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Rural Agriculture Region Economy (RARE). CURE, centered on Hyderabad, will be the global hub for technology, high-end manufacturing, and GCCs; PURE will facilitate economic integration through medium-scale industries, logistics, and specialized clusters; while RARE will focus on sustainable livelihoods, agri-tech, and doubling farmer income. The Vision Document is anchored in the pillars of Equitable Growth, Women Empowerment (targeting one crore women millionaires), and Youth Power, aiming to eliminate "policy paralysis." The plan includes massive infrastructure development like

the Regional Ring Road, high-speed mobility corridors, and a regional al rail network, alongside new commercial airports in five Tier-2 cities to boost cargo and passenger traffic. The government's goal is to attract global investment by showcasing opportunities in key sectors like Life Sciences, Aerospace, AI, and Quantum Technology at the upcoming 'Telangana Rising Global Summit-2025'. The policy also emphasizes environmental stewardship through a Net-Zero Telangana goal and urban renewal projects like the Musi River rejuvenation, ensuring that the state's rapid economic growth is both sustainable and inclusive.

## Telangana's 'Eagle Team' Cracks International Drug Racket, Arresting 50 Nigerians

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The Telangana Police's specialized anti-narcotics unit, the 'Eagle Team,' achieved a significant breakthrough in its mission to create a drug-free state by collaborating with the NCB and Delhi Crime Branch to dismantle a pan-India drug racket operating out of the national capital. The extensive operation, spanning 20 locations in New Delhi, resulted in the apprehension of over 50 Nigerian nationals, including women, many of whom were found to be overstaying their visas. The arrested individuals are implicated in supplying drugs across multiple Indian cities, including Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Noida, and Gwalior.

During the raids, the joint team seized substantial quantities of



illicit substances, including 5,340 Ecstasy tablets and over 600 grams of Cocaine, Heroin, and Methamphetamine. A deeper probe revealed the financial structure of the cartel, leading to the freezing of 107 bank accounts belonging to the Nigerian nationals, along with the identification of 16 drug centers and numerous mule accounts used for transactions. Furthermore, investigators uncovered a sophisticated modus operandi where the drugs were cleverly

concealed within ordinary consumer goods like shoes, clothing, and cosmetics and shipped through a wide network of domestic courier services to evade detection. With the New Year's celebrations approaching, the Eagle Team is now transporting the arrested individuals to Hyderabad for intensive interrogation, anticipating that their cooperation will expose links to over 2,000 drug users and peddlers nationwide and lead to further arrests.



## Telangana-North East Connect Festival Concludes with MoUs for Inter-State Synergy

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The Telangana-North East Connect – A Techno-Cultural Festival successfully concluded, with Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar affirming the state's commitment to forging deep and lasting bonds with the North Eastern (NE) states. Held in two phases at Raj Bhavan, the eight-day event, co-hosted by the state government and Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, focused on blending cultural exchange with technological and governance innovation. A key outcome was the signing of 17 Memoranda of Understanding

(MoUs), formalizing inter-state cooperation across critical sectors. Specifically, Telangana and Mizoram signed an MoU to strengthen ties in sports, facilitating athlete exchange and sharing advanced sports infrastructure. Furthermore, Telangana and Meghalaya formalized a tripartite agreement for collaboration on human development and governance innovation, focusing on sharing field-tested models for maternal and child health, social protection, and strengthening women's self-help groups.

Additionally, an MoU was signed between the Telangana Film Development Corporation and the Assam Film De-

velopment Corporation to promote joint film projects and cross-regional storytelling. The festival's delegates toured Hyderabad's innovation ecosystems—T-Hub, WE-Hub, and Genome Valley—to facilitate knowledge transfer in IT, Biotechnology, and pharmaceuticals. Minister Prabhakar stressed that these partnerships are concrete steps towards realizing the 'Telangana Rising 2047' vision of a \$3 trillion economy and contributing significantly to national progress, showcasing a powerful example of "unity in diversity" through shared growth and collaborative governance between the distant regions.

# Child Labor Incident Exposes Flaws in Law Enforcement: Urgent Call for Field Action

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A profoundly distressing case of child labor in Malampet, under the Dundigal Municipal limits, has starkly highlighted the tragic gap between protective legislation and on-the-ground reality in Telangana. The minor, identified as Vikas, 17, was found working on a construction site, his childhood stolen to toil alongside his father, a daily wage



migrant from Madhya Pradesh. This incident has sparked intense local anger, with residents asserting that the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986—which defines a child as anyone under 14 and an adolescent as 14 to 18 (prohibiting the latter from hazardous work like construction)—is merely symbolic. The fact that construction, a clearly banned occupation for minors, is still employing a 17-year-old underscores that the

laws are confined to paper, failing to be enforced by the relevant authorities. Locals are now demanding immediate and stringent legal action against the unscrupulous contractor and building owner for their exploitation. They point out that various construction companies lure poor families from other states with financial promises, perpetuating this illegal system. The community is now urgently appealing to the Child Labor Depart-

ment officials to move beyond administrative complacency and execute consistent, robust field inspections. Their call is for the government to transform these legal provisions from hollow words into meaningful action, ensuring that all children are protected and their fundamental right to education and a healthy childhood is upheld, thereby preventing more cases of children's small hands being forced into industrial servitude.





# Ministers Inspect Preparations for Medaram Jatara



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Warangal In-charge Minister and Minister for Revenue, Housing, and I&PR, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, announced that extensive arrangements are being made for the upcoming Medaram Sammakka

Saralamma Jatara, Asia's largest tribal fair. He stated that the state government is undertaking permanent development works in Medaram, keeping future generations in mind, and committed to completing them on a war footing within the stipulated deadline. Minister Srinivas Reddy, along with his cabinet colleagues—Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women & Child Welfare, Danashari Anasuya (Seethakka), Minister for Endowments Konda Surekha, and MP Balaram Naik—inspected the construction activities at Medaram today.

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a day to complete road construction, dividers, and plantation works. Recognizing the increasing number of devotees, he announced that the capacity for devotees at the altars is being expanded from 3,000 to 10,000. He ordered the immediate completion of repair works on the main road leading to Medaram to ensure a smooth journey for pilgrims. The ministers stressed that meticulous arrangements are being made for the millions of devotees, including the construction of large welcome arches, facilitating easy access to the Gaddelu, smooth darshan (viewing), the offering of 'Bangaram' (jaggery), and necessary arrangements for bathing in Jampanna Vagu (stream). They particularly reviewed the development works within the temple complex, the expansion of the road from Jampanna Vagu and the stupam to the bus stand, and noted that proposals for the development and beautification of Jampanna Vagu are ready. Crucially, the Minister assured that every construction and structure is being carried out in strict compliance with Adivasi traditions and beliefs, incorporating suggestions from the Medaram Jatara priests and tribal elders, ensuring no disrespect to their faith. The arrangements are also being scaled up to cater to the growing number of devotees who visit the Gaddelu throughout the year, not just during the biennial Maha Jatara.



## Cyberabad Police Holds Meeting with Banks to Tackle Cyber Fraud

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The Cyberabad Police hosted a crucial co-ordination meeting with bankers from across its jurisdiction at the Cyberabad CP Office auditorium to address the growing menace of cyber fraud and streamline investigative cooperation. Cyberabad CP Avinash Mohanty highlighted that cyber fraud is now one of the most serious threats in the region, with citizens losing vast sums to online scams, fake investments, and other digital frauds. He underscored the severity, noting that the financial impact of cybercrime now outweighs that of traditional offences like robbery. Mohanty called for stronger systems to help victims recover losses and urged banks, including SBI, to establish centralized cyber cells for faster complaint resolution, while appealing to the public to exercise caution and

report suspicious activity promptly. A major concern raised by police officials was the significant delay from banks in responding to official emails seeking crucial investigation details, such as account statements and KYC documents. Officials pointed out the slow execution of freeze instructions, delayed confirmation of freeze status, and abnormal delays in processing defreeze requests. Banks were strictly reminded that no debit transactions should occur once an account is frozen, and any attempted activity must be reported immediately. The police issued clear instructions to banks: Provide account statements in Excel format with all mandatory fields (narration, transaction ID, running balance, etc.). Ensure beneficiary names match bank records to prevent discrepancies. Strengthen KYC procedures to curb the use of mule accounts. Establish a dedicated Cyber-Crime Response Desk with updated nodal officer contact details and backups. Process all requests (freeze/defreeze, statements, KYC) within a strict turnaround time of 1-3 days. Train branch staff thoroughly on cybercrime coordination procedures and share relationship manager details for corporate accounts.

The meeting concluded with a strong call for enhanced collaboration to safeguard customer interests, strengthen financial security, and ensure the efficient and timely handling of cybercrime investigations. Senior police officials, including DCPs N. Koti Reddy, Ritiraj, Yogesh Goutam, Y.V.S. Sudheendra, A. Muthyama Reddy, and Shoban Kumar, among others, attended the meeting.

## Sajjanar Announces 'Central Investigation Team' to Boost Conviction Rate

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner Shri V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, announced the formation of a 'Central Investigation Team' to oversee crucial and complex cases. He explicitly stated that the ultimate goal of the police force is not merely to arrest criminals but to ensure they receive strict punishments in courts, thus laying out a strong plan for boosting the conviction rate. The announcement was made during the monthly Crime Review Meeting for October, held at the TGICCC Auditorium in Banjara Hills. During the meeting, the Commissioner reviewed the status of case registration and investigation procedures, focusing on the increasing number of new cases and the high rate of acquittals in older cases. He issued several key directives to the officers. He mandated an immediate response and FIR registration for every complaint received at the police station. He sternly warned that there would be zero tolerance for officers who sideline complaints or attempt to reduce the severity of a crime, stating that disciplinary action, including suspension, awaits those found negligent. The Commissioner stressed the need for officers to create a clear 'Plan of Action' for every case investigation to ensure there are no lapses. He directed a special focus on quickly resolving cases pending for many years. Special attention must be paid to curbing drugs, road accidents, online gaming, and betting activities. Furthermore, he emphasized enhanced focus on cybercrime, women's safety, street crime, and food adulteration cases. Sajjanar clarified that Station House Officers (SHOs) are fully responsible for preventing crimes in their jurisdiction and instructed them to increase surveillance on rowdy sheeters and habitual offenders. He ordered the imposition of the PD Act on those involved in serious crimes. To increase the conviction rate, officers must ensure the meticulous collection of technical evidence during the investigation process. He opined that fear will only be instilled in criminals when they face severe penalties. Addressing the growing challenge of cybercrime, he directed officers to enhance technological capabilities and utilize the assistance of experts for investigation. The Commissioner also issued a mandatory order for all police officers to carry their weapons while on duty and mandated that a weapon drill be conducted every 15 days. He instructed every officer to achieve complete mastery over their jurisdiction and urged SHOs to guide junior staff in quickly resolving pending cases. The meeting saw the participation of Additional CP (Crimes) Shri Srinivasulu, IPS, along with several DCPs, ACPs, and SHOs from various zones and divisions.

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## Telangana-North East Connect Festival Concludes, Vows for Economic and Cultural Synergy

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Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar attended the valedictory ceremony of the Telangana-North East Connect – A Techno-Cultural Festival held at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad. The transformative eight-day festival, organized by the Telangana State Government under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and in collaboration with Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, ran from November 20 to 27, 2025, in two phases.

The Minister expressed honor that Telangana hosted this pioneering initiative, which aimed to forge lasting bonds between Telangana and the North Eastern (NE) states by blending technology, culture, and innovation. He highlighted that Telangana is moving forward with "Hyderabad Rising," a vision to transform the capital into a greener, cleaner, faster, and safer city, setting an example for sustainable innovation, aligning with the national goal for 2047. As part of the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision, the state government is targeting a \$1 trillion GDP by 2030 and a \$3 trillion GDP by 2047, emphasizing increased investment, productivity, and human capital to empower youth, women, and farmers.



Minister Prabhakar noted that the collaborations forged during the festival exemplify a shared journey toward a developed India. The NE representatives witnessed Telangana's innovative prowess, visiting its key ecosystems: T-Hub, WE-Hub, Genome Valley, and premier hospitals and research centers. These visits fostered the exchange of expertise in health sciences, biotechnology, IT, pharmaceuticals, and human development. The festival concluded with workshops, seminars, and the signing of 17 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), which established collaborative frameworks for capacity building, technology transfer, and equitable growth. These key MoUs aim to strengthen government-backed partnerships in health, innovation, and youth empowerment. The Minister concluded by celebrating the festival as an illustration of "unity in diversity," recognizing the artists, scholars, entrepreneurs, and organizers who fueled national progress, and pledged continuous collaboration for the prosperity of the developing Telangana and the eight vibrant states of North East India.

