



Health Minister Attends Health Summit Under ‘Telangana – North East Connect’

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Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha participated in the Health Summit held at Raj Bhavan as part of the ongoing ‘Telangana – North East Connect’ initiative. Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasized the core unity of all Indian citizens, stating that despite the separation into different states, “we are all one” and urged for mutual cooperation to advance together. He celebrated India’s strength, which lies in its diverse cultures, traditions, and languages, noting that such summits are crucial for preserving this unity in diversity and driving national development. The Minister specially thanked the State Governor, Jishnu Dev Varma, for his efforts in strengthening the ties between Telangana and the North Eastern states.

Minister Rajanarasimha underscored that people, regardless of their state or region, universally desire the same in healthcare: immediate, better medical services during illness or emergency, and accessible treatment costs. He affirmed that it is the responsibility of the government to work in line with the as-



pirations of the people by providing necessary services. He detailed the Telangana government’s commitment to offering free, high-quality medical services to the populace. The government is ensuring comprehensive coverage starting from preventive and primary care delivered through grass-roots facilities like Sub-centres, Ayushman Arogya Mandirams, Primary and Urban Primary Health Centres, and BASTI DAKHANAS.

For secondary care, the state utilizes 184 facilities, including Community Health Centres and Area Hospitals, offering specialized medical services. At the tertiary care level, the state relies on 48 Teaching Hospitals, such as the renowned Gandhi

and Osmania Hospitals. Furthermore, the government is undertaking major infrastructure projects, including the construction of a new Osmania Hospital, three TIMS Hospitals in Hyderabad, and the Warangal Health City, all equipped with modern, multi-super specialty technology to enhance advanced medical services. To make diagnostics affordable, 32 Diagnostic Centers provide free and quality services to government hospital patients, with plans to expand these hubs into all four ITDA (Integrated Tribal Development Agency) areas. The state revived the Rajiv Aarogyasri scheme, launched in 2007, to provide free medical services and surgeries for over 1,800 procedures

in private and corporate hospitals. Addressing the rising burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like diabetes, hypertension, and heart/kidney diseases, the government established NCD clinics statewide last year, serving approximately 50 lakh patients as a one-point destination. The state has vastly expanded its healthcare infrastructure, increasing the number of Dialysis Centers from 3 (in the united state era, serving 1,200 patients) to 102 centers today, serving 12,000 patients, with a plan to add 79 more to ensure a center is available every 20 km on average. Day Care Cancer Centers have also been established in every district to tackle the growing number of

cases. Specialized services are offered through MCHs (Maternal and Child Health), Arogya Mahila Clinics, and Maitri Clinics for children, women, and transgender individuals. Telangana is also the first state in India to offer IVF services in government hospitals. The Minister concluded by expressing the state’s ambition to develop Hyderabad into a Medical Tourism Capital and invited the people of the North East to participate in Telangana’s development, affirming that the Telangana government is ready to offer any necessary health-related cooperation to the North Eastern states.

Thummala Reviews Cotton Procurement, Urea Supply, and Jowar Stock Movement



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Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao conducted a crucial review meeting focused on key agricultural issues in the state, specifically addressing cotton procurement, the availability and supply of Urea, and the status of Jowar stocks. The Minister issued clear directives to the concerned officials, prioritizing the well-being of the farmers and ensuring smooth agricultural operations.

A key point of focus was the necessity of maintaining an adequate supply of Urea throughout the state. Minister Thummala mandated that officials must ensure that sufficient Urea is readily available to meet the farmers’ needs, thereby preventing any disruption to cultivation cycles or distress sales. This pro-

active measure aims to preempt any black marketing or shortages that often plague the fertilizer supply chain.

Regarding the cotton procurement process, the Minister strictly instructed the officials to ensure that farmers do not face any hardships or inconveniences while selling their produce. Currently, cotton is being purchased at 314 operational ginning mills across the state. However, the Minister noted that 14 mills are still non-operational. He therefore ordered the authorities to ensure that these remaining 14 ginning mills are opened and commence purchasing activities either today or tomorrow. This decisive action is designed to expand the procurement network and expedite the process. Minister Thummala reported that the

state has successfully collected 2.63 lakh metric tonnes of cotton thus far, emphasizing the need to keep the momentum going.

Finally, the Minister also addressed the issue of accumulated Jowar stocks. He directed that the existing Jowar stocks must be transported out quickly from the warehouses. The objective is to promptly vacate the godowns and make the space available for storing other agricultural products from the farmers, optimizing the state’s storage infrastructure for the diverse produce being harvested. The comprehensive review reflects the government’s commitment to managing both input (Urea) and output (cotton and jowar) logistics effectively.

Chief Minister Meets IPS Probationers

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy held a courtesy meeting with a group of IPS Probationers at his office. The meeting involved four young officers: Ayasha Fatima, Manisha Nehra, Mandhare Sohan Sunil, and Rahul Kant. The interaction provided an opportunity for the probationary officers, who represent the future leadership of law enforcement in the country, to meet with the state’s head of government.

During such courtesy calls, the Chief Minister typically engages the officers in discussions about their training experiences, the challenges they anticipate in policing, and the role of technology in modern law and order management. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy likely offered words of encouragement and stressed the paramount importance of public service, integrity, and maintaining the highest standards of professional conduct while



discharging their duties, especially in the context of Telangana.

The presence of diverse individuals like Ayasha Fatima, Manisha Nehra, Mandhare Sohan Sunil, and Rahul

Kant underscores the broad representation in the country’s civil services. The Chief Minister often uses such occasions to reiterate the government’s vision for effective govern-

ance and a responsive police force that prioritizes the safety and security of the common citizen. This high-level interaction serves to officially welcome the new batch of probation-

ary officers to their future roles and formally expose them to the state’s administrative and political leadership before they take up full operational responsibilities.

Revanth Reddy Releases Telugu Version of the Indian Constitution

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On the occasion of Constitution Day, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy officially released the Telugu version of the Indian Constitution. This significant initiative aims to enhance democratic awareness and legal literacy among the Telugu-speaking population across the state. The release event was attended by key legal and administrative officials, including Law Secretary B. Papi Reddy, Secretary K. Sunitha, and Joint Secretary (Translation) K. Geetha, among others, who were instrumental in the translation effort.

The primary objective



behind creating and releasing the “Indian Constitution” Telugu version is to make the foundational legal document easily understandable and accessible to the common person. By having the complete text in the regional language, the gov-

ernment intends to ensure that ordinary citizens can grasp the core principles, fundamental rights, and duties enshrined in the Constitution without the barrier of language. This accessibility is seen as crucial for promoting an informed citizen-

ry capable of participating meaningfully in democratic processes and upholding constitutional values.

The translated version is meticulously prepared to convey the precise legal and philosophical meaning of the original te

xt. The officials present emphasized that the availability of the Constitution in Telugu will empower citizens to better understand their legal rights and the structure of governance. This move aligns with the government’s broader commitment to transparency and legal awareness, ensuring that the supreme law of the land is not confined to legal experts but becomes a readily available and understood text for every household in Telangana. The initiative is a powerful step towards strengthening the foundations of democratic education and engagement at the grassroots level.

Minister Seethakka Hits Back at BRS On Sarees Issue



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Minister Seethakka strongly defended the state government’s decision to distribute sarees to Telangana women, an initiative launched to mark the birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi. The sarees feature designs and colors selected by the women of Telangana themselves. She criticized the opposition BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) and the Kalvakuntla family, stating that they are naturally upset when the women of the state are happy, alleging they are “burning with jealousy.” She accused BRS leaders, including Harish Rao, of spreading “false propaganda,” claiming the sarees are of poor quality, are election-centric, or are only being distributed to a select few. Seethakka challenged the BRS leaders to look at the women to understand which sarees (those given by Congress or BRS) are truly better. She labeled Harish Rao as the “address for lies.”

Minister Seethakka

clarified the government’s long-term goal: to make one crore women millionaires. She revealed that the government had placed an order for 65 lakh sarees a year ago and has since ordered an additional 35 lakh sarees to ensure comprehensive coverage for all eligible women. She firmly refuted the BRS’s claims about the quality, asserting, “We did not import kilograms of sarees from Dubai or Surat like the previous TRS rulers.” She advised KTR, Harish Rao, and Kavitha to visit Sircilla and verify when the state government actually placed the orders.

The Minister highlighted a progressive change: the Congress government removed the previous rule that excluded women over 60 from women’s self-help groups (SHGs). She defended the current initiative to invite one crore women to join SHGs with the distribution of a saree and essential items, asking what was wrong with this move. She contrasted

the BRS’s distribution efforts by sarcastically recalling, “When you gave sarees, they were used to tie up fields,” and pointed out that the BRS started the tradition in 2017 for Bathukamma, not in 2014 as implied. She condemned BRS’s politics as “evil and despicable,” suitable only for them, and called for public censure against those who mock women. She assured that women’s details are being registered in an app, and they will receive insurance benefits. She noted that the government has already paid 1,300 crores in interest on SHG loans and will continue to do so. Finally, she announced that a ‘Mahila Bazaar’ (Women’s Market) has been allocated at Shilparamam for women entrepreneurs. She concluded by accusing the BRS of having a “feudal mentality” for being unable to tolerate women’s happiness and challenged them to provide evidence if there are actual defects, instead of spreading falsehoods.

BJP Alleges Massive 6.29 Lakh Crore Land Scam

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BJP Legislature Party Leader (BJLPL) and MLA Yeleti Maheshwar Reddy leveled a sensational charge against the Congress government, accusing it of initiating the "biggest land scam in the country" in Telangana. At a press conference at the state party office, he presented a detailed PowerPoint Presentation (PPT), complete with alleged proof, focusing on what he called the HILT (Hyderabad Industrial Land Transition) land scam, which he estimated to involve assets worth a staggering 6.30 lakh crore.

Reddy claimed that Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy and his associates orchestrated this massive corruption scheme from a "Jubilee Hills Palace." The alleged mechanism involves G.O. No. 27, issued on November 22, which proposes the conversion of 9,292 acres across 22 estates from industrial zones to multi-zones. The core of the scam, Reddy alleged, is a conspiracy to give away this valuable land at just 30% of the SRO (Sub-Registrar's Office) value. He argued that while the government claims many industrial estates are unprofitable, closed, or polluting, the value of the land is immense. The estimated value of 6.30 lakh crore could potentially pay off the entire

state debt or fund numerous development and employment schemes. He warned that this is the people's asset and accused the state's leadership of indulging in 'Kleptocracy' (rule by thieves) by looting public wealth for personal gain, with the CM aiming to become the "richest politician in the country."

