user feedback, a shift from the company's typically cautious approach to design changes.

iOS 26.1 also includes several security fixes and other enhancements, but the Liquid Glass toggle has emerged as the most talked-about feature. For users who struggled with the overly reflective interface, the update offers a simple solution to restore readability while maintaining the stylistic appeal of Apple's bold visual choices.

With the Tinted setting, Apple balances visual innovation and practical usability, allowing users to enjoy a modern interface without compromising on clarity—a move likely to win over critics of the original design.

Ignyte Launches Ultra-Light Airlite Helmets in India



Ignyte, the premium brand of Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd, has launched its Airlite Series helmets in India, setting a new benchmark in ultra-lightweight, high-safety motorcycle helmets. The series introduces flagship models AI-10 and AI-14, certified under ECE 22.06 (Europe) and DOT (USA) standards, ensuring global-level safety for riders.

Weighing just 900 grams (ECE) and 800 grams (DOT), the Airlite helmets are designed to provide a zero-fatigue riding experience without compromising impact protection. They are crafted using Ignyte's proprietary balloon moulding technology, featuring a multi-impact Expanded Polypropylene (EPP) liner, which efficiently absorbs energy and rebounds after impact for lasting protection, surpassing traditional EPS liners.

The helmets sport an ultra-light fibreglass composite shell with controlled resin distribution for uniform thickness and superior strength. Riders can choose between Double D-Ring and Micrometric Buckle retention systems, combining professional-grade

safety with everyday convenience. The premium interiors use imported, anti-allergenic fabric that is replaceable and washable, ensuring long-term comfort and hygiene. The optical-grade polycarbonate visor provides distortion-free clarity, scratch resistance, and UV protection.

The Airlite Series also offers dual-shell sizing for precise fit and balanced aesthetics, catering to riders of all head sizes. Each model is certified under ISI, ECE 22.06, and DOT standards, reflecting Ignyte's commitment to meeting the most demanding global safety requirements.

Pricing for the Airlite Series starts at Rs 6,659 for the AI-10E (ISI + ECE 22.06), with the AI-14E (ISI + ECE 22.06) priced at Rs 6,999. The DOT variants—AI-10 and AI-14—are priced at Rs 6,649 and Rs 6,859, respectively.

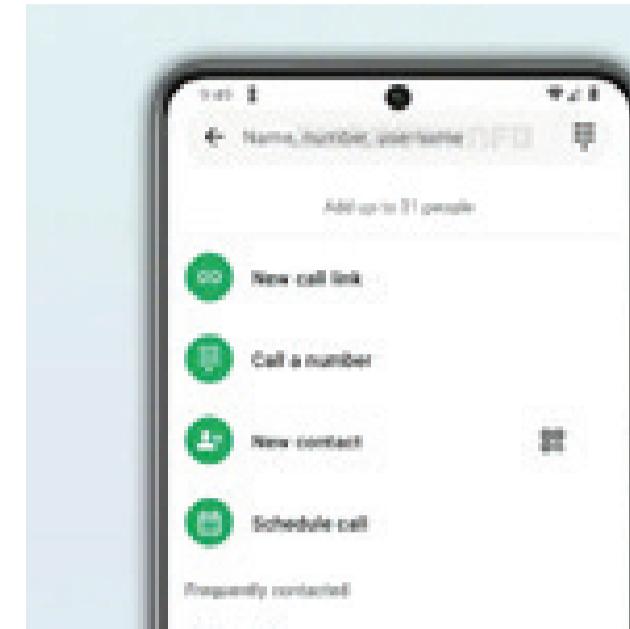
The helmets will be available at authorized Steelbird and Ignyte dealerships and leading online platforms across India, offering riders an ideal blend of lightweight comfort, advanced safety, and modern design for every journey.

WhatsApp May Soon Let Users Call Others via Username

WhatsApp is reportedly developing a new feature that will allow users to call or message others using usernames, eliminating the need to exchange phone numbers. This functionality, spotted in recent beta releases for iOS and Android by feature tracker WABetaInfo, could significantly simplify connecting with new contacts while maintaining privacy.

The feature will let users search for a person's username in the Calls tab. If a match is found, users can tap on voice call or video call buttons to initiate a conversation. Depending on privacy settings, the caller may also see the person's profile photo before connecting. While the feature is still in development, it promises to offer a more streamlined way of communication, similar to Signal's existing username-based calls.