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Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao participated in a state-level meeting on the Central Draft Seed Bill 2025 at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. The Minister expressed concern that the draft bill is framed in a manner that erodes the powers of state governments rather than benefiting farmers. He stated that although agriculture is primarily a state responsibility, vesting key powers with the Center is worrisome. The Minister observed that the bill shows a tendency to centralize control over everything from seed registration and licensing to market regulation and quality control. He argued this approach is against the spirit of the Constitution and detrimental to farmers' interests. Certification authority should remain with state governments, as they are best equipped for direct quality supervision. He pointed out that a license issued by the Center under this law would allow business across any state, and states would be powerless to cancel a license without recommending it to the Centre. Furthermore, the bill lacks control over the selling price of seeds by companies, with states having price-fixing power only in emergency situations.

Minister Thummala stressed that just as ensuring quality seeds is crucial, it's equally important to have a provision for timely compensation to farmers for crop losses due to substandard or fake seeds. He noted that the existing 1966 Seeds Act and the current draft bill lack specific rules on compensation, a major issue in Telangana, which accounts for over 40% of India's seed production. He demanded a provision for compensation to Telangana farmers who grow seeds for companies. The Minister also expressed dissatisfaction that while the bill exempts traditional seeds, it does not include special incentives for traditional seed protection efforts, such as the seed banks being established by farmer organizations in Telangana. He cautioned that the provision allowing seeds certified by foreign agencies to be sold in India without domestic trials would benefit foreign companies at the expense of farmers. He demanded that imported seeds must undergo trials and certification by Indian agencies before being sold to prevent the entry of fake seeds. Minister Thummala urged the Center to consider the state's objections and make necessary changes to the bill concerning farmer protection, state rights, compensation mechanisms, and the issues of seed-growing farmers.

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# Jagga Reddy Fires Back at BJP's Laxman

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Congress leader T. Jagga Reddy launched a scathing counter-attack against BJP leader Dr. K. Laxman for questioning the necessity of three MP seats for the Rahul Gandhi family, demanding an open debate on the developmental contributions of the Gandhi family versus the Modi government's 11-year tenure. Jagga Reddy strongly defended the historical legacy of the Nehru-Gandhi family, citing their significant sacrifices of assets and lives for the nation's independence and

development. He reminded Laxman, whose age (69) means he was not yet born when India gained independence (78 years ago), that the Congress party's history spans 140 years, compared to the BJP's 40 years, highlighting a 100-year difference in their lineage and commitment to the country's founding.

Jagga Reddy detailed the key contributions of the family: Jawaharlal Nehru established the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to ensure food security for the poor; Indira Gandhi nationalized banks to bring fi-

nancial services to rural areas and distributed land to the poor; Rajiv Gandhi lowered the voting age to 18 and pioneered the vision for the IT revolution in India, which led to technology hubs like Hyderabad's Hitech City and Bengaluru. He also pointed out that Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi were instrumental in launching the MGNREGA scheme to provide employment to the poor. Furthermore, he credited the Gandhis with the formation of the Telangana state. In a sharp comparison, he challenged Lax-

man to state what major companies or contributions Modi and Amit Shah have brought to the nation.

He further criticized Laxman for questioning Rahul Gandhi's family legacy, noting that the Gandhis, including Sonia and Rahul, twice gave up the chance to become Prime Minister, offering the position to Dr. Manmohan Singh. He challenged Laxman to ask his own mother, asserting she would confirm that the Nehru, Indira, and Rajiv Gandhis were "gods." Regarding the current Telangana

government led by CM Revanth Reddy, he highlighted the immediate fulfillment of guarantees, including free bus travel for women, 500 gas cylinders, new ration cards, and fine rice distribution. He dismissed Laxman's allegations of the BJP winning successive elections through "bogus votes" and reaffirmed his loyalty to the Congress leadership, stating he is not a "weak leader" to be easily upset. He concluded by reiterating the call for an open debate on the two parties' contributions to national development.

## Talasani Defends KCR's Deeksha Diwas

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Former Minister and current MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav addressed the media at Telangana Bhavan after inspecting arrangements for the upcoming 'Deeksha Diwas' event scheduled for November 29, defending the historical significance of former Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu's fast. Talasani fiercely dismissed critics, stating that KCR's fast is a pivotal moment in history that cannot be altered by "senseless words." He rhetorically questioned the current ruling party: "If Telangana state had not been achieved, where would

the Congress or the current government be?" He implied that many critics, whom he sarcastically referred to as "newcomers who don't know the morning light," are speaking out of turn and lack understanding of the state's historical struggle. Talasani stressed that attempts to smear KCR's legacy are futile, asserting that the very foundation of their current political positions rests on the statehood KCR fought for. He reminded the public that KCR himself, even while in office, had stated in the full assembly that Telangana was granted by Sonia Gandhi, illustrating that BRS does not engage in "stubborn" or unrea-

sonable rhetoric like their opposition. He cited the recent move to rebrand Bathukamma Sarees as 'Indiramma Sarees' as an example of the current government trying to appropriate past BRS initiatives, emphasizing that KCR never sought to name development projects after himself. The event on November 29th will be a grand commemoration of KCR's fast, intended to honor the sacrifices made during the statehood movement and educate those who "do not know the state's history" about the role KCR played in achieving the state, without which, he argued, their political careers would not exist.

# Mahesh Kumar Goud Slams BRS's 'Deeksha Diwas' as a Political 'Drama'

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud held a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, dismissing the BRS party's upcoming 'Deeksha Diwas' event as a cynical "new drama" aimed at deceiving the public, arguing that the party is staging the event as it faces political irrelevance. He asserted that the BRS is a "closed chapter" and that the public now views former CM KCR with contempt. Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly challenged the BRS to a debate on the development achieved during the current two-year Congress regime, confident in the party's performance. He went on to state that KCR's original 2009 fast was a "complete farce," asserting that Telangana statehood was achieved solely due to the benevolence of Sonia Gandhi.

He claimed that the 2009 fast was nothing more than a political stunt, citing evidence that KCR took fluids at NIMS hospital, contrasting it

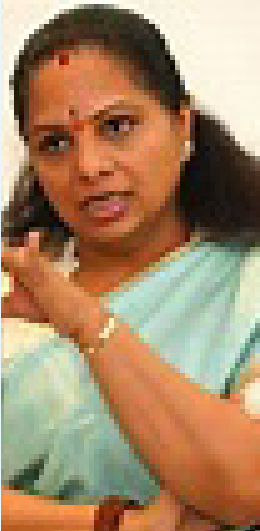
with the true sacrifice of figures like Myanmar's Iron Lady, Irom Sharmila, whose 16-year fast demonstrated genuine commitment—a difference he likened to "a fox and a mythical snake." He further accused KCR of exploiting the sentiments of the people and the sacrifices of students, whose self-immolations ultimately moved Sonia Gandhi to grant statehood. He specifically credited the political astuteness of then-CM Kiran Kumar Reddy for ensuring a peaceful transition after the state was formed. Mahesh Kumar Goud concluded by urging the public not to trust the BRS's deceptive words, asserting that the BRS will face certain defeat in the upcoming local body elections, similar to their failure in the Parliament and Jubilee Hills polls. He also affirmed the Congress party's commitment to the 42% reservation for BCs and urged people to question the opposition parties on this matter.



## Vemula Prashanth Reddy Refutes Kavitha's Claims on Kaleshwaram Project

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Former Minister and current MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy issued a detailed statement strongly refuting MLC K. Kavitha's claim that the Kaleshwaram Project failed to benefit Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts under the BRS regime. Prashanth Reddy insisted that Kavitha's comments were inaccurate and provided evidence of Kaleshwaram water reaching both major projects in the area. He highlighted that under the BRS government, the SRSP Rejuvenation Project, completed at a cost of approximately 1,900 crore, was utilized to fill the SRSP Project in Nizamabad district by reverse pumping water from below, an event witnessed by district residents. This measure was taken when upstream flows were insufficient, though heavy rains later reduced the need.



Prashanth Reddy also stated that the Nizam Sagar Project in Kamareddy was successfully filled using Kaleshwaram water routed from the Kondapochamma Sagar reservoir via the Haldi Vagu. He recalled that former Speaker Pochamraju Srinivas Reddy personally inaugurated the lifting of the gates at Kondapochamma Sagar for this purpose. Furthermore, he detailed the progress

of the peripheral works, noting that 70% of Package 21 was completed under the BRS government, including headworks at Binola, the tunnel, and pump houses at Sarangapur and Mentrajpalayam, which successfully delivered Kaleshwaram water to the Kappala Vagu and Pedda Vagu for local farmers. He also mentioned that Package 22 was sanctioned and commenced under BRS but stalled due to a land acquisition dispute at Kondeem Cheruvu that was only resolved just before the assembly elections. He criticized the current Congress government for neglecting and halting these crucial Package 21 and 22 works since taking power and challenged Kavitha to direct her criticism at the incumbent Congress government and CM Revanth Reddy for the current delays instead of blaming the past BRS administration.

# Kavitha Criticizes Kaleshwaram Project's Impact on Nizamabad, Kamareddy Districts

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Telangana Jagruti President K. Kavitha made surprising and critical remarks regarding the Kaleshwaram Project, asserting that the monumental scheme had failed to deliver substantial benefits to the Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts. Speaking in Kamareddy, Kavitha participated in several local programs and later addressed the media, where she demanded that the current Congress government immediately undertake the desiltation of the Nizam Sagar Project. She also called for the development of Nizam Sagar and Kaulas Fort as key tourism spots. In addition to water infrastructure, Kavitha highlighted the plight of cotton farmers in the district, particularly those in the Jukkal area, who suffered losses due to the recent Monna cyclone. She pressed the government to establish



a Ginning Mill in the Jukkal region, noting that Telangana Jagruti has been actively campaigning for this cause. Politically, she questioned the absence of the Ellareddy MLA, Madan Mohan, in his constituency. She also criticized the Congress govern-

ment for filing cases against youth who protested for better roads in the Jukkal area, demanding that CM Revanth Reddy's administration immediately drop these cases. Further demands included the provision of Indiramma housing only to eligible beneficiaries,

warning against taking money in the name of permits. She also addressed issues faced by government employees due to GO 317 and demanded their return to their native places, requested the quick distribution of sheep to beneficiaries who paid Demand

Drafts, and called for the formation of a Welfare Board for auto-rickshaw drivers. Kavitha's sharp criticism, particularly directed at the impact of the Kaleshwaram Project on her home region, has drawn a strong rebuttal from BRS leaders like Vemula Prashanth Reddy.



# TPCC Chief Praises Doctors, Urges Rural Service

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud addressed the media at Gandhi Bhavan, extending his congratulations and best wishes to doctors for their dedicated service to the poor over the years, acknowledging their special and honored place in society. The MLC expressed a personal connection to the profession, revealing that he had always aspired to become a doctor but was unable to due to circumstances. He emphasized the high priority and respect the medi-



cal profession holds in contemporary society, noting that having educated individuals, particularly doctors, enter

politics leads to the development of quality governance.

Goud specifically re-

called the example of former Chief Minister Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, who was renowned as a “One Rupee Doctor”

for his affordable service, stressing the potential doctors have to serve the public. He called for an increase in the spirit of service (Seva Bhavam) among physicians and strongly urged them to adopt an attitude of serving in rural areas, where medical care is most needed. Furthermore, he extended an invitation to doctors to voluntarily offer their services at Gandhi Bhavan on a rotating basis, symbolizing the party’s commitment to public welfare and integrating professional expertise into its service agenda.



# Four Sentenced to 10 Years Imprisonment in 102 KG Ganja Smuggling Case

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In a strong judgment against drug trafficking, the First Class Additional Sessions Court in Sangareddy sentenced four individuals to ten years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of 1 lakh each for their involvement in a major cannabis smuggling operation. The verdict was delivered by Justice Jayanti on Friday, as confirmed by Medak Excise Deputy Commissioner J. Hari

Kishan.

The case dates back to February 2021, when the Zaheerabad Excise Station registered a case following the seizure of a large consignment of 102 kilograms of cannabis being illegally transported. The successful interception and recovery of the drugs were carried out by the Sangareddy Enforcement SI, H.A. Mohan Kumar Ramesh Reddy. The formal case was filed by Zaheerabad Excise SI, M.T. Kumar. The four con-

victed individuals are Rathod Mohan, Rathod Venkat, Kethavath Pandu Naik, and Rathod Motiram. Deputy Commissioner Hari Kishan commended the excise staff for their diligence and effective legal procedure, which ensured that the drug traffickers were convicted and sentenced, thereby reinforcing the state’s commitment to combating the illegal trade of cannabis and sending a clear message against drug smuggling operations.