Reddy referenced the Kokapet auction, where land fetched 137 crores per acre, arguing that even half that amount (68 crores) across the acreage confirms the immense value of 6.30 lakh crore. He questioned why the government would ignore the TGIIC (Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Cor-

poration) rate and bypass the state exchequer by granting the land at only 30% of the SRO value. He demanded the CM explain how the HILT policy benefits the state and why the government is prioritizing vested interests. He also criticized the previous KCR government for similar land scams but condemned the current administration for following the same "thieving" path instead of investigating and punishing the culprits. Reddy also questioned the lack of a thorough Cabinet discussion and the removal of draft copies from ministers, suggesting a clandestine operation. He challenged Deputy CM Bhatti Vikra-

marka's claim of forming a sub-committee, demanding to know the members and officials involved and why the details were not made public. Crucially, he raised severe environmental concerns, asking if any environmental study was conducted before moving the industries and before converting the heavily polluted industrial lands into residential zones, which he called playing with the lives of the people. The BJP demanded the immediate withdrawal of the HILT Policy and the cancellation of G.O. No. 27, along with the public release of the sub-committee and environmental study reports.

KTR Demands Apology from Congress over 'Deceitful' BC Reservation Cut

TPN Bureau | Nov 26, 2025, BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, accusing them of betraying the Backward Classes (BCs) by drastically cutting their reservations in local body elections. KTR highlighted the disparity: the Congress had promised 42% reservation for BCs but ultimately provided only 17%, calling this a blatant act of deceit. He drew a sharp contrast with the previous BRS government,

stating that KCR had allocated 24% reservation for BCs, a figure significantly higher than the 17% provided by the Revanth Reddy administration.

KTR demanded that both Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi must "slap the m selves on both cheeks and apologize" to the BC community for their deceptive actions. He questioned the necessity of the entire exercise, asking why the government had spent 160 crores on a caste

enumeration survey and created a buzz around the "Rahul-Revanth Model" if the final outcome was such a meager reservation cut. He also pointed out the hypocrisy of the Congress, which is promising party-based reservations in elections that are officially conducted without party symbols. KTR concluded with a stern warning, asserting that the BC community will undoubtedly teach the Congress party a lesson for this "atrocious betrayal."

BRS Leaders Rally to Ensure Success of 'Deeksha Divas' Event

TPN Bureau | Nov 26, 2025, BRS leaders convened a preparatory meeting at Telangana Bhavan in Gandhi Maisamma, Quthbullapur, to plan and ensure the massive success of the upcoming 'Deeksha Divas' program scheduled for November 29. The meeting was presided over by District President and MLC Shambhupur Raju. Key figures present included BRS LP Whip and MLA K.P. Vivekananda, former Minister and MLA Chakmakura Mallareddy, MLC Naveen Rao, ML As Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Marri Rajashekar Reddy, and Bandari Lakshma Reddy, along with Parliament Incharge Ragide Lakshma Reddy. These leaders provided strate-

gic direction and guidance to the gathered party functionaries and workers for the crucial commemorative event.

Addressing the gathering, the BRS leaders emphasized the profound historical significance of 'Deeksha Divas,' which marks the day—November 29, 2009—when BRS chief K. Chandrashekhara Rao (KCR) launched his fast unto death.

This pivotal moment, they stressed, was recognized as the only path to end the discrimination faced by the Telangana region in matters of water, funds, and appointments ('Neellu, Nidhulu, Niyamakaalu') and ultimately achieve statehood. The leaders urged all cadres

to utilize this occasion to effectively communicate the importance of 'Deeksha Divas' to the current generation. They categorically stated that the formation of Telangana was not a handout or a gift from anyone, but the realization of a dream achieved through the sacrifices of martyrs and the unwavering resolve of KCR. The success of the planned event, which saw the participation of public representatives, former officials, party presidents, leaders, and members from various affiliated organizations from Medchal district and GHMC, is intended to be a show of strength and a solemn recommitment to the BRS's foundational political ideology.



Congress Alleges Constitutional Assault by Modi Government

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The Congress party's official spokesperson, Lingam Yadav, addressed a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, accompanied by Vice President Kumar Rao, Kailash Kumar, Dr. Ansari, Midde Srinivasulu, and Kurumayya Mekala. The central theme of the briefing was the party's strong belief that "democracy is in danger" in India. The Congress spokesperson highlighted that Rahul Gandhi is leading an unrelenting national struggle under the banner of "Save Constitution, Save Democracy" to counter what they perceive as an existential threat to the nation's founding principles.

The party directly

accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP of launching a systematic attack on the Indian Constitution. The Congress alleged that the BJP is intent on replacing the constitutional framework with the ancient legal code of Manusmriti, contrasting this with the Congress's fight to uphold and defend democracy. Furthermore, they claimed that this assault is being orchestrated under the direct influence and guidance of the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh), which is allegedly directing attacks on various constitutional institutions. The Congress party issued an earnest appeal to intellectuals, academics, and all citizens to awaken and actively join the struggle for the preser-

vation of democracy and the Constitution. They warned of a serious "conspiracy" by communal forces working to alter the Constitution. The Congress leaders emphasized that every citizen has a responsibility to protect the founding document. They stated that this "Save Constitution, Save Democracy" program was launched across the state on the occasion of Constitution Day, following the directives of TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud. The Congress narrative frames the current political battle as a fundamental choice between the pluralistic, democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution and a restrictive, majoritarian ideology favored by the BJP/RSS.

BJP TG President Slams Congress for 'Fake Propaganda'

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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao was the chief guest at an event organized by the BJP SC Morcha at the Press Club to observe Indian Constitution Day. In his address, Ramchander Rao highlighted the enduring significance of the Constitution, stating that it remains the solution to any crisis the nation faces. He recalled that the Constitution was adopted on November 26, 1949, under the leadership of Babasaheb Ambedkar, with six Telugu people playing a crucial role in its drafting. He emphasized that every citizen must read and respect the Constitution, recognizing the corresponding responsibility that comes with enjoying rights like the freedom of speech. He criticized certain individuals who misuse platforms like social media to speak offensively and even insult "Bharat Mata" in the name of free speech. Ramchander Rao launched a sharp attack



on the Congress party, accusing it of a history of violating the Constitution since independence. He specifically criticized leaders like Rahul Gandhi for carrying the Constitution book without understanding its Articles and provisions. He recalled the dark period when Indira Gandhi unjustly imposed the Emergency, resulting in the imprisonment of countless people, after her election was disqualified by the High Court. He also cited the dismissal

of various state governments during the UPA rule as instances of the Congress party's constitutional disregard. In contrast, he asserted that the Narendra Modi government is conducting governance strictly in accordance with the Constitution. To honor Dr. Ambedkar, the Modi government developed five key sites associated with him—his birthplace in Madhya Pradesh, his residence during studies in London, Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur,

Mahaparinirvana Sthal in Delhi, and Chaitanya Bhoomi in Mumbai—as 'Panch Teerths'. The government also bestowed the Bharat Ratna on Dr. Ambedkar in 1990 and constructed the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation building in New Delhi, granting him a rightful place of honor in Indian history.

Ramchander Rao also addressed local politics, accusing the Congress party in Telangana of engaging in false propaganda against the BJP during the last elections. He alleged that the Congress fabricated lies about the BJP abolishing reservations and used morphed videos for this purpose, a criminal case for which is currently pending against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He chastised Congress leaders for their hypocrisy, urging them to respect the Constitution rather than merely holding the book while spreading falsehoods. He cited recent instances of Congress leaders allegedly resorting to intimi-

dation and false campaigns against Election Commission members. He pointed out the inconsistency in their claims of EVM tampering when they lose (e.g., in Bihar, where they claimed vote theft against the BJP) but accepting the results when they win (e.g., in Himachal Pradesh). He concluded by highlighting the Modi government's constitutional governance, noting that the BJP has the highest number of SC MPs and MLAs and ensures a respectable place for BCs. He defended the proposal for 'One Nation – One Election' to reduce costs, the implementation of GST (One Nation – One Tax), and the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam providing 33% reservation for women. Lastly, he accused the current Congress and former BRS governments in Telangana of ignoring the welfare of SCs, STs, and BCs, stating that the Congress is plotting to destroy the Constitution while the BJP alone is committed to protecting it.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Celebrates Constitution Day



TPN Bureau | Nov 26, 2025, The Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) organization marked Constitution Day (November 26, 2025) with a dedicated ceremony, reaffirming its deep commitment to the democratic values foundational to the Indian Republic. The event served as a public demonstration of the Metro Rail's alignment with the principles enshrined in the Constitu-

tion. The ceremony's highlight was the collective reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India, which was administered by HMR's Chief Electrical Engineer (CEE), Mr. D.V.S. Raju. A large number of officers and employees of Hyderabad Metro Rail actively participated, uniting their voices to publicly dedicate themselves to upholding the

core tenets of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The collective recital was intended to foster a sense of civic duty and pride within the workforce. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Raju underscored the critical importance of Constitution Day, especially in raising awareness about the fundamental duties and responsibilities of every citizen. He drew a

direct connection between the work of the HMR and the nation's constitutional goals. Mr. Raju emphasized that the Metro Rail workforce, by ensuring the provision of safe, efficient, and sustainable public transport services, is playing a vital and concrete role in realizing the constitutional vision of equality and social justice by making essential mobility accessi-

ble to all sections of society. The event concluded with all participants taking a solemn pledge to continue their service to the public with unwavering integrity, dedication, and profound respect for constitutional values, thereby integrating constitutional compliance into their daily professional conduct and reinforcing HMR's role as a civic pillar in the city.

Trade Unions Protest Against Anti-Worker Policies

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A major protest rally was conducted in the Jeedimetla Industrial Area, Shapur Nagar, in response to a nationwide call for agitation against the anti-worker, anti-farmer, and anti-people policies of the Central BJP Government. The demonstration was organized by a coalition of Left trade unions, including AITUC, CITU, and IFTU. The rally marched from the Shapur Nagar Rythu Bazaar to Ushodaya Towers, bringing together workers and activists from the industrial area.