To prevent misuse



by spammers or scammers, WhatsApp plans to introduce a "username key" system. Unknown users attempting to place a call would need to enter the correct username key to connect. This feature is expected to be optional

but could play a crucial role in enhancing security while enabling easier communication.

Apart from username-based calls, WhatsApp is actively testing several other features. These include cover photos for chats, in-chat storage

management, media and sticker filters, message limits for new chats, and a channel quiz feature. Users may also soon be able to reply and react to messages from Apple Watch and secure chat backups with passkey encryption.

No official timeline

has been shared regarding the rollout of these features. They are expected to first appear on the beta channel, where WhatsApp will test them before making them available to all users. Once released, these updates could mark a significant shift in

how WhatsApp handles privacy, contact discovery, and user interaction.

This development indicates WhatsApp's growing focus on enhancing usability while balancing security and privacy for its over 2 billion global users.

French Students React to Spicy Andhra Curry



A viral video capturing the reactions of a group of French students tasting Andhra chicken curry for the first time has won hearts on social media. The clip, shared on Instagram by @amarprashanth_07_yt, shows the students attempting the fiery South Indian delicacy with rice, revealing both their struggle with the spice and their enjoyment of the dish.

In the video, the French students are seen eating the curry in the traditional Indian way, mixing it with rice using their hands. The expressions on their faces range from shock at the heat to sheer delight. While some struggle with the intensity of the spices, one student is seen licking his plate clean, clearly impressed by the flavor despite the fiery kick.

The video has struck a chord with viewers online, celebrating not only the boldness of the students but also the richness of Indian

cuisine. It reflects how food can bridge cultural gaps, bringing people together through shared experiences.

The reel has garnered thousands of likes and comments, with many praising the students' adventurous spirit

and the popularity of Andhra cuisine abroad.

Social media users have been quick to comment on the spice tolerance challenge, with many tagging friends who might enjoy or struggle with such a spicy dish. The video also highlights the global appeal of regional Indian cuisines, showing that authentic flavors can excite food lovers, even those unaccustomed to intense spices.

With short-form content like this going viral, many are now curious to see more international reactions to Indian dishes, from street foods to home-style recipes. The clip serves as a light-hearted reminder that food is a universal language, capable of creating moments of joy, surprise, and connection across cultures.

And for the French students, this fiery Andhra chicken experience was one to remember—and share with the world.

McDonald's CEO Picks Snack Wrap as Favourite Menu Item



McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski recently revealed his favourite menu item in a playful "McDonald's Menu Item Tournament," surprising fans by choosing a non-burger item as his top pick. The tournament, shared on LinkedIn,

featured popular menu staples including Big Mac, Egg McMuffin, World Famous Fries, McCrispy Chicken Sandwich, Filet-O-Fish, Chicken McNuggets, Vanilla Cone, Apple Pie, Quarter Pounder with Cheese (QPC), and Snack Wrap.

In the bracket-style challenge, Kempczinski initially favoured the Egg McMuffin over the Big Mac, showing his fondness for McDonald's breakfast offerings. The fries, often celebrated as a fan favourite, performed strongly, defeat-

ing the Egg McMuffin, McCrispy, and Filet-O-Fish, but eventually lost to Chicken McNuggets. The McNuggets then progressed through the rounds, surpassing McCrispy Strips but falling short against the Vanilla

Cone.

The tournament's semi-finals saw the Quarter Pounder with Cheese edge out the Vanilla Cone, leading to a final showdown between the QPC and the Snack Wrap. In a surprising turn, Kempczinski crowned the Snack Wrap—comprising McCrispy Strips, shredded lettuce, cheese, and a soft tortilla—as his ultimate favourite.

The choice carries special significance, as the Snack Wrap made a return to McDonald's US menus in July 2025 after nearly ten years off shelves. Fans and social media users responded positively to the CEO's pick, appreciating the spotlight on a beloved, once-retired menu item.

The video offered a rare, personal glimpse into the preferences of McDonald's top executive, showing that even the leader of a global fast-food empire has his own quirky favourites. The Snack Wrap's victory underscores its enduring popularity and reminds fans of the simple pleasures beyond burgers and fries.

Kempczinski's fun tournament not only engaged food lovers worldwide but also celebrated the diversity of McDonald's menu offerings, from breakfast classics to desserts and nostalgic favourites.

Italy Clinches Third Straight Davis Cup Title

Italy reaffirmed its dominance in world tennis by securing its fourth Davis Cup title with a commanding 2-0 victory over Spain in the final on Sunday. The triumph also marks Italy's third consecutive Davis Cup championship, cementing the nation's position at the very top of men's team tennis.