# Hyderabad Police Busts ‘OG Kush’ Ganja Supply Chain from Goa

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Hyderabad’s STF B Team successfully busted an inter-state drug supply chain originating from Goa and operating in Hyderabad, resulting in the seizure of a high-value strain of cannabis known as ‘OG Kush’. Acting on a tip-off, the police team, led by CI Bhiksha Reddy and SI Balaraju, apprehended the local peddler, Jeevan Reddy, in Hyderabad and confiscated 50 grams of OG Kush from his possession. The operation also led to the arrest of two regular buyers, Rushik and Uday, who frequently purchased the drug from Jeevan Reddy.

The investigation revealed the lucrative nature of the operation: Jeevan Reddy was procuring the premium OG Kush from a sup-

plier named Yash in Goa at a cost of approximately 1,000 per gram. He was then reselling the cannabis to local customers in Hyderabad for a hefty profit, charging between 2,000 and 2,500 per gram. This significant markup demonstrates the high demand and profit margins associated with high-quality imported strains like OG Kush in the Hyderabad market. Police have registered cases not only against the arrested trio but also against the three absconding suppliers operating from Goa: Yash, along with Uttam Singh and Maheshwar. The three arrested individuals were subsequently handed over to the Ghatkesar Excise Station for further legal proceedings, while efforts are underway to track and apprehend the three suppliers.

# Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh Inspects Bowenpally Market



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Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh conducted an extensive morning inspection of the Bowenpally Market, one of the largest agricultural markets in Telangana, to personally assess the issues faced by farmers and traders. The MLA toured the entire market, engaging in conversations with farmers, traders, and hamalis (head loaders) to understand their infrastructural needs and difficulties. Stakeholders highlighted several key concerns, including the removal of unusable toilets and the construction

of new ones, the urgent need for road repairs and development within the market complex, daily cleaning and maintenance, and the cleaning of open drainage channels to control mosquito infestations. Traders also brought their problems related to licensing issues to the MLA’s attention. Following the inspection, the MLA convened a meeting with the Market Committee Chairman, Secretary, committee members, and the Commission Agents’ Association. During the discussion, Sri Ganesh promised to address the

chronic issues, declaring that since the opportunity for development has arisen, they must transform Bowenpally into an “ideal market” with improved infrastructure. He assured all present that he would personally take the market’s problems to the State Marketing Minister if necessary and pledged his full cooperation and support for the market’s comprehensive development. The inspection was attended by Market Committee Chairman Ragiri Anand Babu, Secretary Venkanna, various directors, and Congress party leaders.

# Indiramma Canteens’ Launched to Fight Hunger

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District In-charge Minister Ponnambhakkar inaugurated two ‘Indiramma Canteens’ in Hyderabad—one at Sundaraiyah Park in Bagh Lingampally and another in Kawadiguda—as part of the new state government’s commitment to prioritizing welfare alongside infrastructure development in the city. The Minister, accompanied by GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and other officials, launched the canteens with the mission of achieving a “Hunger-Free Hyderabad” un-

der the guidance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, honoring the name of Indiramma (Indira Gandhi). The canteens are designed to provide high-quality food at deeply subsidized rates: a nutritious breakfast for 5 and a full lunch for 5. The subsidy is substantial, with the actual cost of a single breakfast being 19 and lunch being 29.83. GHMC contributes 14 per breakfast and 24.83 per lunch, meaning the beneficiary only contributes the minimal 5 fee. The meals are available from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM for breakfast and 12:00 PM to

2:00 PM for lunch. Minister Prabhakar noted that these canteens will benefit the poor, laborers, auto drivers, small vendors, and low-income groups, potentially saving each beneficiary around 3,000 per month. The HKM Charitable Foundation (Hare Krishna Movement) is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the canteens, which the government plans to fully roll out across the city, particularly in areas requested by local residents and public representatives, fulfilling the promise to alleviate the financial burden of hunger.

# Illegal Encroachment Threatens Nizampet Model Market Land: Officials Accused of Collusion

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Concerns have been raised in Quthbullapur regarding the rampant encroachment and illegal construction on the land designated for the Nizampet Model Market, with local activist Akula Satish formally filing a complaint alleging official negligence and collusion. The land, measuring 3.06 acres in Survey Nos. 87 and 88, was originally allocated to the Nizampet Corporation in 2020 by the then Collector for public amenities. In 2021, the former Commissioner, IAS Gopi, took possession, leveled the ground, erected a compound wall using kerby sheets, installed high-mast lights, and built some rooms to protect the land.

However, since 2024, the site has been subject to continuous encroachment. The complaint states that illegal occupants have removed the kerby sheets and undertaken

several constructions, with at least five illegal structures built over the last year. Most recently, encroachers, emboldened by the lack of action, have begun constructing two new houses adjacent to Survey Nos. 90 and 94, starting with borewell drilling over the last ten days. The complaint specifically accuses the current Commissioner and Town Planning officials of failing to take action against these illegal constructions and effectively aiding the encroachers. Satish has demanded that the Municipal Corporation immediately survey the land, identify and demolish all illegal structures, cancel any fraudulent permits, and re-establish the protective kerby sheet compound wall. He warned that if the Commissioner and Town Planning officials do not take immediate action, he will escalate the complaint to the Prajavani grievance platform on Monday.



# Cyberabad Traffic Police and GHMC Coordinate for IT Corridor Infrastructure

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A crucial coordination meeting was held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate between the Cyberabad Traffic Police and GHMC officials from the Serilingampally and Charminar zones to address pressing infrastructure and traffic issues within the city, particularly in the IT Corridor. The meeting was attended by Cyberabad Joint CP Traffic Dr. Gajrao Bhupal, GHMC Serilingampally Zone Commissioner Hemant Bhorkhade, and other senior officials and project engineers.

The discussions focused extensively on resolving persistent traffic congestion, improving pedestrian safety, mitigating waterlogging issues, enhancing road infrastructure, and upgrading the existing signal system. Key proposals

discussed included accelerating pending road works, strengthening the drainage network, and constructing necessary infrastructure like underpasses, flyovers, skywalks, and footpaths at major junctions to ensure safer commuting. Officials stressed the need for creating dedicated service roads and protected crossings for the safety of pedestrians and two-wheeler riders. Furthermore, an assessment was made of the potential impact of the upcoming KNR projects on traffic flow at the IIT junction, with officials instructed to prepare alternative diversion routes in advance to minimize disruption. The joint initiative aims to create a streamlined strategy between the police and the municipal corporation to make the IT corridor more accessible and safer for all commuters.



# CM Greenlights 800 MW Power Plant in Ramagundam

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The long-standing demand for an expansion of power generation capacity in Ramagundam has been fulfilled, with the recent cabinet meeting in Hyderabad giving the 'green signal' for the establishment of a new 800-megawatt power plant in the region.

Following this major decision, Peddapalli District Congress Committee President and Ramagundam MLA, Shri M. S. Raj Thakur, paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday to convey the gratitude of the Ramagundam people. He presented the Chief Minister with a floral bouquet as a token of thanks for approving the crucial project.

MLA Raj Thakur, who has been tirelessly working for the development of his constituency over the past two years, expressed his deep satisfaction that his long-cherished dream of securing the power plant has finally materialized. The approval for the plant has been met with widespread joy among the local population and the MLA's supporters. The legislator highlighted the transformative impact the 800 MW plant will have, particularly on

the industrial landscape of Ramagundam, which is already an established industrial hub. He emphasized that the new Genco power plant will drastically change the face of the area, creating thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities for qualified local youth. The project is expected to spur further industrial growth and significantly boost the local economy. During his meeting, the MLA also appealed to the Chief Minister to sanction additional funds to support the ongoing developmental activities within the Ramagundam constituency.



## Warangal Collector Urges Students to Embrace Science and Innovation

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Warangal District Collector Dr. Sathya Sharada encouraged students to cultivate a passion for science and innovation from an early stage in their academic lives. The Collector delivered this message while attending the second day of the Inspire Awards MANAK and RBPV Science Exhibition held at Thalla Padmavathi International School in Ursu Gutta, Warangal. As the chief guest, Dr. Sathya Sharada meticulously examined the projects presented by

the students, engaging with them to understand the details and concepts behind their innovations. She advised teachers to focus on establishing well-equipped Science Labs in every school to encourage students to take steps toward new discoveries and inventions. The exhibition witnessed massive participation, with 6,000 students from 85 schools, including Government, Private, Gurukul, Kasturba, and Technical institutions, showcasing their scientific models. The projects covered di-

verse and contemporary fields such as Biological Sciences, Environmental Protection, Water Management, Renewable Energy, Agricultural Mechanization, Sustainable Development, Robotics, and Technology-based Solutions. The Collector praised the creativity and technical acumen of the participants. The event, which aimed to promote scientific temperament and innovation at the school level, was also attended by District Science Officer Dr. Katla Srinivas and other education officials.

## Tahsildar Caught Red-Handed by ACB

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In a swift anti-corruption operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials apprehended the Tehsildar of Pedda Vangara in Mahabubabad district while he was accepting a bribe. The Tehsildar, identified as Mahender, had allegedly demanded 15,000 from a victim for official services. Acting on a complaint, the ACB team, led by DSP Sambiah, set a trap and caught the official red-handed while he was taking the bribe money

from the complainant.

The arrest underscores the ACB's sustained efforts to curb corruption within government offices across Telangana. Tehsildars, as the heads of revenue administration at the Mandal level, handle crucial services related to land records, certificates, and welfare schemes, making them susceptible targets for corruption. The success of this operation sends a clear message that the state government is committed to transparent governance and will

take decisive action against officials misusing their public office for personal gain. The apprehended Tehsildar Mahender will now face legal proceedings under the Prevention of Corruption Act, with the ACB initiating a detailed investigation into his assets and potential history of corrupt practices. The prompt response by the ACB DSP Sambiah and his team has been widely praised by the local community, who are often the victims of such corrupt demands for official services.

## Sarpanch Post Auctioned for 20 Lakh

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As Panchayat elections approach in Telangana, a controversial practice of publicly auctioning the Sarpanch position has surfaced, with the most recent instance occurring in Jogugudem Panchayat in Khammam district's Kamapalli Mandal. On Friday, the Sarpanch post for this entirely tribal village was put up for public auction. Seven candidates reportedly participated in the bidding, but one candidate secured the position by offering the highest bid of 20 lakhs.

The villagers confirmed that the entire amount collected from the auction will be dedicated to the construction of the Abhayanjaneya Swamy Temple within

the village, a practice often cited by communities to justify the auction as a form of voluntary donation for public works. Jogugudem has a population of 1,350 people with approximately 800 registered voters, and the polling is scheduled to take place in the second phase of the Panchayat elections. The nomination process for the elections will officially begin on November 30. Despite the ethical and legal ambiguities surrounding such auctions, the local residents were seen celebrating the outcome of the bidding, viewing the high bid as a major source of funding for their temple project. This incident brings to the fore the conflict between traditional community funding practices and the electoral integrity required by law.

## Uppal MLA Honors Jyotirao Phule, Stresses Education for Social Progress



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Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy paid homage to the great social reformer, philosopher, and humanitarian Mahatma Jyotirao Phule on his death anniversary at the Sainik Puri X Road, emphasizing that education is the only factor that uplifts and transforms human beings. The MLA lauded Phule for his monumental contribution to ensuring education for all, especially for the marginalized and oppressed

classes in society.

Reddy highlighted Phule's deep-seated belief, encapsulated in the quote: "Without education there is no knowledge, and without knowledge there is no progress." Recognizing this truth, Phule pioneered the establishment of the first schools for low-caste communities and women in India during the early 19th century. Phule's life work was dedicated to utilizing the power of education to eradicate caste discrimination, social

evils, and superstitious beliefs. He was instrumental in instilling self-confidence in the backward and weaker sections, who had faced generational oppression and discrimination, and he fiercely fought for their rights and empowerment. MLA Reddy concluded by recognizing Jyotirao Phule as a revolutionary figure who provided the blueprint for social movements and fought relentlessly for the empowerment of the oppressed.

# Cyber Scams Lead to Freezing of 500 Bank Accounts in Kodad Region

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The Kodad region has emerged as a major hotspot for cybercrime in Telangana, with bank officials confirming that the highest number of cyber-related incidents are originating from this area. The concerning trend was highlighted by the experience of a new bank branch in Kodad, which opened six months ago and saw 500 out of its 800 savings accounts frozen due to cyberattacks. Initially, bank officials actively solicited savings accounts to meet their targets, but following an alert from the RBI, they are now reportedly refusing to

open accounts for residents of certain areas around Kodad due to the high risk.