Leaders of the Left trade unions, including Uma Mahesh, Keelukani Lakshman, and Anuradha, addressed the crowd, accusing the Central Government of aggressively pursuing decisions that infringe upon the rights and interests of the working class and the general public. They alleged that large corporations are pressuring the Modi government to reform labor laws that impede corporate

profits, resulting in the elimination of hard-won labor rights. They strongly condemned the central government's move to consolidate 29 labor laws into four undemocratic Labor Codes, labeling it an "undemocratic act" and expressing disappointment that the media has not adequately covered this pro-corporate, anti-labor action. The unions demanded the immediate abolition of casual, outsourcing, and contract employment systems, along with an end to the ban on new recruitments. They called for the Central Government to fulfill the written assurances given to the farmers and urged continued struggle against the privatization of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). Other key demands included filling the 65 lakh vacant posts in PSUs, reinstating the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), and ensuring the implementation of social reservations for SCs, STs, and minorities to protect their interests from privatization.



MLA Naveen Yadav Makes Controversial Remark

TPN Bureau | Nov 26, 2025, Naveen Yadav was sworn in as the MLA for the Jubilee Hills constituency in a ceremony held at the Speaker's office, where Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar administered the oath. Speaking to the media afterward, MLA Yadav expressed that it was his "good fortune" to be sworn in on Constitution Day and pledged to uphold the trust placed in him by the people of Jubilee Hills. He committed to focusing on the de-

velopment of the constituency and fulfilling his election promises. However, the MLA stirred controversy by making a provocative statement regarding the recent by-election. He asserted that a by-election would have been inevitable in Jubilee Hills "even if Gopinath had not passed away." He stated that Gopinath, the former MLA, had unfortunately passed away while a case was still pending in court against him. MLA Yadav indicated that the

party had decided to withdraw the case against the late Gopinath. He also took the opportunity to lash out at those who personally targeted him and his family members on social media during the election campaign. He interpreted his victory as a significant boost to the public's confidence in the Congress party. Finally, MLA Naveen Yadav extended his gratitude to the MIM party for their support during the by-election.



Minister Ponnampaluri Opens Biggest Poultry Expo

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Minister Ponnampaluri participated in the inauguration of the 17th edition of Poultry India 2025, South Asia's biggest poultry expo, held at the Hitec Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. The event is scheduled to run for three days. The Minister took time to tour the exhibition, observing various advanced technologies beneficial to farmers in the poultry sector, including modern feed mixing machines and egg collection machines designed to reduce manual labor and time.

In his address, Minister Prabhakar ex-

tended his greetings to the industrialists and entrepreneurs attending the expo in Hyderabad. He noted the significant evolution of the poultry industry, which was once considered an ancillary part of agriculture but has now grown into a vast, independent industrial sector. The Minister encouraged the youth to capitalize on the enormous opportunities available in the poultry industry. He stressed that the demand for chicken and eggs is limitless and is expected to grow further in the coming years, ensuring a high-growth trajectory for the sector in the future.

Minister Prabhakar assured the industry that the government is committed to providing all-around support. Specifically, the government plans to encourage farmers to cultivate the raw materials needed for poultry feed, such as maize and soya, thereby strengthening the industry's supply chain from the grassroots. He concluded by affirming the government's readiness to collaborate with entrepreneurs to facilitate large-scale exports of chicken and eggs from Telangana to other states, aiming to enhance the state's economic footprint in the national poultry market.

Second Telangana Fish Canteen Opened

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The Telangana Fish Corporation proudly inaugurated its second Fish Canteen in Hyderabad, marking a continued effort to promote the consumption of fish as part of a healthy diet. The new canteen is conveniently located at the Gagan Vihar Complex, Nampally (near Metro Pillar No. 1300), following the success of the first canteen situated beside the Fisheries Department Head Office in Masab Tank. The inauguration ceremony was attended by prominent figures including Hyderabad City Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Rajya Sabha Member Anil Kumar Yadav, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and Telangana Fisher-

ies Chairman Mettu Saikumar. Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi emphasized that the Telangana government, prioritizing public health, is committed to widely promoting the sale and consumption of fish. She stated that the decision to increase the number of these fish canteens across the city reflects the government's determination to bring fish to the general public. Rajya Sabha Member Anil Kumar Yadav praised the venture after sampling some items, confirming that the fish dishes were "very delicious." He advised that maintaining this high standard of taste daily would ensure excellent patronage from the public. Fisheries Chairman

Mettu Saikumar elaborated on the philosophy behind the initiative, citing the common medical advice that "health is wealth" and the recommendation from many doctors to consume fish at least once a week. He positioned the Fish Canteens as the government's direct effort to widely implement this advice. Furthermore, Saikumar announced that the venture represents an excellent opportunity for unemployed youth interested in entrepreneurship, encouraging them to step forward. He promised that the Fisheries Department would provide full necessary support and cooperation to young people looking to set up their own fish canteens.

Sanitation Fails in Doolapally Outskirts

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The outskirts of Doolapally in the Kompally Municipality are facing a severe sanitation crisis, with garbage piled high on both sides of the road leading from Doolapally to Bahadurpally, making the area resemble an open dumping yard. This neglect is creating an intolerable situation for both motorists and pedestrians, who are constantly assaulted by a terrible stench emanating from the accumulated heaps of waste. Local residents, expressing their frustration to the media, pointed out that the surveillance cam-

eras installed by the Kompally Municipality are merely for decorative purposes, as sanitation officials rarely, if ever, inspect the area.

The garbage, which has been left on the roads for days, is making the entire vicinity highly unsanitary. Locals asserted that the problem is a clear result of the negligence of the Kompally Sanitation authorities, who are failing to conduct proper field supervision of garbage removal. They lamented that while the municipality issues threats of fines for littering, these warnings

are not enforced in practice. Social activist Ravinder Mudiraj angrily pointed out the dire consequences for livestock, noting that cattle are consuming the plastic waste, leading to digestive issues, various diseases, and potentially death. The area is heavily trafficked, with hundreds of vehicles passing through daily, and many pedestrians use the roads for morning and evening walks. Locals are demanding an immediate response from the concerned officials to enforce strict monitoring to prevent the dumping of trash on the road.



Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and V. Srinivas Goud Interact with Priyadarshini Jurala Project Oustees

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State Ministers V. Srinivas Goud (Sports and Animal Husbandry) and Nalamada Uttam Kumar Reddy (Major Irrigation) held a face-to-face interaction with the land oustees (displaced persons) of the Priyadarshini Jurala, Sangambanda, and Bhutpur reservoirs. The meeting took place today in Anugonda village in the Makthal mandal. During the event, Minister V. Srinivas Goud addressed the oustees, expressing concern that the people of the submerged villages have been facing difficulties for the past 20 years. He highlighted the current government's efforts, noting that 42.70 crore has been released for the oustees and houses have been sanctioned for the affected families. He urged the public to compare the condition of the Makthal constituency before and after December 2023 (when the new government took charge), emphasizing the significant need for further development in the region. Minister Goud assured the attendees that he was present not just as a minister or MLA, but as an ordinary citizen, and called upon opposition leaders to set aside politics and work collaboratively for the development of the constituency. He noted that ministers and 12 IAS officers have held special review meetings dedicated solely to addressing the issues faced by the victims of submergence in this single constituency. He offered special thanks to Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for his dedication to resolving the oustees' issues.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy recalled his long-standing association with the combined Mahabubnagar district, mentioning his previous visit for the removal of a rock obstruction in the Sangambanda project. He committed to the reconstruction of temples located in the submerged villages and promised to work towards the Jangamreddy Lift Irrigation Scheme in Narva mandal, which is estimated to cost 57 crore. He explained that despite the ongoing Panchayat election code, he specially visited the area at the initiative of Minister V. Srinivas Goud to provide moral support and assurance to the affected people. Minister Reddy firmly stated that the Congress government stands with the land oustees and assured the farmers who lost their lands that the government would provide compensation and support them in all possible ways. He praised Minister Srinivas Goud, describing him as a person of hard work and good nature who constantly brings the difficulties faced by farmers to his attention. Minister Reddy called Goud a leader with the determination to work for the weak and poor sections and for the constituency. He promised to prioritize any work related to Minister Srinivas Goud within the purview of his departments, confidently asserting that Minister Goud, who champions the cause of BCs and the poor, has a "golden future." Before the public meeting, the ministers traveled by helicopter from Hyderabad to conduct an aerial survey of the Sangambanda and Bhutpur reservoirs and the Jurala backwaters.



TPCC President Offers Special Prayers at Nilakanteswara Temple

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud conducted special prayers at the historic Nilakanteswara Temple near Kanteshwar in Nizamabad. Following the prayers, the TPCC chief toured the temple premises, engaging with the priests to gather detailed information regarding the temple's history, glory, and ongoing development work.

Prior to the darshan (viewing of the deity), the temple priests and officials extended a grand welcome to the TPCC President, observing all traditional Vedic rituals. He was respectfully honored with a Purnakumbham (a traditional welcome involving a pot filled with water, covered with a coconut, often used in Hindu religious ceremonies).

The visit highlights the local significance of the temple and the political practice of seeking divine blessings during key periods.



TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Pays Tributes to Ambedkar

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud addressed the media in Nizamabad, dedicating his remarks to the observance of the Diamond Jubilee of the Indian Constitution. He paid heartfelt tributes to the architect of the Constitution, Dr. Bhabasaheb Ambedkar, acknowledging his monumental contribution to the nation's democratic framework. Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the universal greatness of the document, asserting that the Indian Constitution is the greatest in the entire world.

The Congress leader stressed the need for vigilance and action, stating that every citizen has a role to play in the protection of the Constitution. He raised serious concerns about the current political climate, warning that "anarchic forces" are attempting to change the Constitution and subvert the nation's democratic ethos. He alleged a deeper conspiracy at play, suggesting that there is a plot to rewrite the country's history and make the nation forget the foundational contributions of leaders like Gandhi and Nehru. Mahesh Kumar Goud issued a compelling call to action directed specifically at academics and intellectuals, urging them to come forward and thwart the conspiracy of these chaotic forces. He concluded by underscoring the global significance of the Indian Constitution, stating that it serves as a source of inspiration for other countries worldwide due to its robust and inclusive democratic principles.

Pakistan-Afghanistan Conflict Escalates After Cross-Border Strikes



The fragile peace between Pakistan and Afghanistan has collapsed into a near-war situation following what is believed to be Pakistan's first-ever aerial bombing of Afghanistan earlier this month. The drone strikes on Kabul and Paktia on October 9, coinciding with Taliban Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's visit to Delhi, marked a dramatic escalation in tensions after decades of insurgency and state-sponsored militancy in the region.