What made this win even more remarkable was that Italy achieved it without their star player Jannik Sinner, who had been pivotal in the previous title runs. Despite his absence, the Italian squad showcased exceptional depth, resilience, and confidence, proving they remain a formidable force on the world stage.

The final opened with Matteo Berrettini, who delivered a powerful performance to give Italy the early lead. Displaying the experience and calm of a seasoned campaigner, Berrettini controlled the pace of the match, using his strong serve and forehand to dismantle the Spanish challenge.

Following him, Flavio Cobolli stepped onto the court with the pressure of securing the championship—but the young Italian



rose to the occasion magnificently. Playing with poise beyond his years, Cobolli dominated the second singles match to secure Italy's unassailable 2-0 advantage. His victory sent Italian fans into celebration, and he was joined court-

side by Berrettini as the team embraced the moment of triumph.

The Spanish team, despite a spirited run to the final, struggled to match Italy's intensity and consistency. With both singles matches going Italy's way,

the doubles rubber was rendered unnecessary.

As celebrations erupted in Bologna, Italy's reign as the undisputed king of the Davis Cup continued—proof that their tennis resurgence remains strong, unified, and historic.

India Lift Inaugural T20 Blind Women's World Cup



India created history on Sunday by winning the first-ever T20 Blind Women's World Cup, defeating Nepal by seven wickets in a dominant final held in Colombo. The landmark victory marks a monumental moment for women's blind cricket in the country, as the Indian team remained unstoppable throughout the tournament.

Opting to field first, India's bowlers delivered a disciplined and controlled performance, restricting Nepal to 114/5 in 20 overs. Tight bowling, sharp fielding and smart variations never allowed Nepal to gain momentum at any stage of the innings.

Chasing a modest target, India began aggressively and maintained their tempo from the outset. The batters reached 100 runs within the first 10 overs, signalling complete command of the chase and leaving Nepal with little hope of a comeback.

Opener Phula Saren

emerged as the star of the match, playing a match-winning knock of 44 off 27 balls, laced with four boundaries. Her fluent and fearless innings laid the perfect foundation for India's successful chase. Supporting her brilliantly, Karuna K scored an impressive 42 from 27 balls, ensuring India crossed the

finish line comfortably in the 13th over. Saren's exceptional performance earned her the Player of the Match award.

Following the historic win, India captain Deepika TC expressed immense pride in the team's achievement. "We are very proud and it is a huge win. Our entire team worked very hard. It is a very strong team and other teams are afraid to play with us. We are even ready to play with the men's team," she said.

India's journey to the title was flawless. They opened the tournament with a strong win over Sri Lanka, followed by a 57-run victory against Australia. They later chased down Pakistan's target of 136 in just 10.2 overs. In the semi-final, India crushed Australia by nine wickets before delivering a commanding performance against Nepal in the final.

With this historic triumph, India have set a new benchmark in women's blind cricket and announced themselves as the team to beat in future global competitions.

Messi Shines as Inter Miami Storms Into Conference Final



Lionel Messi once again showcased his unmatched brilliance as Inter Miami cruised into the Eastern Conference championship with a commanding 4-0 victory over FC Cincinnati on Sunday. The Argentine maestro delivered one of his finest performances in the MLS, guiding Miami to within one win of their first-ever MLS Cup final appearance.

From the outset, Messi dictated the flow of the game with trademark creativity, vision, and precision. He scored one goal himself and assisted all three of Inter Miami's other strikes, proving instrumental in dismantling Cincinnati's defence. The team's fluid attack revolved around him, with defenders unable to contain his movement or disrupt his passing rhythm.

Messi opened the scoring with a clinical finish, setting the tone for Miami's dominance. Following his early strike, he turned into the perfect playmaker. Tadeo Allende benefited the most from Messi's brilliance, netting a superb brace off two perfectly timed assists. Mateo Silve-

ti added the fourth, also created by Messi, sealing the rout and sending the home supporters into raptures.

Miami's emphatic win not only reflects their growing confidence but also highlights Messi's continued impact at the highest level—even at 38,

his influence remains unmatched. Inter dominated possession, controlled the midfield, and maintained relentless pressure, leaving Cincinnati with few opportunities to respond.

The victory propels Inter Miami into next Saturday's Eastern Conference

championship, where they will face New York City FC. With Messi in sublime form and the squad functioning cohesively, Miami enters the clash as favourites to book their historic MLS Cup final berth.