The problem stems from a growing addiction among the youth in Kodad town and the surrounding Mandals of Nadigoppam and Munagala to online trading apps. While trading itself may be legal, the core issue arises from the cash transactions involving unknown parties, which experts link to the "mule accounts" used in cyber fraud. In many cases, money linked to criminal activities is deposited directly into the savings accounts of local youths, leading to their ac-

counts being frozen. Recently, accounts belonging to youths in Vallapuram, Siripuram, and Akupamula, and several Kodad colonies, were frozen after being trapped in these cyber schemes. To bypass the local bank restrictions, many affected youths are now resorting to opening accounts in other cities like Suryapet, Huzurnagar, Khammam, and Hyderabad by changing their residential addresses. Bank management is standing firm, refusing to open new savings accounts even for large deposits, underscoring the severity of the cybercrime crisis in the region.





# Rapid Development Works Transforming Vadapalli Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple...



TPN Bureau, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konase ema.. The historic Vadapalli Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema district is witnessing unprecedented development and modernization in recent months. Under the dynamic leadership of Deputy Commissioner Nallam Surya Chakradhar Rao the temple administration has taken up a series of works aimed at improving facilities for devotees, ensuring transparency in governance, and upgrading the temple infrastructure to match the growing influx of pilgrims.

**From Negligence to Transparency..**

In the past, despite the temple receiving substantial income, allegations were raised about mismanagement, negligence by previous administrations, and even diversion of temple funds. The current administration, however, has restored confidence among devotees by introducing strict transparency measures, financial discipline, and timely recording of all income and expenditure. These reforms have contributed to a significant and steady rise in temple revenue over the past few months.

**Huge Response in Recent Hundi Counting..**

The temple conducted its recent Hundi counting last week. The results reflect the renewed faith of devotees: 1.59 crore total income collected in just 27 days

- 1.30 crore from Sri Venkateswara and Sri Visweswara Swamy temple hundis
- 29 lakh from Annadanam hundis
- 15 grams of gold, 910 grams of silver

Foreign currency from 8 countries (35 notes).

**The process was supervised by:**

- Amudalapalli Endowments AO (In-charge officer)
- Assistant Commissioner V. Satyanarayana (Inspection)
- Temple EO staff, archakas, villagers, volunteers, media personnel.

**Development Works**

**Completed – 1.26 Crores..**

- A total of 18 works, aimed at ensuring better amenities for devotees, have already been completed with temple funds:
- Major Completed Works..
- Flyover at East Rajagopuram – 6,98,727
- 40-ft Pendants in Four Mada Streets – 15,81,060
- 28 Air Coolers at temple, queue lines, Annadanam hall – 4,63,893
- Kerala Coir Mats for mada streets, queue lines, dining area – 5,32,206
- 500-L Water Coolers (4 + 1 Donor Unit) – 5,90,000
- 12 Wall-mount Fans in queue complex – 50,000
- Queue Lines – 4,00,000
- Temporary Cattle Shelter (Goshala) – 7,88,497
- Griha Sankalpam
- Flooring – 4,01,071
- Temporary Annadanam Shed d Flooring – 7,23,743
- 11-12. Archaka Quarters (2 Works) – 9,09,764 & 7,72,854
- Queue Line Phase-I – 4,88,596
- Queue Line Phase-II – 5,80,113
- 15-ft Overbridge – 6,89,727
- CC Road-2 – 4,17,084
- 17-18. Two Toilet Blocks – 12,57,772 each.

**Ongoing Major Engineering Projects – 15.13 Crores..**

- Under Dc Nallam Chakradhararao supervision, several large-scale works are progressing rapidly:
- Compound Wall (Sy. No. 7/1A) – 1.1 crore – In progress
- Radha Shala Construction – 38 lakh – In progress
- Polycarbonate Sheet



Shed at Annadanam Hall – 10 lakh – In progress

- Koneru Beautification & Improvements – 2.8 crore – In progress
- Annadanam Hall Construction – 6.25 crore – In progress
- Swachh Bharat Bathrooms – 54 lakh (Temple share: 16.20 lakh) – In progress
- SS Queue Lines Expansion – 1.34 crore – In progress
- Levelling of 6.82 cents – 64 lakh – In progress

Levelling of 8.8 cents – 1.98 crore – In progress..

**Upcoming Works Soon to be Tendered – 14.99 Crores..**

- The temple administration has prepared proposals for several new works, which will soon enter the e-tender stage:
- Dormitory Construction – 1.3 crore
- 1.5 km Loudspeaker Network – 36 lakh
- New Accommodation Rooms – 12 crore
- Koneru Outer Levelling & Filling – 15 lakh
- Grand Arch Gate on Ravulapalem Main Road (Donor: CMR Group Chairman Mavuri Venkata Ramana) – 38 lakh
- RO Water Plant at Annadanam Parking Area (Donor: Velumuri Bhimashankaram) – 20 lakh
- Central Lighting (with RUDA support) – 35 lakh
- ONGC CSR Grant: Lighting & Infrastructure Works – 20 lakh
- Flyover at West Rajagopuram – 5 lakh..

**A Model for Temple Development..**

Devotees and the local community are expressing immense satisfaction with the transformation underway at the temple. Key aspects appreciated include:

- Strict supervision and timely completion of works
- Zero-compromise approach to quality
- Significant increase in daily amenities for devotees
- Transparent accounting and responsible fund utilisation
- Rapid pace of infrastructure development never seen before at the temple

The Vadapalli Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple is now emerging as a model for devotion, development, and transparent administration in the Konaseema region.



## Why Imran Khan the Pathan spooks Punjabi General Asim Munir

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's continued influence and Pashtun roots have emerged as a source of unease for Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir, despite Munir's control over the military and state institutions. Analysts suggest that Munir's fear is not merely political but deeply tied to ethnic and regional dynamics in Pakistan.

The rift between Khan and Munir is widely considered personal. Khan had removed Munir from the position of ISI chief in 2019, citing corruption probes involving Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi. Since then, the former cricket star-turned-politician has remained a persistent thorn in Munir's side. Khan's charisma and moral authority, coupled with his victimhood and resistance, continue to challenge Munir's legitimacy as Pakistan's de facto ruler. Pashtun resentment against the Punjabi-dominated establishment amplifies this tension. Pathans, historically sidelined in Pakistan's power hierarchy dominated by Punjabis, have long-

standing grievances over underdevelopment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and perceived ethnic bias. These feelings have been intensified by recent tensions involving Afghan refugees, airstrikes in eastern Afghanistan, and aggressive deportation policies, fueling anti-establishment sentiment among Pashtuns.

Khan, jailed since August 2023 on graft charges, embodies Pashtun defiance and commands a substantial support base in KP, the only province where his party, PTI, retains political power. Thousands of his supporters have gathered outside Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi demanding access to him, creating further pressure on Munir's administration.

Reports of Khan's possible death, though unverified, have sparked fears of widespread unrest across Pashtun regions. Munir's response has been a severe state crackdown, restricting access to Khan and closely controlling information about his condition. Analysts ar-

gue that Munir's moves are aimed at preventing mass mobilization and ethnic unrest, particularly from KP and Pashtun-dominated areas. The army chief's recent consolidation of power, including lifetime immunity and expanded authority over the military and judiciary under the 27th Constitutional Amendment, highlights his attempt to secure his position amid growing challenges.

Observers suggest that Khan's continued popularity and Pashtun identity pose a unique threat to Munir, as releasing or mistreating Khan could trigger mass protests or even ethnic backlash. Khan's political survival and symbolic stature have thus become a crucial factor in Pakistan's fragile power dynamics, turning a personal rivalry into a broader ethnic and national security concern.

Imran Khan, for Munir, represents not just a political opponent but a mobilizing force for marginalized Pashtuns, making him a singular challenge to the Punjabi-led establishment's authority.

# Karnataka Congress Tussle Hinges on Rahul Gandhi



The ongoing power tussle in Karnataka Congress between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has intensified, with all major developments pointing toward Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as the ultimate decision-maker. The high-stakes battle is testing the party's ability to balance ambitions, caste equations, and political stability in the southern state.

DK Shivakumar, who belongs to the influential OBC Vokkaliga community, is pushing for a clear transition plan to eventually succeed Siddaramaiah. His demands include a formal timeline for transfer of power, a firm directive from the high command to Siddaramaiah regarding stepping down, and support from party factions to ensure a smooth handover. Shivakumar's camp argues that this transition is a long-promised

arrangement, necessary to maintain party stability and discipline. Siddaramaiah, a veteran leader and representative of the 'AHINDA' coalition of minorities, OBCs, and Dalits, is determined to maintain his authority until at least after the state budget session. He has resisted calls for immediate change, citing potential disruptions, and has sought to end speculation around his exit through strategic moves, including a cabinet reshuffle to reinforce his command. Siddaramaiah also emphasizes the need for public backing from Rahul Gandhi, which would solidify his position and signal stability to his supporters.

Meanwhile, other regional leaders add complexity to the scenario.

Senior Dalit leader and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is closely observing developments and could serve as a compromise candidate. Satish Jarkiholi, a known critic of Shivakumar, has ambitions to become state Congress president, while G Parameshwara has publicly expressed interest in the chief ministership. These multiple power centers make internal consensus a challenging task for the high command.

The Congress leadership faces a delicate balancing act. Any abrupt shift risks alienating key caste blocs—the OBC Vokkaliga support base crucial to Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah's AHINDA coalition of minorities and backward classes. The party must navigate factional loyal-

ties, electoral considerations, and public perception, all while ensuring stability in a state where political equations can shift rapidly.

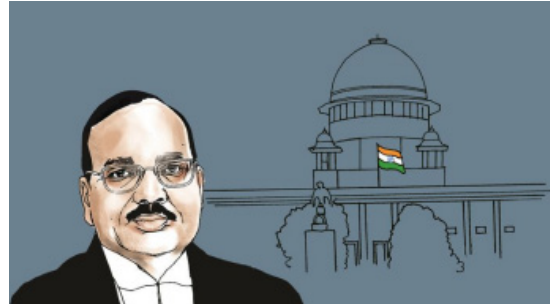
As Karnataka Congress grapples with competing ambitions and strategic maneuvers, Rahul Gandhi's role as mediator and arbiter becomes decisive. His intervention will likely determine the future leadership structure, manage internal friction, and maintain the coalition that delivered the party a strong mandate. With multiple stakeholders, intricate caste dynamics, and high political stakes, the ultimate resolution hinges on the Congress high command's ability to reconcile ambitions without destabilizing the party.

## CJI Surya Kant Upholds Dissent as Pillar of Democracy

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, in his tenure as the 53rd head of the Supreme Court, has reiterated that dissent is an essential pillar of democracy, emphasizing the judiciary's role in upholding rights and ensuring accountability. His life and career serve as an inspiration to young lawyers, showcasing that excellence arises from preparation, per-

severance, and integrity rather than privilege. Justice Surya Kant, hailing from a modest middle-class family in Hisar, Haryana, embodies the ideal that talent and honesty can propel individuals to the highest echelons of India's judicial system. His journey reflects the Constitution's faith in equal opportunity and merit, resonating deeply with aspiring legal

professionals across the country. In recent addresses and public interactions, CJI Kant highlighted that the existence of differing opinions and the freedom to voice them are fundamental to a functioning democracy. "No democracy can thrive without dissent," he remarked, underlining that judicial independence and free expression are insepa-



able from the nation's constitutional ethos. Beyond championing democratic ideals, Justice Kant is known for his empathetic approach, signaling a justice system that is accessible and sensitive to the needs of ordinary

citizens. He has encouraged the younger legal fraternity to pursue excellence with unwavering dedication, stressing that integrity and perseverance often outweigh privilege in shaping a distinguished legal career.