The cross-border attacks, allegedly targeting Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan

(TTP) camps, resulted in civilian casualties, including the deaths of members of a local cricket team in Urgan district. In retaliation, Afghanistan pulled out of a tri-nation cricket series and responded with multiple strikes on Pakistani border areas. The violence intensified soon after a 48-hour truce expired, with Pakistan claiming its actions were provoked by a TTP suicide bombing that killed 17 soldiers.

Reports from Pakistan's Centre for Research and Security Studies show a 46% rise in violence this year, with the first three

quarters already surpassing last year's toll. Analysts attribute this surge to Pakistan's counterterrorism missteps and the resurgence of militant factions like the Islamic State of Khorasan (IS-K), which has expanded its activities across Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Observers allege that Pakistan's security establishment may be using IS-K as a proxy against Baloch and Pashtun leaders, such as Mehrang Baloch and Manzoor Pashteen, who lead peaceful rights movements.

A Qatar-mediated cease-

fire on October 19, supported by Turkey, brought temporary relief, but tensions remain high. The agreement faced backlash in Afghanistan for referring to a "border," a term Kabul rejects. Afghan officials warned that if their Supreme Leader declared Pakistan an "invader" by religious decree, it would justify large-scale retaliation.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's leadership continues its rhetoric of escalation, with Defence Minister Khwaja Asif accusing Kabul of aligning with India and Army Chief Field Marshal

Asim Munir issuing nuclear threats toward New Delhi. Experts believe Islamabad's strategy aims to draw the U.S. back into the region, seeking both strategic leverage and financial aid.

As violence spirals, calls for peace from within Pakistan—such as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi's plea for a 'grand jirga'—go unheeded. For now, both nations appear trapped in a cycle of vengeance, with Pakistan's military determined to escalate, even at the cost of national stability.

The Long wait For A Resolution..!



The prolonged legal tussle over the Munambam land dispute has entered yet another complicated phase, following a recent order by the Kerala High Court that has added layers to an already tangled issue. Instead of providing finality, the judgment has further muddied the waters, leaving the matter open for continued legal scrutiny.

In its latest ruling, a Division Bench of the High Court declared that the disputed Munambam holding does not qualify as Waqf property. However, the court simultaneously refrained from annulling the previous actions taken by the Kerala Waqf Board concerning the same property, despite terming those actions as bad in law. This nuanced decision effectively transfers the responsibility for a conclusive resolution back to the Waqf Tribunal, which is already hearing related petitions on the issue.

The judgment, while significant, has not delivered the clarity many stakeholders had hoped for. By directing the matter back to the Tribunal, the court has reignited debates around jurisdiction, ownership rights, and the procedural correctness of the Waqf Board's earlier interventions. Legal experts note that this

move could prolong the dispute, as the Tribunal must now re-examine aspects that the High Court has left open-ended.

The Munambam property, located in Ernakulam district, has long been the subject of contention between private claimants and the Waqf Board. Questions regarding its legal status and ownership have persisted for years, with both sides presenting competing claims of historical rights and religious endowments.

The High Court's decision, observers say, highlights the complexities inherent in property cases involving Waqf land, where questions of faith, community interest, and statutory interpretation intersect. The ruling may also have wider implications for similar disputes across the State, where Waqf land holdings have frequently been challenged on grounds of title and management.

For now, the case remains far from resolved. With the Waqf Tribunal tasked once again with reassessing the matter, the Munambam dispute appears destined to continue its long and winding journey through the corridors of justice — offering, at least for the moment, no clear end in sight.

Bengaluru Auto Fare Chaos: Permanent Fix Needed to End Passenger Woes



As Bengaluru grapples with mounting commuter frustration over autorickshaw fares, the government's ongoing fare verification drive, slated for completion by October 31, appears unrealistic and unfair — both to drivers struggling with delayed verifications and to passengers forced to pay arbitrary fares.

The Transport Department had revised auto fares in August, fixing rates at ₹36 for the first two kilometres and ₹18 for every additional kilometre. However, compliance has been patchy at best. Many drivers continue to charge unregulated amounts, often without displaying fare charts or recalibrated meters. Passengers, left to negotiate or argue mid-ride, are bearing the brunt of administrative lapses.

The verification process has been chaotic. Several drivers reported being turned away from verification centres or told to return after October 25, due to a manpower crunch in the Legal Metrology Department, whose staff

have been deputed for the Karnataka Social and Educational Survey. With poor coordination and communication, the recalibration exercise—meant to restore order—has instead deepened confusion and emboldened fare violations.

Experts and commuter groups have urged the government to extend the deadline and, in the meantime, mandate that all autorickshaws display printed fare charts. This would protect commuters from overcharging and enhance transparency while the recalibration drive continues.

Yet, the fare crisis extends beyond street-hailing autos. Ride aggregator platforms, despite adopting the revised fare structure in August, face growing criticism for exorbitant pricing and surge fares. Commuters routinely report fares 20–30% higher than government-fixed rates, with additional opaque charges. In some cases, cab rides through the same apps are cheaper than autos, prompting ques-

tions about fairness and oversight.

Critics say that while authorities crack down on independent drivers, aggregators face little scrutiny. The government, they argue, must enforce uniform fare monitoring and curb profiteering practices under the guise of "digital convenience."

Additionally, passenger safety remains a major concern. Authorities have been urged to launch a comprehensive verification drive to check driver credentials, permits, and vehicle documents—especially vital for single women and senior citizens who depend on autos for daily commutes.

Ultimately, experts agree that fare tinkering and enforcement drives are only temporary fixes. The sustainable solution lies in strengthening Bengaluru's public transport system, ensuring that autorickshaws serve primarily as last-mile connectors, not as substitutes for the city's inadequate mass transit network.

Immigration and the Politics of Fear: From Border Control to Cultural Panic



At the United Nations General Assembly last month, U.S. President Donald Trump reignited global debate on immigration with a fiery attack on Europe's open-border policies. Declaring that "it's time to end the failed experiment of open borders," Trump warned European leaders that their nations were "going to hell" — a statement that laid bare his intent to export his brand of anti-immigrant populism to the very continent his Scottish-born mother once left behind.

In the United Kingdom, immigration has long been a politically charged issue. Historical flashpoints such as Enoch Powell's infamous "Rivers of Blood" speech in 1968, the Na-

tional Front's activism during the 1970s, and the Brexit-era "Take Back Control" rhetoric of the mid-2010s have all shaped the country's relationship with migration. What makes the current moment distinct, however, is a shift in focus — from condemning illegal or irregular immigration to denouncing legal migration itself.

The evolution of the discourse reflects a deeper nativist anxiety about identity, culture, and belonging. Where earlier debates centered on the state's capacity to manage and integrate migrants, today's narratives increasingly hinge on protecting "heritage" and "way of life." These concerns are often cloaked in

the language of integration and national security, yet they resonate most strongly with populist movements seeking to mobilize fear of demographic and cultural change.

The growing prominence of far-right demonstrations — such as the recent "Unite the Kingdom" march led by English Defence League founder Tommy Robinson in London — underscores how mainstream the politics of exclusion has become. Images from the rally, including that of a demonstrator perched defiantly atop the South Bank lion near Westminster Bridge, have come to symbolize the intersection of nationalism and spectacle in the U.K.'s po-

litical landscape.

Analysts warn that the shift from policy-based migration debates to identity-based panic risks normalizing xenophobia in public discourse. What was once a question of economic management has morphed into a cultural battlefield, where even legal immigrants find themselves under suspicion.

As global migration continues amid conflict, inequality, and climate change, the U.K. and much of the West face a defining question: whether to be guided by fear and exclusion, or by inclusion and shared humanity — a choice that will shape not just immigration policy, but the moral fabric of nations.

Was able to serve as head of govt because of our Constitution: PM on Constitution Day

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

On Constitution Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on the transformative power of India's Constitution, emphasizing that it enabled someone from a humble background like him to serve as head of government both in Gujarat and at the Centre. In a letter to citizens on November 26, Modi paid tribute to the framers of the Constitution, including Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Dr Rajendra Prasad, and other distinguished members of the Constituent Assembly.

Modi recounted personal moments of reverence, including bowing before the Constitution upon entering Parliament in 2014 and the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in 2019. "This Constitution has given several others, like me, the power to dream and the strength to work towards it," he said. He also remembered the marking of Constitution Day in 2015, a tradition initiated by the NDA government to honour the nation's foundational document.

The Prime Minister highlighted the 75th Constitution Day as coinciding with the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagwan Birsa Munda, recognizing Patel's role in India's political unification and his guidance on constitutional matters in Jammu & Kashmir. Modi also commemorated the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, underscoring the Constitution's role in safeguarding rights for women and marginalised communities.



Emphasizing the importance of civic responsibility, Modi drew attention to Fundamental Duties under Article 51A, urging citizens to perform their duties conscientiously to ensure social and economic progress. He stressed that a duty well performed creates corresponding rights, quoting Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy on civic responsibility.

Modi concluded by urging citizens to actively participate in the democratic process. "Every action of ours should strengthen the Constitution. Our Constitution has given us the right to vote, and it is our duty never to miss the opportunity to vote in national, state, and local elections," he said, linking active participation to India's journey toward becoming a Viksit Bharat.

This year's Constitution Day serves as a reminder of India's democratic values, citizen responsibilities, and the enduring relevance of the Constitution in shaping the nation's future.

Karnataka Congress Leadership Tussle to Be Resolved by High Command



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Amid growing speculation over a potential change in leadership in Karnataka, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge

on Wednesday said the issue will be resolved after discussions with senior leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. The remarks come as the Congress government in Karnataka completes the midterm of its five-year tenure on November 20, re-igniting talk of a Chief Minister change.

Siddaramaiah has maintained that the decision rests with the top leadership, stating, "Ultimately, the high command has to make the decision. We will abide by what the high command says." He welcomed the freedom of legislators to voice their opinions but stressed that the final call will come from the party leadership.

Shivakumar, who also serves as Karnataka Congress chief, refrained from public comments, citing a "secret deal" among five to six senior party members. "I have not asked to make

me the CM. It is a secret deal between five and six of us. I believe in my conscience. We should work with our conscience," he said, emphasizing party unity over personal ambitions.