As expectations rise and

momentum builds, fans are eager to see whether Messi can carry Inter Miami all the way to their first championship final. For now, his magical night against Cincinnati stands as another reminder of why he remains one of football's greatest ever.

Eze Fires Hattrick as Arsenal Dominate Spurs 4-1



Eberechi Eze delivered a sensational performance in the North London Derby, scoring a stunning hat trick as Arsenal thrashed Tottenham Hotspur 4-1 at the Emirates Stadium. His masterclass not only powered Arsenal to a memorable derby victory but also gave them a commanding six-point lead at the top of the Premier League table.

Eze, who came close to joining Spurs last summer, instead punished his suitors in ruthless fashion. Leandro Trossard opened the scoring in the 36th minute, and Eze doubled the advantage five minutes later with a composed finish. Just 23 seconds into the second half, he struck again with a precise left-footed shot to make it 3-0, sending the home crowd into raptures.

Tottenham briefly lifted spirits with the goal of the match when Richardson produced an audacious chip from nearly 45 yards, catching goalkeeper David Raya off his line. However, any hope of a comeback vanished in the 76th minute when Eze curled home his third, becoming the first Arsenal player

to score a hat trick against Spurs since 1978. Reflecting on the moment, Eze said, "It is special. Words can't explain this."

The weekend could not have been better for Arsenal, with title rivals Manchester City and Liverpool both losing on Saturday. Chelsea now sit closest in second place, but after 12 games, Arsenal look strong contenders for their first league crown since 2004.

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta praised Eze's growing influence in midfield amid Martin Odegaard's injury, calling him a player capable of "magic moments." In contrast, Spurs manager Thomas Frank admitted it was a "hard defeat to take," while goalkeeper Guglielmo Vicario apologised to fans for the team's lacklustre display.

Elsewhere, Aston Villa continued their resurgence with a 2-1 comeback win over Leeds, thanks to a brilliant brace by Morgan Rogers, lifting Villa to fourth place, while Leeds slipped into the relegation zone after a fifth loss in six games.

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 Pathak 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 read-

iness 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.

Swayambhu Locks Its Release Date



Actor Nikhil Siddhartha's highly anticipated period war action drama Swayambhu is once again making headlines as the makers have officially confirmed its release date. Following the massive nationwide success of Karthikeya 2, Nikhil's next project has been under keen observation from audiences and industry watchers alike. The announcement has now set expectations soaring.

Swayambhu, directed by debutant Bharat Krishnamachari, is scheduled for a grand theatrical release on February 13, 2026. In a remarkable move that underlines the film's ambitious scale, it will release in eight languages—Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Chinese, Spanish, and Arabic. This wide linguistic reach positions the film as one of the most expansive releases for a Telugu hero in recent times.

The makers have confirmed that the shoot has been completed, and to mark the release-date announcement, they unveiled a short video titled Rise of Swayambhu. The glimpse shows-

Mrunal–Dhanush Dating Buzz Reignites



The rumours surrounding actors Dhanush and Mrunal Thakur appear to have resurfaced yet again, with social media once more sparking speculation about their alleged relationship. For months, whispers of the two stars dating have circulated widely, though both have consistently chosen to remain silent on the matter. However, their recent exchange on Instagram has breathed new life into the ongoing gossip.

The latest trigger occurred after Mrunal shared the teaser of her upcoming film Do Deewane Shaher Mein, co-starring Siddhant Chaturvedi. Reacting to the post, Dhanush commented, "Looks and sounds good." Mrunal replied with a heart and sunflower emoji, a response that fans quickly picked up on. This seemingly simple interaction set off another wave of speculation, with netizens convinced that there's more than just professional admiration between the two actors.

This is not the first time

cases the film's large-scale visuals and intense war backdrop, offering audiences a taste of what's to come. Full-fledged promotional activities are expected to roll out soon.

The film features Samyuktha and Nabha Natesh as the female leads, adding strong star value to the project. Swayambhu is being produced lavishly by Bhuvan and Sreekanth under Pixel Studios, with veteran producer Tagore Madhu presenting the film.

The technical crew brings together top-tier talent. KK Senthil Kumar, known for his spectacular visual work, handles cinematography, while Ravi Basrur, of KGF fame, composes the music. Production design is led by M Prabhaharan and Raveendra, both of whom are working to create a visually immersive and historically authentic world.