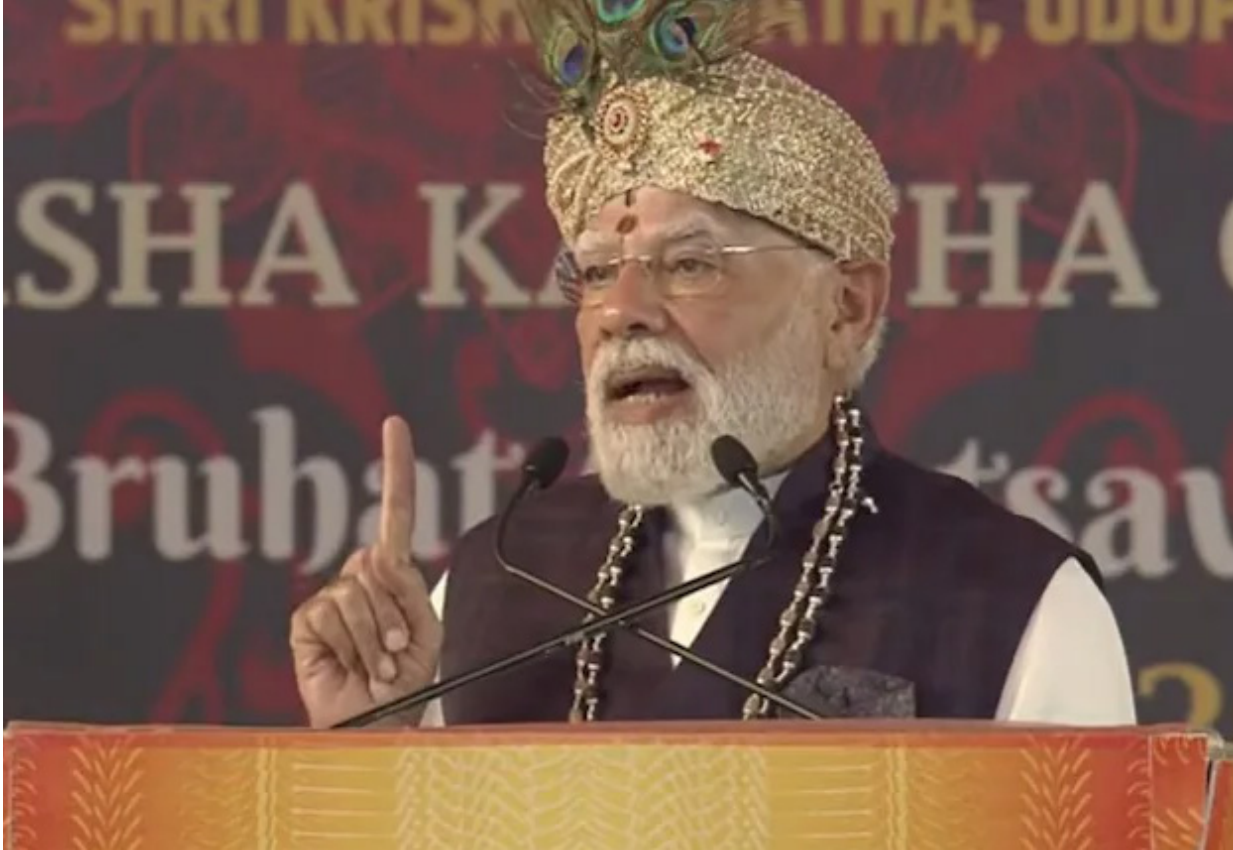


# “New India Neither Bows Nor Hesitates From Protecting Its People”: PM Modi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday highlighted India's firm stance on national security, asserting that “new India neither bows nor hesitates” in protecting its people. Speaking in the temple town of Udupi during the Laksha Kantha Gita Parayana, where one lakh devotees recited the Srimad Bhagwad Gita, Modi said previous governments often hesitated to respond to terror attacks, unlike today.

Recalling the Pahalgam terror attack in April, in which 26 people, including visitors from Karnataka, were killed, Modi praised the government's swift response through Operation Sindoor, India's military action on terror launchpads in Pakistan. He also announced Mission Sudarshan Chakra, aimed at creating a security wall around key public and industrial sites.

Modi linked national policies to the teachings of the Bhagwad Gita, emphasizing peace, public welfare, and Dharma. He highlighted slogans like “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas” and “Sarvajan Hitaya”, noting their inspiration from Gita verses and their role in shaping schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and PM Awas Vojana. He further cited Gita's guidance on women's safety and empowerment, which influenced initiatives



like the Naari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

Lauding Swami Vishwesha Teertha of Pejavara Math, Modi acknowledged his pivotal role in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement and the recent flag hoisting at the Ayodhya Ram Temple. He also high-

lighted the cultural link between Udupi and Ayodhya through the arch gate dedicated to Sri Madhwacharya, founder of the Madhwa sect.

The Prime Minister offered prayers at the Sri Krishna Temple, paid tribute to saint-philosopher Kanakadasa, and participated in the Gita recital alongside Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot and religious leaders. Modi's visit included a grand roadshow, where he waved to enthusiastic crowds showering flowers, reflecting Udupi's vibrant cultural heritage.

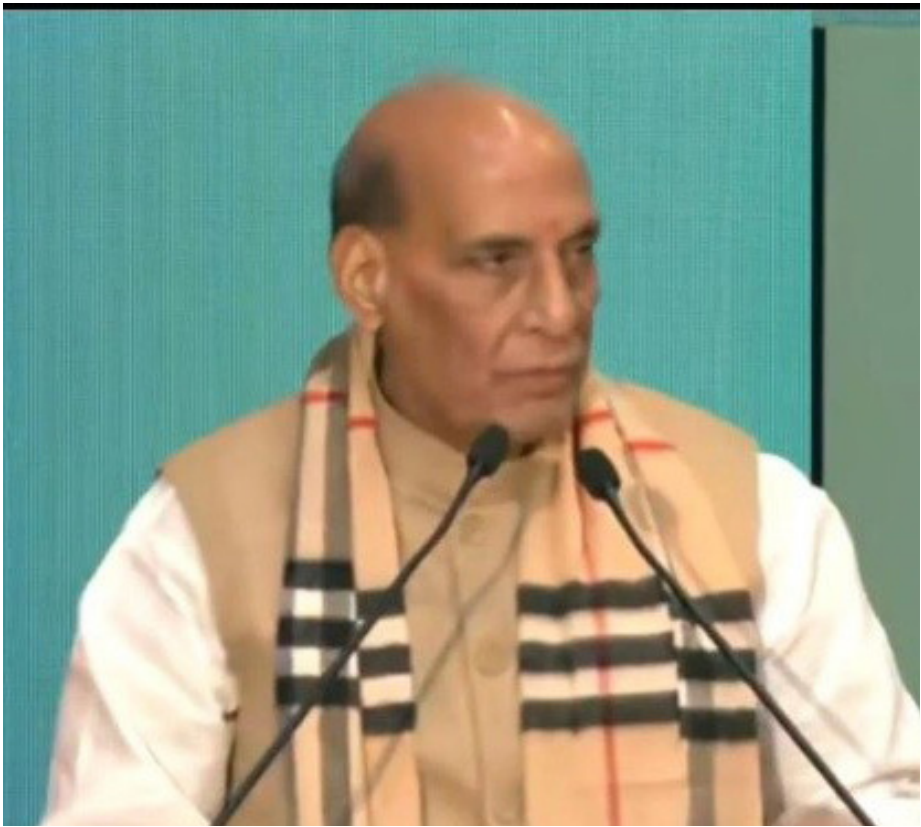
The event reinforced the connection between India's spiritual traditions and governance, with tModi underscoring that Dharma, protection of citizens, and cultural values guide the nation's policies and security framework.

# India Emerges as Voice of Balance, Responsibility: Rajnath Singh

TPN Correspondent | Delhi Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday asserted that India has emerged as a voice of balance and responsibility in the current global environment, emphasizing the country's growing role in shaping international discussions. Speaking at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue in New Delhi, Singh highlighted India's approach to global affairs as rooted in strategic autonomy, civilizational values, and a commitment to peace.

“India believes in peace and dialogue, but it does not compromise on its sovereignty and security,” he said, underlining the nation's firm stance on defending its national interests while engaging constructively with other countries. Singh emphasized that India's positions are guided by both pragmatism and principle, allowing it to navigate complex global challenges effectively.

The Defence Minister noted that countries in the Indo-Pacific and the Global South increasingly view India as a reliable partner, capable of contributing to regional stabil-



ity and economic growth. He stressed that India's voice in global forums reflects responsibility, maturity, and a commitment to constructive engagement rather than

confrontation. Singh also highlighted the importance of India's civilizational values, which, he said, provide the country with a unique perspective on diplomacy, development, and security. By combining these values with modern strategic thinking, India has been able to assert its interests while supporting global peace initiatives.

Addressing the defence and strategic community at the dialogue, Singh called for greater collaboration among nations to tackle shared challenges, including security threats, technological disruptions, and geopolitical tensions. He reiterated that India's path forward is rooted in strengthening partnerships, fostering dialogue, and balancing national priorities with global responsibilities.

The address reflects India's growing confidence on the world stage, signaling its intent to continue playing a stabilizing role in international affairs while protecting its sovereignty and promoting peace.

# 77-Foot Lord Ram Statue, Tallest In The World, Unveiled By PM Modi In Goa

TPN Correspondent | Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday unveiled a 77-foot-tall bronze statue of Lord Ram at the Shree Samsthan Gokarn Jeevottam Mutt in Partagali, South Goa, marking the tallest Lord Ram statue in the world. The statue was crafted by renowned sculptor Ram Sutar, who also designed the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

The mutt, one of India's oldest monastic institutions, is celebrating 550 years of spiritual, cultural, and social contributions. The mutt premises, established 370 years ago, will host programmes from November 27 to December 7, attracting 7,000 to 10,000 visitors daily. The statue is expected to become a major center of devotion and cultural tourism in the region.

PM Modi's visit to Goa followed his earlier engagements in Udupi, Karnataka, where he participated in the Laksha Kantha Gita Parayana, during which over one lakh devotees recited the Bhagwad Gita. In Udupi, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Suvarna



Teertha Mantapa and dedicated the Kanaka Kavacha, a golden cover for Kanakana Kindi, the sacred window associated with saint Kanakadasa.

Addressing the gathering, Modi praised Udupi as the “karmabhoomi of Jana Sangh and BJP's model of good gov-

ernance”, recalling initiatives from the 1960s that laid the foundation for cleanliness, water supply, and civic infrastructure. He linked the event to India's spiritual heritage, noting the unity and devotion displayed by participants during the Gita recitation.

The Prime Minister high-

lighted the confluence of faith, culture, and governance, saying the Gita continues to inspire national policies and societal values. He expressed that Udupi and Goa exemplify India's enduring divine and cultural legacy, where devotion and civic responsibility coexist.

The unveiling of the Lord Ram statue in Goa, combined with Modi's spiritual engagements in Udupi, reinforces the government's focus on preserving India's cultural heritage, promoting spiritual tourism, and showcasing the nation's devotion as an enduring part of its identity.

# Rahul Gandhi Calls Air Pollution “Health



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday urged Parliament to hold a detailed discussion on the severe air pollution plaguing Delhi, calling it a “health emergency”. He criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for remaining silent and questioned the government's lack of urgency and accountability in addressing the crisis.

Speaking to mothers at his residence, Gandhi shared a video highlighting their concerns. He said, “Every mother I meet tells me the same thing: her child is growing up breathing toxic air. They are exhausted, scared, and angry. Modi ji, India's children are choking in front of us. How can you stay silent?”

Gandhi demanded a strict

and enforceable action plan to curb pollution, insisting that India's children deserve clean air, not excuses or political distractions. He emphasized the need for immediate parliamentary attention and actionable measures to tackle the worsening situation.

Delhi has been experiencing very poor air quality for the past 15 days, with forecasts indicating the conditions will persist in the coming week. The Air Quality Early Warning System predicts the pollution levels will remain in the ‘very poor’ to ‘severe’ categories throughout the winter.

Health experts have warned that prolonged exposure to toxic air increases the risk of airway inflammation, reduced lung function, and aggravation of pre-existing respiratory or cardiac

conditions. Doctors have urged residents, especially children, asthma patients, smokers, and people with underlying health issues, to undergo regular diagnostic screenings to detect early signs of pollution-related health deterioration.

The Delhi pollution crisis has reignited debates over government responsibility and the need for concrete, enforceable measures to protect citizens. Gandhi's call for parliamentary action underscores growing public concern and demands for accountability amid escalating health risks linked to toxic air.

The Opposition leader's appeal stresses that clean air is a fundamental necessity, urging the government to treat the ongoing pollution crisis as a national priority rather than a seasonal inconvenience.

# ‘Remove 18% GST on air purifiers’: Kejriwal



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday demanded that the Central Government immediately remove the 18% GST on air and water purifiers, citing the worsening air quality in Delhi-NCR.

In a post on X in Hindi, Kejriwal emphasized that clean air and clean water are fundamental rights of every citizen. He criticized the government, saying, “In Delhi and across North India, the air has become deadly. Instead of providing solutions, the government is collecting more taxes from the public.”

The AAP supremo highlighted that families attempting to protect themselves by buying air purifiers are forced to bear an additional financial burden due

to the GST, calling it “out-right injustice.” He urged the Centre to act promptly: “If you cannot provide solutions, at least stop burdening the pockets of the people.”

Delhi's air quality has remained in the ‘very poor’ category for over two weeks, and the Air Quality Early Warning System forecasts that it is likely to remain at dangerous levels over the coming week. Experts have warned that prolonged exposure to toxic air triggers airway inflammation, reduces lung function, and aggravates pre-existing conditions, particularly in children, asthma patients, smokers, and those with cardiac or respiratory illnesses.

Health professionals have emphasized the importance of preventive

screenings to detect early signs of pollution-related health deterioration, noting that rising pollution levels make such measures increasingly urgent.

Kejriwal's demand adds to growing public and political pressure on the government to tackle the pollution crisis effectively. While citizens are struggling to mitigate health risks, the imposition of GST on protective devices has sparked criticism that the government is adding financial strain instead of offering solutions.