He also expressed support for Siddaramaiah continuing to present the upcoming state budget and highlighted the need for cohesive work ahead of the 2028 Assembly elections and 2029 Lok Sabha polls. Shivakumar side-stepped questions about the alleged post-poll power-sharing arrangement, noting that media reports had already addressed the matter.

The Congress leadership's intervention is now widely expected to end the uncertainty, ensuring party unity as Karnataka prepares for the second half of the government's tenure. The resolution by the high command will likely shape the state party's strategy for upcoming elections and internal cohesion

Ambedkar, Constitution subjected to 'ferocious assault' by RSS: Congress

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The Congress on Tuesday (November 25, 2025) claimed that B.R. Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution have faced a "ferocious assault" from the RSS, a trend that, according to the party, has continued since the drafting of the Constitution 76 years ago.

Congress general secretary and in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, recalled Ambedkar's role in moving the resolution for the formal adoption of the draft Constitution in the Constituent Assembly, emphasizing the significance of Ambedkar's acknowledgment of the Congress party's contribution. In his closing speech before moving the resolution, Ambedkar had praised the Congress for its role in shaping India's foundational legal document, Ramesh noted.

Ramesh underscored that while the Constitution was meticulously drafted to ensure equality, justice, and democratic governance, it immediately faced challenges from ideological groups like the RSS, which opposed several provisions and principles. "The assault on Ambedkar and the Constitution was fierce then, and unfortunately, the attempts to undermine the values enshrined in the Constitution continue today," he said.

The Congress highlighted that Ambedkar's vision for India was rooted in social justice, equality, and the protection of fundamental rights, which remain cornerstones of India's democracy. The party called on citizens and political leaders to remain vigilant and safeguard the Constitution against efforts to distort or dilute its core values.



This statement comes amid ongoing political debates about constitutional interpretation and the role of institutions in preserving democratic norms. Ramesh emphasized that revisiting Ambedkar's speeches and contributions is crucial to understanding the intent behind the Constitution and defending it against attempts to politicize or undermine it.

By drawing attention to Ambedkar's legacy, the Congress seeks to reinforce its commitment to constitutional values and democratic principles, stressing that the protection of these principles is essential for the nation's unity, equality, and justice.

BJP Flags "Serious Irregularities" in Bengal Voter Roll Revision



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A BJP delegation met top Election Commission officials in New Delhi on Wednesday, alleging widespread irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal. The delegation included state party chief Samik Bhattacharya, IT cell head Amit Malviya, MPs Khagen Murmu and Jagannath Sarkar, and national election coordinator Om Pathak.

The BJP accused the state administration of enabling "large-scale manipulation" of voter rolls. Amit Malviya alleged that Trinamool Congress (TMC) workers were pressuring Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and attempting to take control of enumeration forms. He further claimed that the

mandatory ₹18,000 honorarium for BLOs had not been released, and that the state government had failed to appoint Data Entry Operators, crippling the revision process.

Raising concerns about inaccuracies in the first phase of SIR, the delegation said projections indicated 88 lakh deceased voters since 2002, yet many of these names remained on the rolls. The BJP also flagged 22 lakh people who migrated out of the state but were still listed as ordinary residents and alleged duplication across entries. The party further claimed infiltration from Bangladesh and the presence of non-citizens on voter lists.

The delegation submitted a set of recommendations, including

AI-based verification tools, access to death registry data, expedited recruitment of Data Entry Operators, deployment of independent observers, and clearer definitions of "ordinary residents." They also urged strengthening the independence of the CEO's office from the state home department.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission issued a letter to the Kolkata Police Commissioner regarding a security breach at the CEO's office during a BLO protest. It called the existing security arrangements "inadequate" and ordered an immediate upgrade, including protection for officials at the office, their residences, and during transit. An action taken report has been sought within 48 hours.

Election Commission to Meet Trinamool Delegation Amid SIR Protests



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The Election Commission of India (ECI) will meet a ten-member delegation of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC) on November 28 to discuss ongoing protests over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in nine states and three Union Territories. The meeting will take place at Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi, at 11:00 AM, following the party's request for consultation, according to a communication from the EC.

The delegation will include senior leaders Derek O'Brien, Kalyan Banerjee, Mahua Moitra, Saket Gokhale, and other representatives. This development follows a letter by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar,

raising concerns about "two disturbing yet urgent developments" linked to election preparations in the state and urging immediate intervention.

On Tuesday, Banerjee criticized the BJP over the SIR exercise in West Bengal, asserting that no voter can be removed unfairly. She questioned the EC's decision to conduct SIR in states like Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, suggesting inconsistency in the exercise. Banerjee also expressed solidarity with Bangladesh, emphasizing shared cultural and linguistic ties.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, wrote to the CEC alleging violations of neutrality and misuse of police during the electoral roll revision. He cited an event organized

under the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee in Digha, Purba Medinipur, which he claimed was hijacked for political purposes by TMC leaders and serving police officers, breaching impartiality norms.

The final voter list is scheduled for February 7, 2026, after completing the first phase of SIR in Bihar ahead of its Assembly elections. The upcoming meeting between the EC and Trinamool leaders is expected to address grievances and clarify procedural concerns, as tensions rise over voter verification and alleged irregularities in the ongoing SIR exercise.

This meeting is being closely watched as a key step in ensuring transparency and neutrality ahead of state and national elections.

Where Is Imran Khan?

Sisters Ask To Meet Jailed Ex-Pak PM Amid Death Rumours



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Tensions escalated outside Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail this week after supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the sisters of former Prime Minister Imran Khan gathered to demand a meeting with him. Khan, imprisoned since 2023 in multiple cases, has reportedly not been allowed to meet his family for more than three weeks.

According to PTL, the peaceful gathering turned violent when police personnel allegedly "pounced on" Khan's sisters and supporters. The party condemned what it called a "brutal assault" and demanded an impartial investigation into the incident.

In a strongly worded letter to Punjab police chief Usman Anwar, Khan's sister Noreen Niazi described the attack as "brutal, orchestrated, and unprovoked." She stated that the demonstrators neither blocked roads nor disrupted public order.

She alleged that authorities suddenly switched off the streetlights, plunging the area into darkness before police launched the assault. "At the age of 71, I was seized by my hair, thrown

violently to the ground, and dragged across the road," Noreen wrote, adding that other women were slapped and pulled by their clothes.

The sisters accused Punjab Police of a continued pattern of excessive force against peaceful protesters over the past three years. They urged the Inspector General of Police to initiate proceedings against those responsible.

Meanwhile, concerns over Imran Khan's condition continue to grow. PTI claims he is being kept in complete isolation and solitary confinement, with access to essential items, books, and even his legal team reportedly restricted. Lawyer Khalid Yousaf Chaudry criticized the situation, saying, "The law of the jungle prevails here."

Even Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi was allegedly denied permission to meet the former PM on seven consecutive attempts, with Khan asserting that jail authorities are under the control of an army officer.

The situation has intensified calls for transparency surrounding Khan's imprisonment and treatment.

Authorities must 'strengthen' Russian identity in Ukraine: Putin



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new policy document directing authorities to significantly expand the number of people who identify as Russian and speak the Russian language in the Ukrainian territories Moscow has occupied since its 2022 invasion. The decree, titled "Strategy of Russia's National Policy to 2036," calls for ensuring that 95% of the country's population identifies as Russian by the end of the policy period.

The document, published Tuesday, underscores Moscow's long-standing narrative that parts of Ukraine are historically Russian and must be reintegrated culturally and politically. It states that securing control over eastern and southern regions has "created conditions for restoring the unity of the historical territories of the Russian state."

Russia annexed Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia in 2022, though its forces do not hold full military control in any of them. The strategy outlines plans to "entrench the use of the Russian language," strengthen Russian civic identity,

and counter what it calls attempts by "unfriendly foreign states" to destabilise inter-ethnic relations.

Putin has repeatedly questioned the legitimacy of Ukraine's national identity, arguing that Russian-speakers in the east faced discrimination—claims Kyiv firmly denies. Ukrainian has been the sole state language since 1991, and surveys show that since the invasion, public use of Russian has declined sharply.

The Kremlin's push for cultural assimilation comes as diplomatic efforts intensify. On Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Kyiv was ready to pursue a U.S.-backed peace plan, though officials fear pressure to accept concessions favoring Moscow.

Putin launched the invasion in February 2022 with the declared aims of "demilitarising and denazifying" Ukraine. More than three years into the conflict—the deadliest in Europe since World War II—Russia's new identity policy signals yet another attempt to reshape the cultural landscape of the occupied regions.

Team Trump Pushes 'Project Firewall' Amid Intensifying H-1B Debate

TPN Bureau | Washington

The Donald Trump administration has announced a fresh crack-down on H-1B visa misuse, unveiling "Project Firewall"—a federal initiative aimed at ensuring American employers prioritize qualified U.S. workers over foreign talent. The move arrives amid escalating political debate over the future of skilled immigration in the United States.

The US Department of Labor (DOL) revealed that the project will scrutinize H-1B hiring practices and strengthen oversight to protect the rights, wages, and job opportunities of highly skilled American workers. The initiative is a coordinated effort with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, and USCIS, enabling broad-based information-sharing



and enforcement action.

According to the DOL, Project Firewall will hold employers accountable for discriminatory practices and misuse of the H-1B program. "Employers must prioritise qualified Americans when

hiring," the department said, emphasizing that enforcement measures will be taken against violators.

US Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer added that under President Trump's leadership, the administration will continue to

"end bad practices" and safeguard American workers' interests.

The initiative also coincides with growing friction within Trump's political base. While the President maintains support for skilled immigration, segments of his MAGA support-

ers oppose expansion of the H-1B program. The White House, however, has reiterated Trump's nuanced position.

Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt clarified that Trump does not support American workers being replaced

by foreign employees. She said his stance has been "mischaracterised," explaining that the President supports allowing skilled immigrants—particularly those contributing to advanced manufacturing sectors like batteries, chips, and defense technology—to help establish key industries in the U.S.

Leavitt stressed that Trump expects foreign companies investing in the U.S. to "hire American workers" in the long run. The administration argues that its tariff strategy and trade policies have already attracted trillions in investments, aimed at revitalizing American manufacturing.

With Project Firewall set to intensify federal scrutiny, U.S. companies may soon face tougher compliance measures as the H-1B debate gains renewed political urgency.

Thailand Says Myanmar's Upcoming Election "Not Free or Credible"

TPN Correspondent | Dhaka

Thailand's Foreign Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow has stated that Myanmar's election, scheduled to begin next month, cannot be considered free, fair, or credible. His remarks, made in Bangkok on Wednesday, sharply underline growing regional concern over Myanmar's political direction under military rule.