With the announcement now official, excitement around Swayambhu is steadily building. The film promises an intense, visually striking cinematic experience, and fans are eagerly waiting for more glimpses as the release date approaches.

Bollywood's legendary actor Dharmendra passes away at 89



Bollywood has lost one of its most cherished icons as legendary actor Dharmendra passed away today at the age of 89. The veteran star, who had been battling age-related health complications, breathed his last after his condition worsened despite treatment. He was recently admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital, where doctors monitored his declining health. Just days earlier, false reports of his demise had circulated, prompting strong denials from the Deol family. However, after being brought home, his health deteriorated again, leading to his peaceful passing.

Born Daram Singh Deol on December 8, 1935, in Punjab, Dharmendra rose to become one of Indian cinema's most beloved and enduring figures. Fondly remembered as Bollywood's original "Hero," he featured in over 300 films across a remarkable career

spanning more than six decades. His versatility allowed him to shine in romantic dramas, intense emotional stories, and high-voltage action

entertainers. Dharmendra made his debut with Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere in 1960. He captured early praise for films like

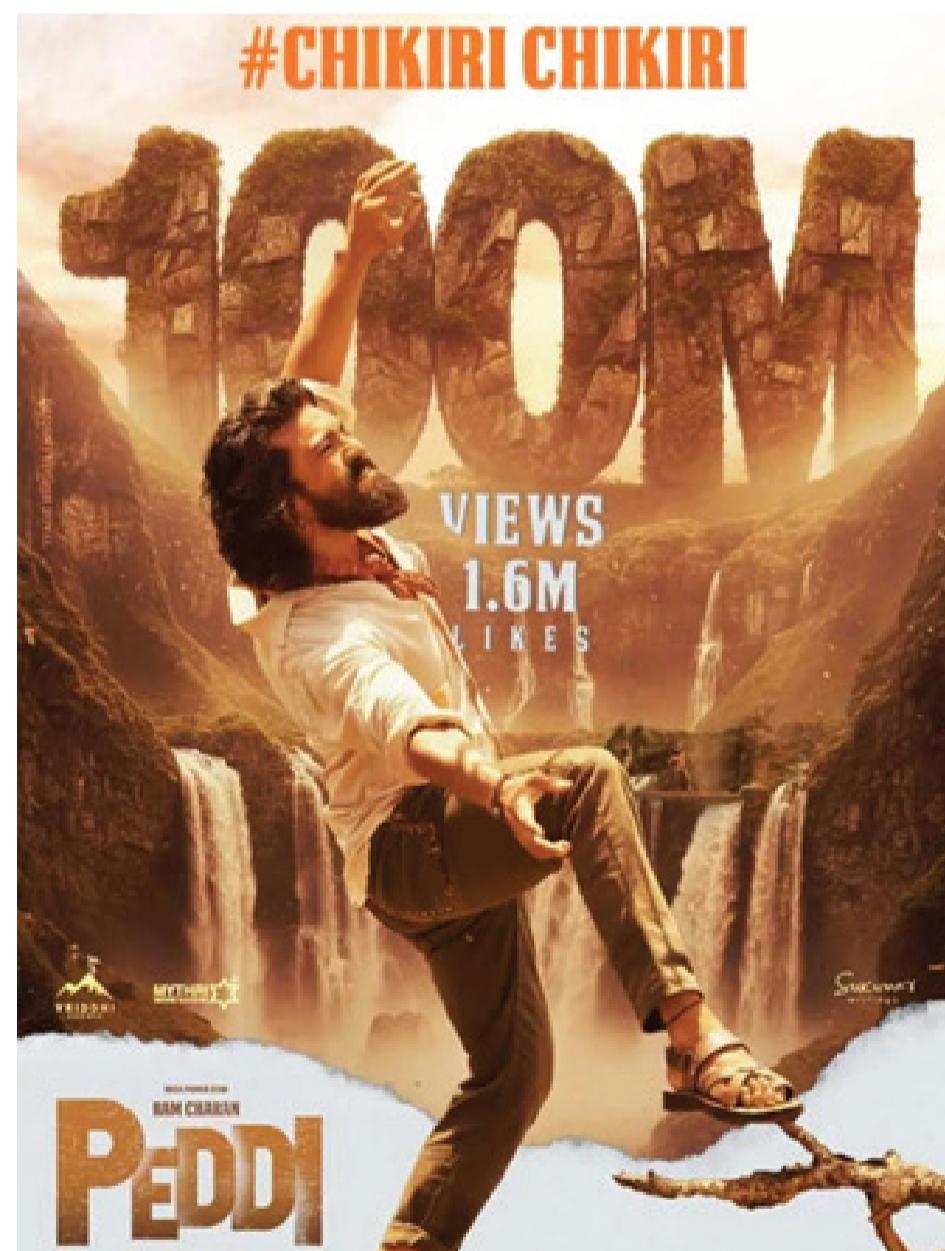
Bandini (1963) and later achieved superstardom with the blockbuster Phool Aur Patthar (1966). His portrayal of Veeru in the 1975 clas-