As Delhi faces one of its most severe pollution episodes in recent years, calls for policy interventions, fiscal relief, and urgent public health measures are gaining momentum, with Kejriwal urging the Centre to act immediately.



Imran Khan ‘dead or alive’?  
Son demands proof of life



TPN Correspondent | Abuja, Nigeria

Rumours over the alleged death of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan have intensified after an unverified Afghan media report claimed he was killed inside Adiala Jail. The claims, circulating widely on social media, prompted his son Kasim Khan to demand immediate proof that his father is alive, as well as urgent access for family members.

Kasim, in a post on X, said his father has been detained for 845 days and has allegedly spent the past six weeks in a death cell, held in complete isolation with no contact with family. He claimed that despite court orders, Khan’s sisters have repeatedly been denied visits. “No phone calls, no visits, and no information about his well-being,” he wrote, calling the secrecy “deliberate” and accusing authorities of concealing Khan’s condition.

He urged international human rights organisations to intervene, demanding confirmation of Imran’s safety, restoration of family access, an end to “inhumane isolation”,

and the release of what he termed a political prisoner.

Imran’s sister Aleema Khanum also alleged that court-mandated visits were not being honoured. The family’s concerns escalated on Wednesday when PTI supporters and Khan’s sisters staged a sit-in outside Adiala Jail, drawing thousands. Some supporters reportedly attempted to breach the jail checkpoint before police assured Aleema that a meeting would be arranged.

Adiala Jail officials, however, firmly denied all death rumours. In an official statement, authorities said Imran Khan is in “completely good health”, remains inside Adiala Jail, and is receiving “all necessary care”. They dismissed reports of his transfer or deteriorating condition as “baseless”.

Khan, imprisoned since August 2023, faces multiple cases he says are politically motivated. Earlier this year, he and his wife were convicted in a corruption case and sentenced to long prison terms. Despite the government’s assurances, concerns over Khan’s isolation and safety continue to fuel tensions across Pakistan.

Putin to Visit India on  
December 4–5 for Annual  
Summit, MEA Confirms



TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv/Europe

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has confirmed that Russian President Vladimir Putin will undertake a state visit to India from December 4-5, following an invitation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The visit marks Putin’s first trip to India since 2021 and will include participation in the 23rd India–Russia Annual Summit.

According to the MEA, President Droupadi Murmu will receive Putin and host a state banquet in his honour. The summit will allow both nations’ leaders to review progress in bilateral cooperation, strengthen their ‘Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership’, and exchange views on key regional and global developments.

The two leaders last met in person in September this year in Tianjin, China, on the sidelines of the SCO Summit. Preparations for the annual summit have been underway, with MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal noting that both countries are working to deepen ties across strategic sectors.

The Kremlin also under-

scored the significance of the upcoming visit. Citing a statement from Russian state agency TASS, Moscow said the trip will provide an opportunity to discuss an “extensive agenda” covering political, economic, scientific, technological, cultural and humanitarian cooperation. These issues will be central to Putin’s talks with the Indian delegation led by Prime Minister Modi.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who met Putin in Moscow last week, conveyed the Prime Minister’s greetings and reviewed preparations for the summit. He later wrote that he deeply valued Putin’s perspectives on enhancing bilateral ties.

Further signalling the importance of the visit, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov confirmed that Russia is “actively preparing” for Putin’s arrival, expected to be “meaningful” for both nations.

India and Russia’s strategic partnership, formalised in 2000 and elevated in 2010, continues to anchor cooperation across defence, energy, trade, and emerging technologies—areas expected to feature prominently during the December summit.

US Will Permanently Pause Migration  
From All ‘3rd World Countries’: Trump

TPN Bureau | Washington

Two West Virginia National Guard members were critically injured in a brazen shooting on Wednesday afternoon, just blocks from the White House, in what authorities are investigating as a targeted act of violence. The incident occurred near a busy metro station as downtown streets and offices were bustling, heightening concerns over security in the nation’s capital.

The suspected shooter, identified as 29-year-old Afghan national Rahmanullah Lakanwal, came to the United States during the 2021 Afghanistan airlift under Operation Allies Welcome and had been resettled in Bellingham, Washington. Lakanwal reportedly lived in Washington state after his arrival. Law enforcement officials confirmed he was shot four times during



the confrontation and taken into custody, though he is also severely wounded.

Speaking at a media briefing, US President Donald Trump condemned the attack as

“an act of evil, hatred, and terror” and blamed his predecessor, Joe Biden, stating that the suspect was brought to the US under the Biden administration. Trump described Af-



ghanistan as a “hell-hole” and vowed to re-examine the entry of all aliens from Afghanistan during Biden’s presidency. He called the shooter an “animal” and warned he

would “pay a very steep price.”

In response to the shooting, Trump ordered 500 additional National Guard troops deployed to Washington, DC, and extended

his support to all military and law enforcement personnel. The shooting has renewed debate over Trump’s militarisation of American cities, particularly in Democrat-run areas, which has faced criticism and lawsuits from local officials.

FBI Director Kash Patel and Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser confirmed that the two guardsmen are hospitalized in critical condition. The FBI is investigating the attack as a possible act of terrorism. Authorities continue to search for motives and any potential accomplices, while the city remains on heightened alert following the shocking attack.

The incident has sparked national outrage and raised urgent questions about security protocols for National Guard members deployed in the capital.

Cyclone Ditwah Batters Sri Lanka, 56 Dead as Floods  
and Landslips Worsen

TPN Correspondent | Colombo

Sri Lanka is reeling from the devastating impact of Cyclone Ditwah, which has triggered severe flooding, widespread landslips, and powerful winds across the island. As of Friday morning (November 28, 2025), authorities have confirmed at least 56 deaths, while dozens more remain missing as rescue teams struggle to reach isolated communities.

Over the past two days, torrential rains have pounded multiple districts, with some areas recording unprecedented levels of rainfall. Roads, bridges, and key highways have been inundated or blocked by landslips, severely hampering emergency response efforts. In Badulla, one of the worst-affected regions, major road sections have collapsed under continuous downpours, leaving residents stranded and



prompting urgent evacuations.

The Sri Lankan Disaster Management Centre has warned

that conditions may deteriorate further as Cyclone Ditwah continues to move north and north-west, heading

toward the Tamil Nadu coast. Coastal and low-lying regions remain on high alert, with authorities urging resi-

dents to relocate to safer ground. Temporary shelters have been set up in schools, temples, and public buildings to

accommodate those displaced.

In a significant humanitarian gesture, India has agreed to deploy helicopters from INS Vikrant, its aircraft carrier currently docked in Colombo, to assist with ongoing rescue and relief operations. The aircraft are expected to support aerial surveys, transport essential supplies, and aid in evacuations from cut-off areas. Sri Lankan officials welcomed the move, calling it a “critical boost” to their emergency response capabilities.

With more rain forecast over the weekend, emergency teams are racing against time to locate the missing, clear roadways, and deliver aid to affected families. Authorities have urged the public to follow safety advisories closely as the nation confronts one of its most damaging weather events in recent years.

Hong Kong Fire Death Toll Rises to 94 as Rescue Ends



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Hong Kong’s authorities are nearing the end of search and rescue operations after the city’s worst fire in nearly 80 years engulfed the Wang Fuk Court housing complex in Tai Po, leaving at least 94 dead and

dozens still unaccounted for. The massive blaze, which began on Wednesday afternoon, has devastated the eight-tower estate home to more than 4,600 residents.

Firefighters reported that the blaze was largely contained, though it spread rapid-

ly due to ongoing renovations. The buildings were covered in bamboo scaffolding and green mesh at the time of the fire, which likely contributed to the speed and intensity of the flames. Authorities confirmed that the complex had been undergoing extensive re-

furbishment, raising questions about fire safety compliance.

In the wake of the disaster, three men, including two directors and an engineering consultant of the construction company overseeing the renovations, have been arrested on suspicion of man-

slaughter. Investigations are ongoing to determine if negligence or safety violations contributed to the high death toll.

Rescue teams have been working tirelessly to locate survivors amid the charred ruins. Emergency crews reported retrieving doz-

ens of residents from the wreckage, though the scale of the fire has made recovery operations extremely challenging. Hospitals in Hong Kong have admitted numerous injured residents, with some in critical condition due to smoke inhalation and burns.

The tragedy has sparked widespread outrage and grief across Hong Kong, with officials promising a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the fire. Authorities have also urged residents of other high-rise estates undergoing renovations to exercise caution and ensure compliance with fire safety regulations.

The Wang Fuk Court fire is now considered one of the deadliest residential fires in Hong Kong’s modern history, underscoring concerns about building safety standards in densely populated urban areas. Families of victims continue to seek information on missing loved ones as authorities work to conclude recovery operations.



# SBI and Bharti Airtel Lead Top Firms’ Market Valuation Gains

The combined market valuation of seven of India's top-10 most valued companies soared by 1,18,328.29 crore last week, reflecting renewed investor optimism in equities. State Bank of India (SBI) and Bharti Airtel emerged as the biggest gainers during this period, as the BSE benchmark surged 721.53 points, or 0.88 per cent.

SBI's market capitalisation jumped 35,953.25 crore, taking its valuation to 7,95,910 crore, while Bharti Airtel added 33,214.77 crore, reaching 11,18,952.64 crore. Reliance Industries, continuing its dominance, saw its market cap rise 17,389.23 crore to 19,04,898.51 crore. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) also posted gains, climbing 12,952.75 crore to 11,46,879.47 crore.

Other winners included Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), whose valuation edged higher by 12,460.25 crore to 5,65,612.92 crore, and Infosys,



which rose 6,127.73 crore to 6,39,901.03 crore. HDFC Bank's market cap inched up by

230.31 crore, taking it to 14,84,816.26 crore.

On the flip side, some major companies saw declines. ICICI Bank's valuation fell 10,707.87 crore to 10,01,654.46 crore, Bajaj Finance dipped 6,346.93 crore to 6,17,892.72 crore, and Hindustan Unilever lost 5,039.87 crore, standing at 6,01,225.16 crore.

Overall, the week highlighted strong performance by state-owned and tech-centric firms, signaling sustained investor confidence amid positive market sentiment. Reliance Industries retained its position as the most valued company in India, followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, SBI, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, and Hindustan Unilever.

As equities continue to show momentum, investors are closely watching the performance of these blue-chip companies, whose market movements often influence broader market trends and investor strategies.

## India's Forex Reserves Cross USD 700 Billion, Third Weekly Rise in a Row



India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 4.698 billion in the week ending September 12, reaching USD 702.966 billion, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest 'Weekly Statistical Supplement.' This marks the third consecutive week of gains and sees the much-anticipated USD 700 billion milestone crossed.

The largest component of the reserves, India's foreign currency assets (FCA), increased by USD 2.537 billion to USD 587.014 billion. Gold reserves also contributed to the rise, climbing USD 2.12 billion to reach USD 92.419 billion.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, following the latest monetary policy review, emphasized that India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to cover approximately 11 months of the country's imports. This provides a strong buffer to manage external shocks and support the stability of the Indian rupee.

Historical trends show India steadily building its forex

reserves over recent years. In 2023, the country added roughly USD 58 billion to the kitty, reversing a cumulative decline of USD 71 billion in 2022. In 2024, reserves rose by over USD 20 billion, while 2025 has already seen a cumulative increase of about USD 53 billion so far.

Foreign exchange reserves, or FX reserves, are assets held by a country's central bank, primarily in major reserve currencies such as the US Dollar, with smaller portions in the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. The RBI actively manages these reserves to stabilize the rupee, buying dollars when the rupee strengthens and selling them when it weakens.

With the forex kitty crossing the USD 700 billion mark, India's external stability outlook remains strong, giving policymakers greater flexibility to respond to global volatility and reinforcing confidence in the country's economic resilience amid global uncertainties.

# Major Carmakers Slash Prices Ahead of Navaratri, GST Cut Benefits



Buyers are in for a bonanza as leading automakers Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Hyundai Motor India, and luxury carmakers like Mercedes-Benz and BMW announce significant price cuts effective from September 22, coinciding with the start of the auspicious Navaratri period. Two-wheeler makers are also joining the trend, passing on GST benefits to customers.

Maruti Suzuki India, the country's largest carmaker, has reduced vehicle prices by

up to 1.29 lakh. The company aims to attract two-wheeler users to four-wheelers by offering additional discounts on small cars beyond the GST cut of 8.5%. Popular models such as S-Presso, Alto K10, Celerio, Wagon-R, and Ignis have seen price reductions ranging from 71,300 to 1,29,600. Premium models including Swift, Baleno, Dzire, Fronx, Brezza, Grand Vitara, Jimny, Ertiga, and XL6 also received substantial cuts, with savings of up to 1.12 lakh.