"We want the election to be free and credible, but it's not going to be the case—we know that," Sihasak said. He added that Thailand may not be in a position to recognise the election results if conditions remain unchanged. The minister also renewed calls for the release of detained democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi, whose imprisonment remains a central point of contention for Myanmar's pro-democracy movement and the international community.



Myanmar's military seized power from Suu Kyi's elected government in a February 2021 coup, triggering

widespread unrest and a prolonged civil conflict. Thousands have been killed or displaced as resistance groups continue to bat-

tle the junta across multiple regions. Rights organisations have repeatedly accused the military of severe violations, in-

cluding arbitrary detentions, suppression of dissent, and restrictions on fundamental freedoms.

With the junta press-

ing ahead with elections despite the ongoing conflict, critics argue that the process lacks legitimacy. Key opposition figures remain in detention or political exile, and large portions of the country are outside the military's administrative control, raising further doubts about the feasibility and fairness of the planned vote.

Thailand, sharing a long border and complex ties with Myanmar, has been under pressure to take a firmer stance. Sihasak's comments mark one of the strongest positions taken by a neighbouring state so far.

As Myanmar moves toward an election that many believe will only cement military dominance, regional governments and international observers continue to question whether any meaningful democratic process can take place under such conditions.

Mexico Passes Tough Anti-Extortion Bill With Sentences Up to 42 Years



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Mexico's lower house of Congress has approved a sweeping new bill aimed at curbing the country's rapidly rising extortion crisis, introducing prison sentences of up to 42 years for those convicted. Lawmakers

passed the legislation on Tuesday, marking one of the most stringent legal measures yet in President Claudia Sheinbaum's security agenda.

Extortion has surged to record levels in Mexico, increasing 7% in the first six months of 2025 and leaving 5,887

registered victims during that period alone. Criminal groups—ranging from large cartels to smaller local gangs—have increasingly relied on extortion as a primary revenue source, targeting businesses, transport operators, farmers, local vendors, and even

ordinary households.

The newly approved bill seeks to modernise investigative tools, strengthen police coordination, and introduce harsher penalties for individuals and organised groups involved in extortion networks. It also emphasizes preventive

mechanisms to protect victims who often remain silent due to fear of retaliation.

Lawmakers said the measure was urgently needed to counter the growing violence associated with extortion schemes, which often include threats, kidnappings, arson, and

murders. Many small businesses across Mexico have shut down in recent years after failing to meet criminal demands for "protection payments."

The bill complements ongoing security operations launched under Sheinbaum's administration, which has pledged to confront organised crime while improving civilian protection. Human rights advocates, however, have urged the government to ensure the law is not misused against vulnerable populations or informal workers.

Mexico continues to uncover evidence of expanding criminal activity, including mass graves and cartel-linked violence, such as the recent discovery of 32 bodies and nine human heads in secret graves in the south.

The Senate is expected to take up the anti-extortion bill next. If fully approved, it would mark one of the harshest legal frameworks against extortion in Latin America.

Zomato Set to Gain Bigger Nifty Share by 2030

Zomato is poised to strengthen its presence in India's Nifty 50 index as new-age digital companies are expected to dominate the market by 2030, according to market analyst Hiren VedVed highlighted that among the 50 companies currently in the index, only three -Trent, Bajaj Finance, and Zomato- are delivering profit growth exceeding 18 signaling strong fundamentals in a competitive market.

The growth trajectory of Zomato reflects a broader trend of digital and technology-driven companies gaining prominence in India's financial markets. Analysts believe that as consumer behavior increasingly shifts toward online platforms for food delivery, e-commerce, and digital services, companies like Zomato are well-positioned to capitalize on this transformation.

"Zomato's consistent revenue growth, expanding customer



base, and innovation in delivery logistics

make it a strong contender for an increased

weighting in the Nifty index over the next

five years," Ved noted. He added that new-age

companies with robust digital strategies are expected to gradually replace traditional businesses in the index as the economy evolves.

Financial experts also point out that Zomato's ability to maintain high profit margins amid rising operational costs and intense competition sets it apart from many peers. This trend underscores the growing influence of digital-first companies in shaping India's equity market landscape.

With the Nifty 50 representing India's top-performing companies, an increased share for Zomato would not only reflect investor confidence but also mark a significant milestone for digital enterprises in India's stock market. Analysts expect that by 2030, several digital companies, led by Zomato, could emerge as dominant players, reshaping the composition of India's key stock indices.

Rupee Inches Up 2 Paise to 88.58 Against Dollar



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

Forex traders noted that

despite these domestic positives, gains were limited due to a firm U.S. dollar and continued foreign capital outflows. The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies,

was trading 0.18% higher at 99.63.

Market participants also cited cautious investor sentiment ahead of developments on the proposed India-U.S. trade deal, which has been closely monitored

by businesses and foreign investors alike.

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

dealer.

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

Govt Panel Plans New SEZ Norms to Boost Domestic Sales



New Delhi: A government panel is working on revised norms for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to help exporters tap into the domestic

market amid rising challenges in overseas trade. The panel includes officials from the Commerce and Industry Ministry, NITI Aayog,

and representatives from the export sector, according to sources familiar with the matter.

The move comes in response to growing con-

cerns from SEZ units, particularly those entirely reliant on the US market, which have faced sudden tariff pressures making exports

uncompetitive. Several units have reportedly requested the Commerce Ministry to de-notify their SEZ status, though many exporters have so far continued operations despite incurring losses, hoping to maintain their US market presence.

SEZs in India benefit from tax incentives such as duty-free imports and domestic procurement advantages. Official data for FY25 indicates that exports from India's 276 SEZ units totaled \$172 billion, while domestic sales accounted for only 2% of production. The limited domestic engagement has raised concerns about underutilization of SEZ potential, especially when compared with China's SEZs, which have been instrumental in transforming manufacturing in that country.

In addition to market

access issues, SEZs are also facing challenges with low investments in research and development (R&D), which experts say is crucial for innovation and competitiveness. The revised norms under discussion aim to create greater flexibility for SEZ units, enabling them to sell more products domestically without losing SEZ benefits, and encouraging investment in R&D to strengthen the sector.

Officials emphasized that the policy changes are intended to support exporters in diversifying markets, reducing dependency on a single country, and enhancing overall manufacturing competitiveness. The panel is expected to finalize recommendations in the coming months, potentially reshaping the operational framework of SEZs in India.

Record IPO Fundraising, Mixed Returns in 2025



The Indian IPO market is witnessing an unprecedented surge in 2025, with companies raising record amounts through public listings. So far this year, more than 90 firms have debuted on stock exchanges, collectively generating substantial capital from investors, signaling strong corporate confidence and investor interest.

Despite this fundraising boom, market performance for many newly listed companies has been uneven. Of the 90-plus IPOs, 42 are currently trading below their listing price, highlighting a striking contrast between record fundraising and post-listing returns. Analysts say this reflects the growing complexity of market dynamics, where investor enthusiasm for new listings does not always translate into sustained share price growth.

"While the capital raised is impressive, the fact that nearly half of the IPOs are underperforming underscores the need for investors to evaluate fundamentals carefully," said market strategist Anil Mehra. Factors such as sector-specific challenges, macroeconomic uncertainties, and company valuation gaps are contributing to this mixed

performance.

The market's strong fundraising trend is fueled by a combination of pent-up liquidity, robust institutional interest, and favorable regulatory frameworks. Notably, sectors like technology, fintech, and renewable energy have attracted significant attention, with large subscription numbers driving oversubscribed listings. However, post-listing corrections in several high-profile IPOs have tempered investor optimism.

Experts caution that while 2025 marks a record year for IPO proceeds, retail and institutional investors must remain cautious and focus on long-term value rather than short-term gains. The paradox of record fundraising alongside mixed returns highlights the evolving nature of India's equity markets and signals a more discerning approach to IPO investment moving forward.

As the year progresses, market watchers will closely monitor whether these trends persist and how upcoming listings perform in an environment balancing record capital raising with selective stock performance.

Tata Projects, ASI Global Join Hands for Aircraft Maintenance Facilities



Tata Projects Ltd (TPL) and ASI Global have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly design and construct aircraft maintenance facilities in India, positioning themselves as integrated solution providers for hangar and MRO infrastructure.

The alliance brings together Tata Projects' engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) expertise with ASI Global's global experience in aircraft hangar design and fabrication. Together, the companies aim to cater to growing demand from commercial airlines, third-party MRO operators, business aircraft operators, and the defence sector.

Under the MoU, Tata Projects and ASI Global will jointly identify and pursue opportunities across India for the development of hangars and related maintenance infrastructure. The partnership is expected to streamline project execution and

provide end-to-end solutions for aviation clients, from design and engineering to construction.

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

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



Redditor Wins PS5 Slim With Rs 20 Munch Bar



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

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

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

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

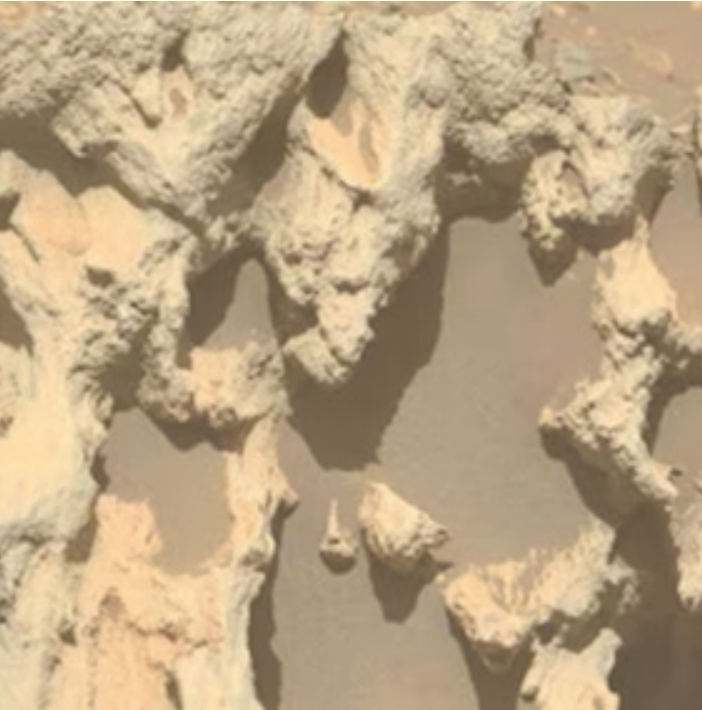
them torn between selling the console to cover urgent expenses or keeping it. Ultimately, they chose to retain the PS5 Slim and plan to subscribe to PS Plus, taking advantage of the ongoing Black Friday sale.