sic Sholay remains etched in the history of Indian cinema, with the iconic friendship anthem "Yeh Dosti Hum Nahi Todenge" continuing to resonate with audiences even today.

A respected family man, Dharmendra married twice and is survived by his children, including actors Sunny Deol and Bobby Deol. In 2012, he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan for his invaluable contributions to Indian cinema. Despite his age, he remained active and was preparing for the release of Ikkis in December 2025. A poster featuring him had been unveiled just hours before the tragic news.

Known for his humility, love for poetry, and serene life at his Lonavala farmhouse, Dharmendra leaves behind a legacy filled with warmth, grace, and unforgettable performances. Fans across the nation are mourning the loss of an irreplaceable star. We extend our deepest condolences to the Deol family and pray for his soul to rest in peace.

Chikiri Chikiri Crosses 100 Million Views



Mega Power Star Ram Charan, who achieved global fame with RRR, is once again capturing widespread attention with the first single from his upcoming film Peddi. Titled Chikiri Chikiri, the vibrant number has taken the music world by storm, marking a powerful start to the film's promotional journey.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is a rustic sports-action drama that has already generated immense curiosity. The addition of AR Rahman, the Academy Award-winning maestro, to the project has elevated expectations even further. Rahman's composition for Chikiri Chikiri has resonated strongly with audiences across languages,

allowing the song to break barriers and amass massive love globally.

In a remarkable achievement, Chikiri Chikiri has surpassed 100 million views across all versions, reaffirming its status as a chart-busting phenomenon. The Telugu version leads the pack with nearly 64 million views, accompanied by close to a million likes, establishing it as the clear favourite among listeners. The Hindi version has garnered an impressive 25 million views, while the Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam versions collectively add around 10 million views, showcasing the pan-Indian appeal of the track.

A major factor behind the song's soaring popularity is

Ram Charan's striking screen presence. His rugged look, dynamic energy, and stylish choreography have become instant highlights, sparking an avalanche of fan-made reels, edits, and dance covers across social media platforms.

The infectious beat, combined with Charan's charismatic performance, has helped the song maintain a strong hold on trending charts.

With Chikiri Chikiri already setting the stage ablaze, anticipation for Peddi continues to rise. As fans celebrate this milestone, the film's team is gearing up for more exciting updates, promising a thrilling cinematic experience ahead.

Shambhala Secures OTT and Satellite Deals



Aadi Saikumar's upcoming supernatural thriller Shambhala is steadily gaining attention even before its release. Directed by Ugandhar Muni, the film has opted out of the Dasara competition and instead locked a strategic Christmas release date—25 December 2025. The makers aim to capitalise on the extended holiday season and ensure a wider reach without box-office crowding.

Well ahead of its theatrical debut, Shambhala has closed several major business deals, placing the project in a strong financial position. According to industry buzz, Aha has acquired the OTT streaming rights, marking a significant early win for the film. Additionally, reports suggest that the satellite rights for the Telugu version have been picked up by the Zee network. Though an official announcement from the team is awaited, trade circles confidently indicate the same.

Selling digital and satellite rights in advance has provided the producers with a solid

safety net. Even if theatrical performance varies, these early deals ensure that the makers recover a substantial part of the investment. Should the film perform strongly at the box office, the pre-release revenue will only add to its overall commercial success, giving the team a comfortable advantage.

Content-wise, Shambhala promises a refreshing departure from conventional thrillers. Set in the early 1980s, the film blends mystery, horror, and a period backdrop to deliver a distinctive cinematic mood. The vintage atmospherics, combined with supernatural elements, aim to draw in audiences seeking a unique and gripping experience.

With a calculated release strategy, promising genre mix, and already secured business deals, Shambhala is shaping up to be more than just another thriller. The combination of content strength and smart distribution planning suggests that the film may emerge as a noteworthy holiday release this December.