Tata Motors has cut prices across its passenger vehicles by 75,000 to 1.45 lakh, including Rs 85,000 off the compact SUV Punch and Rs 1.55 lakh on Nexon. Premium SUVs Harrier and Safari now cost 1.4 lakh and 1.45 lakh less, respectively. Mahindra & Mahindra has already reduced prices by up to 1.56 lakh on models like Bolero, XUV300, Thar, and Scorpio Classic. Hyundai, Honda, Kia, and Toyota are also implementing reductions, with Hyundai Tucson seeing

the highest cut of 2.4 lakh. Luxury automakers have followed suit. Mercedes-Benz announced reductions ranging from 2 lakh (A-Class) to 10 lakh (S-Class), while BMW Motor India is cutting prices by up to 13.6 lakh across its portfolio. Audi and Jaguar Land Rover have also reduced prices, with cuts ranging from 2.6 lakh to 30.4 lakh.

In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp and Honda Motorcycle & Scooter

India are lowering prices by up to 15,743 and 18,800, respectively.

According to Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer Partho Banerjee, "With car penetration in India at just 34 per 1,000 people, there is no better time to put India on wheels." Consumers are expected to benefit significantly from these combined GST-related and additional price cuts, making the festive season an ideal time for vehicle purchases.

# Wholesale Price Inflation at Two-Year Low, Core Inflation Rises



India's factory gate inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), stood at a two-

year low of -0.58% in July, continuing the deflationary trend observed in June. Analysts

attribute the recent change in the wholesale price trajectory to an upswing in food prices

after months of decline.

Paras Jasrai, Associate Director at India

Ratings and Research, noted that food prices played a significant role in reversing the deflationary trend. In August 2025, food prices rose 0.2% compared with the same month last year, while the decline in vegetable prices slowed to 14.2% year-on-year—the slowest pace in six months. Edible oils recorded a sharp increase of 22.9% in August, marking the highest surge in three months.

Jewellery prices also climbed significantly, rising 32.6% year-on-year in August, contributing to a rise in core inflation, which reached a five-month high of 1.6%. Experts expect core inflation to remain around 1.8% through the end of 2025 due to a low base effect, keeping overall price pressures in check.

Food items accounted for 73 basis points of the

110 basis points uptick in the headline WPI between July and August, highlighting the dominant role of essential commodities in inflation trends. Non-food manufactured items, which make up the core WPI, added 27 basis points to the headline print, according to Rahul Agrawal, Senior Economist at ICRA.

While deflationary pressures have eased, the rise in essential commodity prices indicates that inflation dynamics remain sensitive to changes in food and commodity markets. Policymakers and analysts will continue to monitor WPI and core inflation trends closely as India navigates supply-side pressures and prepares for the upcoming festive season, where consumer demand is expected to rise.

## India Emerges as Leading Flexible Office Market Globally



Driven by strong global demand, India has become one of the world's most mature flexible office ecosystems, with international firms accounting for 72 per cent of flex space absorption in 2024, according to Cushman & Wakefield's Global Trends in Flexible Office 2025 report. The remaining 28 per cent of demand came from startups, leveraging flexible offices to manage costs, attract talent, and scale efficiently in a competitive landscape.

India scored a perfect 100 on Cushman & Wakefield's maturity index, surpassing global peers including the UK at 98, France at 97, the US at 81, and Japan and Singapore at 77. The score reflects multiple metrics, including flexible inventory as a share of total office space, number of operators, leasing activity, emerging agreement structures, and overall market depth.

Ramita Arora, Managing Director Bengaluru & Head – Flex, India, Cushman & Wakefield, highlighted India's market maturity, diversity of operators, and ability to pivot with demand, noting that many Western markets are still evolving. Flexible office demand in

India has risen nearly six-fold since 2020, with 2024 alone seeing flex space account for 15 per cent of new office leasing. Operator expansion has surged, with 33.5 million square feet leased between 2022 and 2024—equivalent to over 500,000 seats. Annual take-up has tripled over five years, confirming flexible workspace as a mainstream solution rather than an alternate option.

India is now the largest flexible office market in APAC, with 79.7 million square feet of stock across the top eight cities, expected to reach 85 million square feet by year-end and surpass 100 million by 2026. Managed office and enterprise models now dominate, accounting for 70-80 per cent of demand. Bengaluru leads with 30 per cent of national flex inventory, followed by Delhi NCR, Pune, and Hyderabad.

Institutional interest is growing, with four operators already public and more IPOs anticipated. The next 3-5 years are expected to see consolidation, with leading players strengthening market share while niche operators continue to meet specialised needs.



# Apple to Launch iPhone 20 and iPhone 18e in Early 2027 for 20th Anniversary



Apple is gearing up to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the iPhone with the launch of two new models in the first half of 2027: the iPhone 20 and the iPhone 18e. This move marks a significant shift in Apple's naming strategy, skipping the iPhone 19 to honor two decades since the original iPhone's debut in January 2007.

According to industry analyst Heo Moo-yeol, Apple will release the iPhone 20 alongside the iPhone 18e, a model expected to be separate from the flagship lineup. This early 2027 launch will break from the company's traditional September release schedule, which it has followed since the iPhone 5 in 2012.

The rest of the iPhone 20 series — including the Air, Pro, and Pro Max versions — are an-

ticipated to arrive in the second half of 2027. Additionally, Apple plans to introduce the second-generation iPhone Fold, following the expected debut of its first foldable iPhone in 2026.

Interestingly, Apple may discontinue the standard iPhone 18 model next year, focusing instead on the iPhone 18 Pro, Pro Max, and a new iPhone Air successor, alongside the foldable iPhone. This shift could reduce panel demand by about 20 million units compared to previous years.

The iPhone Fold is projected to see strong sales, with Apple aiming to ship over 8 million units in its first year. Overall, Apple's 2027 lineup promises innovation and commemorates a milestone for one of the world's most influential tech products.

# YouTube Adds Daily Timer to 'Shorts' to Combat Doomscrolling



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.

# Amazon Plans to Replace 500,000 Employees with Robots by 2033

Amazon Inc., the global e-commerce giant, is set to transform its workforce by automating a significant portion of its operations, aiming to replace approximately 500,000 employees with robots by 2033. According to a report by The New York Times, this move highlights Amazon's aggressive push towards robotics and automation within its sprawling fulfillment network.

Amazon's robotics team is targeting automation for up to 75% of its operations. If successful, this shift could allow the company to avoid hiring an estimated 160,000 additional employees by 2027 alone. The initiative is part of Amazon's broader strategy to streamline its supply chain and reduce reliance on human labor, especially for repetitive and physically demanding tasks in warehouses.

The company has already invested heavily in robotic technology,



using machines to handle sorting, packing, and transporting goods within fulfillment centers. This next phase

would significantly scale up these efforts, with robots performing more complex tasks and improving overall

efficiency.

While automation promises faster delivery times and cost savings, it also raises con-

cerns about job displacement. Labor advocates warn that large-scale replacement of workers with robots

could impact thousands of families reliant on Amazon's workforce for their livelihoods.

Amazon has not officially confirmed the exact numbers but has consistently emphasized that automation helps employees focus on higher-value activities. The company also points out that technological advancements have historically created new jobs even as some roles become obsolete.

This move comes amid growing competition in the e-commerce space, pushing Amazon to leverage technology to maintain its market dominance. The coming years will reveal how successfully Amazon balances automation with workforce management in one of the world's largest employment ecosystems.

As automation reshapes the future of work, Amazon's plans are a significant marker of the broader trends affecting industries globally.

# Meta Boosts Safety Tools to Protect Older Adults from Online Scams on Messenger

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Messenger, has announced new safety measures aimed at protecting older adults from online scams. The company is rolling out advanced scam detection features on its Messenger platform, designed to warn users when they receive messages that may be potentially fraudulent.

As part of its ongoing commitment to user safety, Meta is currently testing these enhanced scam detection tools that analyze incoming chats for suspicious content. When a message is flagged as "potentially scammy," users will receive an alert warning them before engaging further. This new feature is especially targeted at older adults, who are often more vulnerable to online fraud.

In addition to the technical upgrades, Meta is launching awareness campaigns to educate users about common online scams and how to recognize them. The initiatives include informational prompts and tips to help users stay vigilant and avoid falling prey to deceptive messages.



Online scams have been on the rise globally, with fraudsters increasingly exploiting messaging apps to trick people into sharing personal information, sending money, or clicking on malicious links. Older adults are often targeted because of their relatively low-

er familiarity with digital security risks.

Meta's new safety tools come as part of a broader effort by technology companies to strengthen user protection on social platforms. By combining artificial intelligence with user education, Meta hopes to reduce

scam incidents and build trust among its growing user base.

The company has not yet disclosed when the full rollout will occur, but early tests indicate promising results in detecting scam attempts before they cause harm. Users are encouraged to update

their apps and stay alert for any new safety features as Meta continues refining its tools. With these steps, Meta aims to create a safer digital environment where users, especially older adults, can communicate confidently without fear of falling victim to online scams.

# Ultraviolette X-47 Crossover Deliveries Begin in India



Ultraviolette, the Indian electric two-wheeler manufacturer, has started delivering its much-anticipated X-47 Crossover model across India. Launched in September 2025, the X-47 Crossover

received an overwhelming response with over 3,000 bookings within the first 24 hours, reflecting strong consumer interest in performance electric mobility.

Priced from Rs 2.49 lakh

(ex-showroom), the X-47 Crossover is a high-performance electric motorcycle designed for both urban and adventure riding. It is powered by a 10.7 kWh battery pack, delivering an impres-

sive IDC-certified range of 323 kilometers on a single charge. The electric motor produces 40 horsepower and 610 Nm of torque at the wheel, allowing the bike to accelerate from 0 to 100

km/h in just 8.1 seconds. The top speed is electronically limited to 145 km/h.

One of the standout features of the X-47 Crossover is its advanced driver-assistance system (ADAS) called UV Hypersense. This radar-based technology offers a 150-degree front view, 68-degree rear vertical view, and up to 200 meters of tracking distance. The system provides crucial safety alerts such as rear collision warnings, lane change assist, and overtake alerts, setting a new benchmark in the electric two-wheeler segment.

Safety and control are further enhanced by dual-channel ABS, four levels of traction control, and nine levels of regenerative braking, making the ride both safe and efficient.

Ultraviolette's launch of the X-47 Crossover marks a significant milestone in India's growing electric mobility market, combining cutting-edge technology with strong performance credentials. As deliveries commence, Ultraviolette aims to solidify its position as a leader in the premium electric motorcycle segment, driving the future of sustainable transportation in the country.



# Pukhraj Singh Gill Second, Four Indians Tied Sixth at Bharath Classic

Pukhraj Singh Gill delivered a stellar performance on Day 1 of the Bharath Classic 2025 at Kensville Golf Resort, Gujarat, carding a 6-under 66 — his best-ever round on the Asian Tour. Using a new putter he purchased last week in Mumbai, Gill, a former IGPL Tour winner, recorded eight birdies against two bogeys in an aggressive display. He lies two shots behind Korean Hee-min Chang, who leads after an eight-under 64, including an eagle on the Par-4 15th.

Tied second with Gill are Korean Wooyoung Cho and Thailand's Jazz Janewattanond and Poosit Supupramai, all shooting 66. Other Indians also had a strong day: Ajeetesh Sandhu, Olympian Udayan Mane, Sachin Baisoya, and amateur Ishaan Chawhan all shot 5-under 67 to share sixth place. Indian-American Varun Chopra also carded a 67, alongside recent Asian Tour winner Ekpharit Wu of Thailand.

Saptak Talwar, veteran Naman Dawar, Sudhir Sharma, and Gaurav Pratap Singh finished 3-under 69,



tied 17th. The inaugural \$500,000 Bharath Classic is jointly sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL). The event is key for players aiming to improve their Asian Tour Order of Merit rankings or secure a spot in the Asian Tour Q-School and 2026 International Series India.

Gill said, "I played aggressively, and my experience on the IGPL helped me. Hitting well off the tee and using the new putter gave me confidence. My goal is to win, but I also aim to secure a place in the Asian Tour Q-School."

Chang, making his first appearance at Kensville, adapted well to slower greens, saying, "It's a good result. My course management worked well, and I am happy with my start."

Meanwhile, in-form players Yuvraj Sandhu and Shaurya Bhattacharya struggled with even-par 72s, while Aman Raj shot 1-over 73. With the Asian Tour back in India, the tournament promises competitive rounds and a chance for emerging talent to shine.

# Donyell Malen Stars as Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest Win in Europa League



Donyell Malen scored twice to guide Aston Villa to a 2-1 victory over Young Boys in a Europa League clash on Thursday, a match briefly marred by crowd trouble. Malen opened the scoring with a header from a Youri Tielemans cross but was hit on the head by an object thrown from the away supporters' section while celebrating. Despite a minor cut, the Dutch forward shrugged off the incident and doubled Villa's lead just before half-time, assisted by Morgan Rogers.