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

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

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

NASA Spots Mysterious 80cm Rock on Mars



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

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

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

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

Phippsaksla joins a growing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The reward of \$40,000, equivalent to approximately Rs 35.5 lakh, was presented as a token of appreciation for his loyalty, hard



work, and commitment, symbolizing the familial culture McDonald’s fosters among its staff. The restaurant described Balbir’s journey as an inspiration to both colleagues and customers, highlighting how consistent effort, perseverance, and dedication can lead to remarkable achievements.

Balbir’s story is a re-

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

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

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

Ancient Gold, Silver Coins Unearthed in Polish Forest

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

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

Among the findings, the latest coin dates to 1634, while the gold coin is a Dutch ducat from 1633. The silver coins include small Polish and Swedish denominations such as poltorak, trojak, and szostak, reflecting active trade between different regions and currencies. This combination of coins underscores the cross-cultural economic interactions in Europe during the



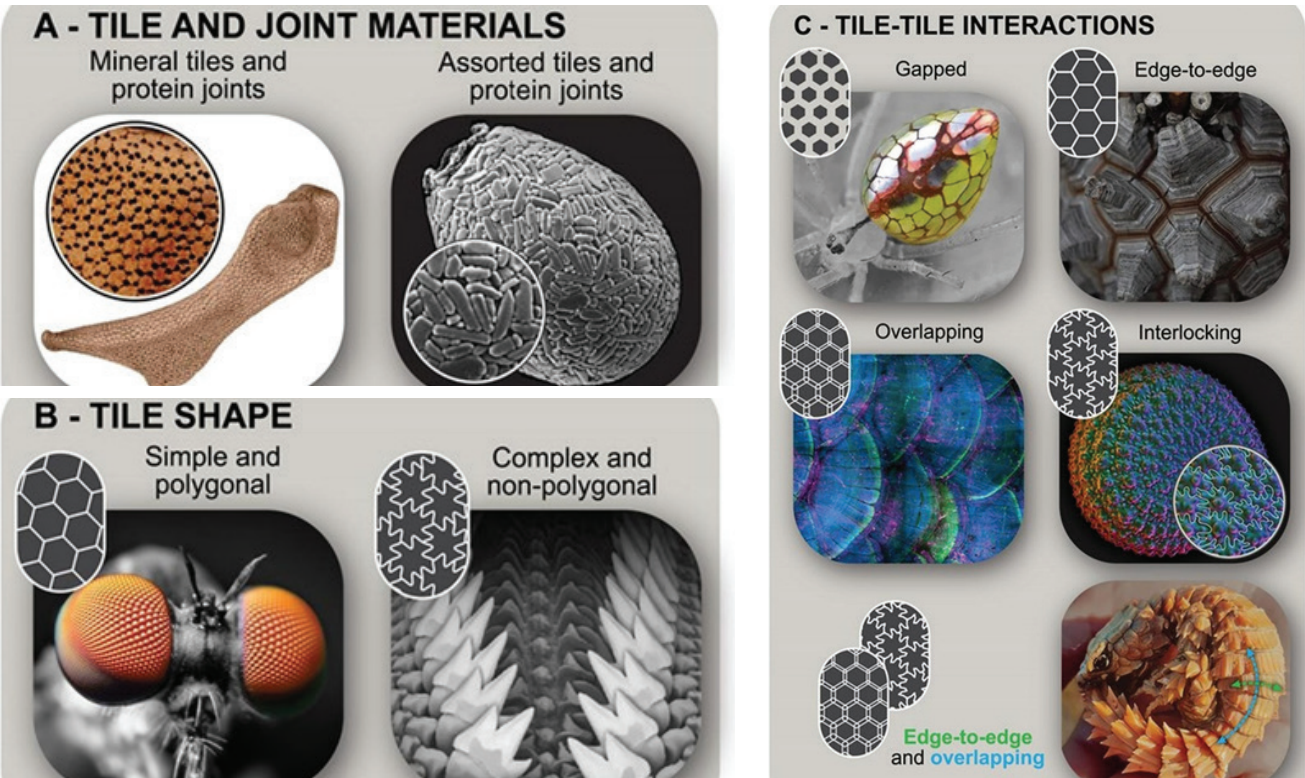
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Next, scientists plan to clean the coins and examine their dates and markings, alongside analysing soil and ash layers to understand the timing and circumstances of the burial. Additional metal artifacts found nearby will help reconstruct activities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

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

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

New Study Shows Tiled Patterns Are Common in Nature



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

plants and animals to fungi.

Researchers have focused on patterns known as “cellular foams,” commonly found in bone, wood, and plant tissues, where thin walls enclose numerous small chambers. These structures are lightweight

yet strong, providing rigidity without adding excess mass—an efficient design nature has repeatedly used.

The study, described in the weekly Science for All newsletter, emphasizes that tiling patterns are not limited to microscopic structures. They are observed in

scales, shells, leaves, and even insect wings, showing that evolution often converges on modular designs to optimize strength, flexibility, and efficiency.

Scientists used a new atlas of tiling patterns, classifying them across species and materials. The classification

highlights variables such as shape, orientation, connectivity, and symmetry of tiles, helping biologists understand how these structures form and function.

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

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

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

Sumit Nagal Advances in Australian Open Wild Card Play-Off

India's top singles player Sumit Nagal made a winning start at the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off, progressing to the quarter-finals after a resilient comeback against China's Minghui Zhang on Tuesday. The sixth-seeded Nagal lost the first set 2-6 but bounced back to dominate the next two sets 6-0, 6-2, showcasing his experience and mental toughness on the court.

The tournament, held at the Sichuan International Tennis Centre in Chengdu from November 24-29, offers wild card entries into the 2026 Australian Open main draw for the men's and women's singles champions, making it a crucial stepping stone for aspiring players in the Asia-Pacific region.

Nagal's path to the quarter-finals had faced hurdles even before the tournament began. His travel plans were delayed due to visa uncertainties, with his initial application to enter China being rejected. The Indian tennis star had publicly appealed to Chinese authorities, seeking intervention,



and was subsequently cleared to participate.

Looking ahead, Nagal is set to face the winner of the clash between top-seeded Bu Yunchaokete and Zijiang Yang in the quarter-finals. His strong start against Zhang will boost his confidence as he targets a wild-card entry into the prestigious Australian Open, which could be a significant milestone in his career.

This performance reflects Nagal's determination and resilience, as he overcomes both off-court challenges and tough competition. Tennis enthusiasts in India are closely watching his journey, hoping he can secure a spot in the 2026 Australian Open and make a mark on the international stage.

The event continues to feature competitive matches, drawing top players from across the Asia-Pacific, and promises an exciting buildup to the final rounds, with players vying for a rare chance to compete at one of tennis' Grand Slam tournaments.

Rohit Sharma Returns to No. 1 ODI Ranking; Starc Hits Career-High in Tests



India and Pakistan are set for another high-voltage showdown at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, with their group-stage clash scheduled for February 15 at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium. The marquee fixture will be their first meeting since India dominated a heated trilogy of matches in the 2024 Asia Cup.

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The ICC is expected to formally unveil the full tournament schedule in Mumbai on Tuesday. As per early details, India have been drawn in the same group as Pakistan, USA, Namibia and the Netherlands.

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Gopichand-Jolly Advance in Syed Modi International



India's defending women's doubles champions Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly progressed to the second round of the USD 240,000 Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament on Tuesday. The pair overcame Malaysia's Cheng Su Hui and Tan Zhing Yi in a thrilling three-set match, winning 19-21, 22-20, 21-9. This marked a strong return for Gopichand, who recently resumed competitive play at the Australian Open after a five-month shoulder injury hiatus.

In other women's doubles action, Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra cruised into the second round with a dominant 21-8, 21-11 win over compatriots Peeva Evangelin and Samriddhi Singh.

The men's doubles event also saw the fifth-seeded pair Hariharan Amsakarunan and M.R. Arjun advance comfortably, defeating Ayush Makhija and Sujey Tamboli 21-11, 21-13. The second seeds Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K. followed suit, winning 21-8, 21-17 against Swarnaraj Bora and Nibir Ranjan. Viplav Kuvale and Viraj Kuvale also secured victories in their opening matches.

In men's singles, qualifiers Arya Bhivpathaki, Abhinav Thakur, Bharat Raghav, and Orijit Chaliha secured spots in the main draw, while in women's singles, Aditi Rao and Aalisha Naik advanced after winning their respective qualifying matches.

The mixed doubles category witnessed impressive performances as well. The pair of C Laramsanga and Taarini Suri defeated the Israel-Hungary duo of Misha Zilberman and Agnes Korosi 21-13, 21-15, while Bhavya Chhabra and Vishakha Toppe edged out fellow Indians Devvert Mann and Nishu Malik 21-19, 21-15.

The tournament, held in Lucknow, continues to witness competitive matchups across singles and doubles categories, with several Indian shuttlers showcasing strong form ahead of the upcoming BWF circuit events. Fans will be keeping a close eye on Gopichand and Jolly as they aim to defend their title successfully, alongside promising performances from both established and emerging Indian talent across all disciplines.

Champions League Teenager Estevao stars in Chelsea's 3-0 win over Barcelona



Chelsea teenager Estevao stole the show as the London club secured a commanding 3-0 victory over Barcelona in the Champions League on Tuesday. The 18-year-old scored a brilliant individual goal, while Barcelona struggled with defensive errors, including an own goal and a red card, compounding their woes.

In another surprising result, Manchester City suffered a 2-0 defeat to Bayer Leverkusen in Pep Guardiola's 100th Champions League game as City manager. The Premier League leaders struggled to deal with Leverkusen's rapid counterattacks, leaving City unable to find their rhythm and marking a disappointing night for Guardiola's side.

Chelsea's win highlighted the impact of youth and individual brilliance. Estevao's goal came after a series of slick passes and intelligent movement, demonstrating his rising potential on the European stage. Barcelona, meanwhile, were unable to recover from the early setbacks, and their defensive lapses proved costly throughout the match.

For City, Leverkusen's disciplined play and swift transitions exposed vulnerabilities in Guardiola's normally solid side. Despite City's possession dominance, they were unable to convert chances or handle the German side's high-pressure attacks.

Tuesday's results have added fresh twists to the Champions League group standings, with Chelsea now asserting themselves as strong contenders, while Barcelona and City face uphill battles to advance. The night underscored football's unpredictability, where youthful talent and tactical discipline can overturn expectations, leaving even the biggest clubs vulnerable on Europe's grandest stage.

Chelsea and City fans will now look ahead to upcoming fixtures with contrasting emotions: elation in London and reflection in Manchester. Meanwhile, Estevao's performance has already sparked excitement among fans and pundits, heralding the arrival of a new star in European football.

Rakul Preet Opens Up on SPYder Failure



Actress Rakul Preet Singh has reflected on one of the most challenging phases of her career — the failure of SPYder, her much-hyped film with superstar Mahesh Babu directed by AR Murugadoss. In a recent interview, she revealed how the film's disappointing performance at the box office impacted her on a personal level.

Rakul recalled being extremely excited when she signed SPYder, considering it a dream opportunity to work with a top star and a celebrated filmmaker. However, the film failed to meet expectations and was widely criticized, especially for its second-half narrative. The actress admitted that she had entered the project with high hopes, only to later realize that some aspects of film-making remain beyond an actor's control.

She clarified that while she doesn't view the film's performance as her individual failure, the outcome did affect her emotionally. Yet, she emphasized that the experience ultimately taught her valuable lessons about the unpredictability of the film industry.

"I am not somebody who feels sad," she shared. "I believe that failure makes us strong and aware. I thought to myself about how I can do things better next time. All we can do is make films and move on. Success is never in our hands. I learned that it is part of the process, and we must disconnect ourselves from it. Despite knowing that I gave my best, irrespective of the film's result, I still celebrate myself."

Rakul's candid reflection offers insight into the pressures actors face and the resilience required to navigate highs and lows. With several new projects lined up, the actress remains focused on growth, choosing to embrace her journey — setbacks and all.

Hollywood Hit 'Superman' to Stream on Jio Hotstar



DC Studios' blockbuster 'Superman' is set to make its OTT debut on Jio Hotstar from December 11, 2025, bringing the iconic superhero back to audiences in digital format. Directed by James Gunn, the film features David Kornswet in the titular role of Superman and Nicholas Hoult as the villainous Lex Luthor. The movie, which earned critical and commercial acclaim worldwide, combines high-octane action with emotional storytelling, making it a must-watch for superhero fans.

The film's storyline centers on the fictional country of Boravia, whose military plans to attack the city of Jahranpur. Superman uses his extraordinary powers to thwart the invasion, but he faces a new challenge in the form of Lex Luthor, who creates a weapon called the "Hammer of Boravia" aimed at destroying the hero. Lex Luthor manipulates government officials and public opinion, portraying Superman as a threat to humanity.

Adding to the tension, a revelation by Superman's ancestors surfaces, shedding light on the true reasons for his arrival on Earth. This exposes him to widespread distrust and hostility from the public, intensifying his struggle to maintain his heroic image. The film explores how Superman navigates these challenges while proving his loyalty to the people, showcasing both his superhuman abilities and moral courage.

Superman receives crucial support from his love interest Lois Lane (played by Rachel Brosnahan) and a team of fellow superheroes, combining action, suspense, and emotional depth. Fans can look forward to spectacular battles, clever strategies, and moments of heartfelt connection that highlight the essence of the superhero genre.

The upcoming OTT release allows audiences to enjoy this global hit from the comfort of their homes, promising a thrilling and immersive experience. With its mix of action, drama, and superhero spectacle, 'Superman' is set to capture hearts once again as it streams on Jio Hotstar starting December 11.

Allu Arjun & Mrunal Hint at March 2026 Update

Icon star Allu Arjun's upcoming film with director Atlee Kumar is generating fresh buzz, thanks to subtle yet intriguing hints from both the actor and actress Mrunal Thakur. While the team has remained tight-lipped about official announcements, recent social media clues suggest that a major update may be slated for March 2026.

The film, touted as a futuristic action spectacle set in a parallel universe, is currently progressing at a brisk pace. The unit has been deeply involved in continuous shooting schedules, building high expectations around this ambitious collaboration. Amid this, Mrunal Thakur recently shared an Instagram story that stirred excitement among fans. Her cryptic post hinted at "something coming in March," immediately fueling speculation about the film's next big reveal.

Adding to the curiosity, a photo of Allu Arjun's phone wallpaper has gone viral on social media. The wallpaper, showing the date March 27, 2026, has triggered discussions about whether this marks the



film's update date—or possibly something even bigger. The picture also revealed a note on the star's device that read "No Snack, No Sugar, No Soda," suggesting he is undergoing an intense physical transformation for the role.

Industry insiders believe that by March next year, the team might wrap up a substantial portion of the shoot, positioning it as the perfect time to unveil a teaser, look poster, or major announcement. Given Atlee's flair for crafting mass entertainers and Allu Arjun's knack for iconic character portrayals, expectations are soaring.

While fans eagerly decode every hint, the makers have maintained suspense, promising that more details will be revealed in due time. For now, all eyes are on March 2026, where something significant seems to be brewing for this high-profile venture.

NBK 111 Officially Launched; Balakrishna Returns in Dual Role



While the buzz around Akhanda 2: Thaandavam continues to dominate fan circles, Nandamuri Balakrishna has quietly set his next major project in motion. The actor has officially launched his new film, tentatively titled NBK 111, marking a reunion with director Gopichand Malineni, who previously delivered a solid hit with Veera Simha Reddy.

The makers unveiled the project with a traditional muhurtam ceremony, accompanied by a striking poster that immediately caught everyone's attention. The design features Balakrishna in two contrasting looks, strongly hinting that the star will once again be seen in a dual

role, a format he has excelled in throughout his career. The film is described as a historic drama mounted on an impressive scale, signaling a grand cinematic experience for fans.

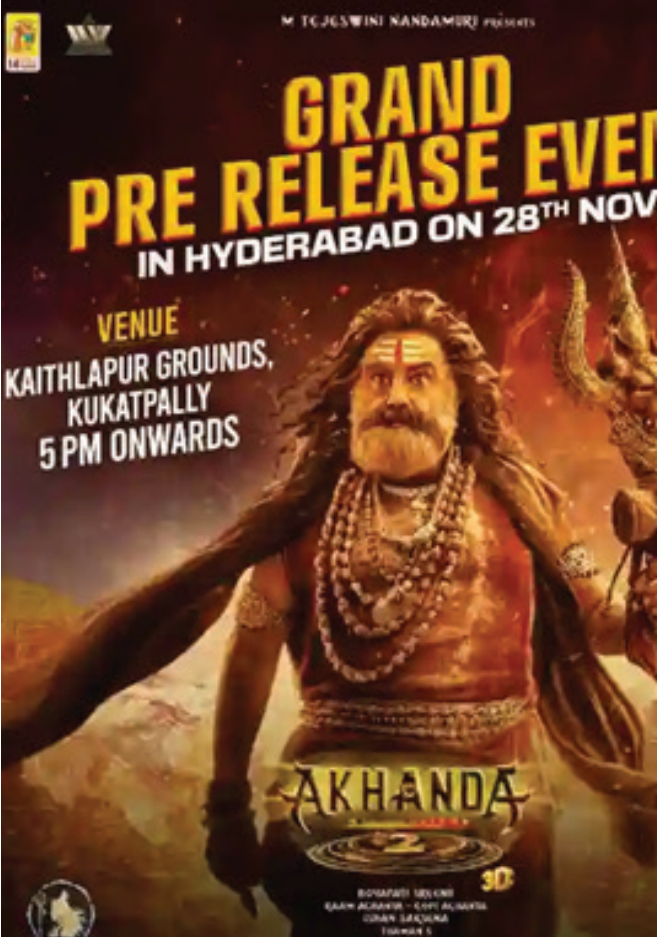
Vridhhi Cinemas, the banner behind Peddi, is producing this ambitious project. The production house is reportedly planning to bring in a powerful ensemble cast. Confirming earlier reports, the team has locked Nayanthara as the female lead, marking an exciting pairing that many fans have been eager to see again. More notable actors are expected to join the cast as the makers finalize key roles.

Thaman, who has consistently delivered mass-

heavy soundtracks for Balakrishna's recent films, is expected to helm the music department once more. His involvement is already generating high expectations for the film's audio and background score.

With the formal launch now complete, the team is gearing up to begin shoot schedules soon. Further updates regarding filming timelines, additional cast, and release plans will be announced in the coming weeks. As anticipation for Akhanda 2 rises, the announcement of NBK 111 adds yet another layer of excitement for Balakrishna's fans, promising a power-packed year ahead for the star.

Akhanda 2 Pre-Release Event Set; Chief Guest Mystery Continues



The team behind Akhanda 2: Thaandavam is keeping the promotional wave strong following the impressive response to the Karnataka trailer launch. Their next major stop is Hyderabad, where a grand pre-release event has now been officially locked.

Nandamuri Balakrishna and director Boyapati Sreenu will lead the celebrations on November 28, 2025, at Kaitlapur Grounds, Kukatpally. The program is scheduled to begin after 5 PM, with the makers planning a high-energy evening for fans. Given the franchise's massive following, the turnout is expected to be substantial, mirroring the enthusiasm witnessed in Karnataka.

Even before the official invitations have rolled out, discussions around the chief guest lineup are already creating a buzz. Industry circles suggest that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy might grace the event. Parallely, speculation that Allu Arjun could make a surprise appearance has

gained traction across social media platforms. However, the production team has remained tight-lipped, promising to reveal confirmed details soon.

Akhanda 2, the much-awaited continuation of the Balakrishna-Boyapati mass blockbuster, is set for a December 5, 2025, theatrical release. The sequel features a strong ensemble cast, including Samyuktha, Aadi Pinisetty, Kabir Duhan Singh, and several others in pivotal roles.

Backed by 14 Reels Plus, the film boasts music by Thaman, who returns to elevate the franchise's signature intensity with his score. The movie is slated for a multilingual release, including a wide Hindi version, and will be available in both 2D and 3D formats to maximize its reach.

With just days left for the grand Hyderabad event, fans are eagerly waiting for clarity on the guest list—adding yet another layer of excitement to the pre-release buzz surrounding Akhanda 2: Thaandavam.