The match saw brief interruptions as Young Boys fans clashed with police. Captain Loris Benito intervened to calm the situation. Joel Monteiro pulled one back in the 90th minute for the Swiss side, but Villa secured their fourth win in five group-stage games, sitting just behind Lyon and Midtjylland on goal difference. The victory continues Villa's impressive form, marking 10 wins in 12 matches across competitions after a five-game winless start to the Premier League season.

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Nottingham Forest also recorded a commanding 3-0 win over Malmo at the City Ground. Ryan Yates opened the scoring with a curling effort, followed by Arnaud Kalimuendo's first goal for the club and Nikola Milenkovic's strike to seal the win. The result lifted Sean Dyche's side to 16th place in the group with eight points. Yates called the match "unbelievable" and emphasized the special European nights at home.

Elsewhere in the Europa League, Lyon crushed Maccabi Tel Aviv 6-0 with a hat-trick from Corentin Tolisso, while Midtjylland suffered a 2-1 loss to Roma, ending their perfect run. Celtic defeated Feyenoord 3-1, and Rangers drew 1-1 with Braga, with both teams reduced to 10 men.

The latest round of fixtures has intensified the race for Europa League playoff positions, with Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest consolidating their strong starts in the competition.

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# Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Selvam's Late Strike Seals 3-2 Win for India Over New Zealand



Ipoh, Malaysia – Selvam Karthi scored the decisive goal in the final quarter as India edged past New Zealand 3-2 in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup on Thursday, November 27, 2025.

India got off to a fast start with Amit Rohidas opening the scoring in the 4th minute. New Zealand fought back, but Sanjay extended India's lead in the 32nd minute. The Kiwis responded strongly, with George Baker netting twice in the 42nd and 48th minutes to level the score at 2-2.

The match remained tense as New Zealand attempted to dominate the midfield in the opening minutes, but the Indian defense held firm under pressure. In the final quarter, Selvam Karthi broke the deadlock with a clinical finish, securing India's second consecutive win in the tournament.

India had previously recorded a thrilling 4-3 victory against the hosts Malaysia on Wednesday, November 26. With two wins from their opening matches, India looks well-positioned to advance in the tournament.

The team's defense and counter-attacking play were crucial in managing New Zealand's pressure, while their clinical finishing ensured they stayed ahead on the scoreboard. Selvam's late goal drew praise for composure under pressure, highlighting India's ability to perform in tight situations.

India will now look to maintain their momentum in the remaining matches of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup as they aim for a strong finish in the prestigious tournament.

# Sri Lanka Beat Pakistan by Six Runs to Enter Tri-Nation T20I Final



Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by six runs in a thrilling Tri-nation T20I clash at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Thursday, successfully defending their total of 184 and securing a spot in the November 29 final against the same opponents.

Sri Lanka posted a challenging total thanks to a fiery 76 off 48 balls from opener Kamil Mishara, who struck six fours and three sixes. He shared a 66-run partnership for the second wicket with Kusal Mendis, who contributed 40 off 23 balls. Despite wickets falling at regular intervals, Mishara added a crucial 57-run stand with Janith Liyanage, while skipper Dasun Shanaka finished the innings strongly with 17 off the last 10 balls.

Chasing 185, Pakistan got off to a shaky start, losing four wickets in the Powerplay. Captain Salman Ali Agha led a fightback, scoring a career-best 63, forming crucial partnerships with Usman Khan (56-run stand) and Mohammad Nawaz (70-run stand). Nawaz's quickfire 27 helped keep Pakistan in contention, but the duo fell short in the final overs.

Sri Lanka's Dushmantha Chameera emerged as the match-winner, taking 4-20 and defending 10 runs in the last over. He dismissed Faheem on the fifth ball when Pakistan needed seven from two, securing the six-run victory and earning the Player of the Match award.

Earlier in the innings, Eshan Malinga bowled tightly, picking up two wickets for 54 runs, while Maheesh Theekshana and Dasun Shanaka bowled economically without taking wickets. Pakistan's chase saw some late resistance, but Sri Lanka's balanced bowling attack and timely hitting proved decisive.

With this win, Sri Lanka booked their place in the final of the Tri-nation T20I series, ending Pakistan's hopes of a sixth consecutive T20I victory.

# India to Host Sri Lanka for Five-Match Women's T20I Series

India will host Sri Lanka for a five-match women's T20I series from December 21 to 30, with the first two games scheduled in Visakhapatnam and the remaining three fixtures in Thiruvananthapuram, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Friday. BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed that the first two matches will be held at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam on December 21 and 23. The final three games are set for December 26, 28, and 30 at the Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram.

The series comes as India's first international outing after their historic maiden Women's ODI World Cup victory in Navi Mumbai earlier this month. It will also form an essential part of India's preparations for the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup, scheduled in England from June 12 to July 5.

Visakhapatnam has previously hosted India's



league matches against South Africa and Australia during the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, as well as a ten-day pre-tournament camp. Thiruvananthapuram will host women's international cricket for the first time, having previously hosted men's T20Is, ODIs, and youth matches.

The T20I series announcement follows the postponement of Bangladesh's scheduled tour to India in December due to political tensions, which had earlier impacted India men's tour of Bangladesh, now rescheduled for September 2026.

Following the T20I series, India will host the fourth edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) from January 9 to February 5, 2026, across Navi Mumbai and Vadodara. The national team will then embark on a multi-format tour of Australia from February 15 to March 6, providing further preparation ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup.

The Sri Lanka series is expected to offer India an opportunity to consolidate their post-World Cup momentum while giving emerging players valuable exposure ahead of the next global T20 tournament. Fans across the two host cities are set to witness high-octane action as the Indian women aim to continue their winning run on home soil.



Vanara Teaser Promises Crazy, Entertaining Ride



The teaser of the upcoming Telugu entertainer Vanara has created an instant buzz, offering audiences a glimpse into a quirky, action-packed world. Directed by Avinash Thiruveedhula, who also plays the lead, the film features Simran Choudhary as the female lead. The teaser was launched in a grand event, unveiled by Rocking Star Manchu Manoj, adding star power to the film’s promotional kick-off.

The teaser opens with a compelling voiceover by Mass Ka Das Vishwak Sen, setting the stage for the film’s imaginative premise. Vanara explores a fascinating question: What if a Vanara Senapathi went to war with Ravana? This bold and creative idea forms the backbone of the narrative, showcased through striking visuals and a gripping background score.

Avinash’s character embodies traits of a Vanara, blending raw instinct with youthful eccentricity. The teaser humorously introduces a pivotal moment when his beloved bike gets taken away during a political rally. This triggers a

chain of chaotic events that shape the film’s core conflict. The madness, energy, and emotional outbursts that follow hint at a story packed with entertainment, action, and whimsical charm.

The chemistry between Avinash and Simran Choudhary shines through in the brief glimpses offered. Their interactions are lively, playful, and promising. Avinash stands out with a performance that balances intense action sequences, emotional depth, and sharp comic timing. His screen presence, combined with the film’s imaginative concept, helps the teaser leave a strong impression.

The visuals are complemented by a striking score from Vivek Sagar, whose music elevates the chaotic and adventurous feel of the teaser. With its unique premise and energetic presentation, Vanara positions itself as a fresh and fun entertainer to watch out for.

Overall, the teaser sets high expectations, hinting at a wild, engaging ride filled with creativity and pure cinematic craziness.

Chikiri Madness: From 45-Min Trek to 100M Views



Peddi, the highly anticipated rustic sports-action drama starring Mega Power Star Ram Charan, is already creating massive buzz ahead of its March 27, 2026 release. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana and produced by Venkata Sathish Kilaru under Vruddhi Cinemas, the film gained extraordinary momentum with its first song, “Chikiri Chikiri,” which has now turned into a global viral sensation.

The chartbuster track has stormed past 100 million views, sparking an online wave of reels, shorts, and dance covers from fans worldwide. Riding on this remarkable response, the makers unveiled an exclusive making video titled “Behind the Chikiri Madness,” giving audiences a closer look at the effort and energy behind the viral hit.

The behind-the-scenes footage reveals that the song’s key sequence was shot at a stunning hill station accessible only after a 45-minute uphill trek. The climb was not just picturesque but also strenuous, with the team navigating

steep and tricky terrains using ropes for support. Despite the challenges, Ram Charan effortlessly delivered the signature hook step in the breathtaking natural backdrop, reflecting his dedication and physical stamina.

The making video showcases the meticulous planning required to pull off such a visually captivating song. From choreographing high-energy steps in uneven terrain to coordinating camera movements in a rugged outdoor setting, the crew’s passion is evident in every frame. The scenic location, combined with Ram Charan’s electrifying screen presence, contributed significantly to the song’s massive appeal.

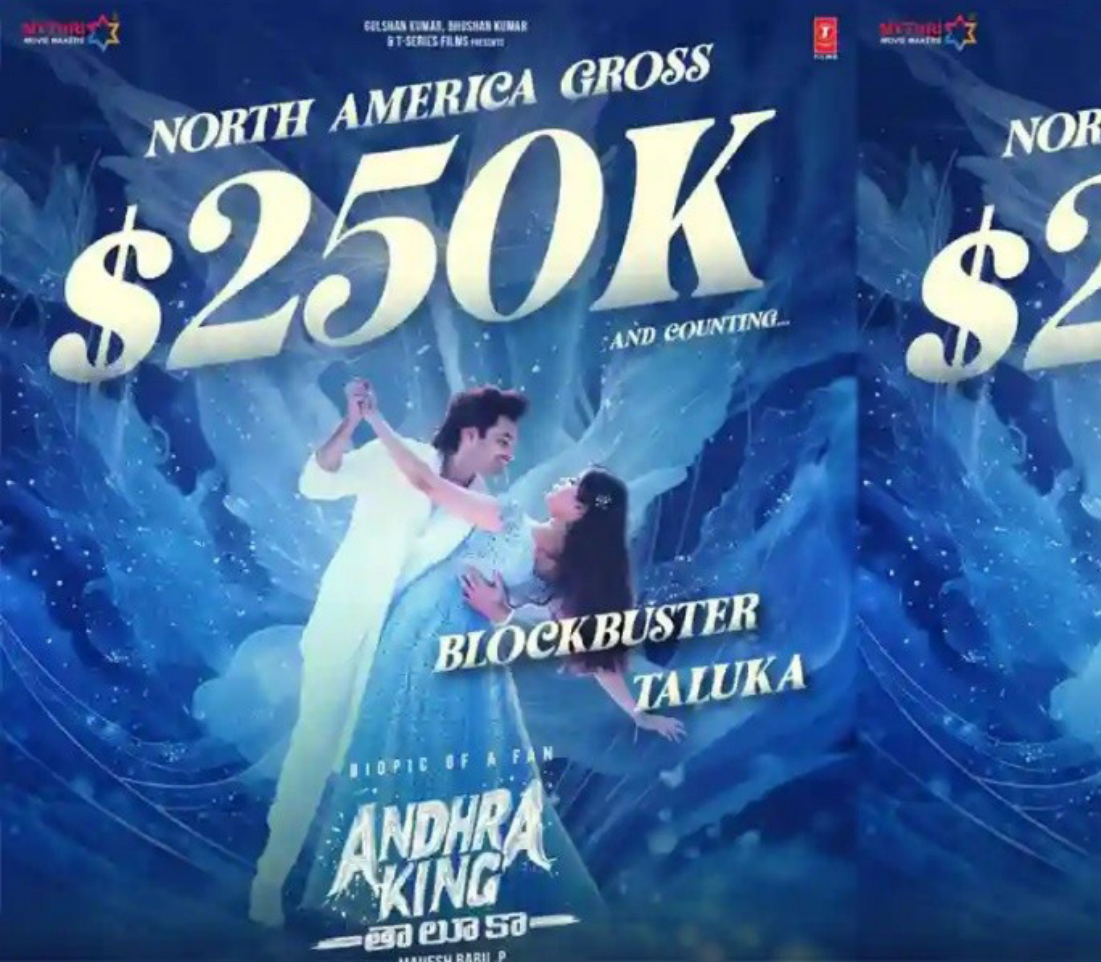
With Peddi already riding high on unprecedented hype, the success of “Chikiri Chikiri” has further elevated expectations. As anticipation builds toward the film’s release, fans await more glimpses of the world Buchi Babu Sana has crafted—one that blends raw emotion, powerful visuals, and Charan’s commanding performance into a promising cinematic experience.

Andhra King Taluka Races Past \$250K in North America

Andhra King Taluka, the latest Telugu entertainer starring Energetic Star Ram Pothineni, opened to highly positive reviews and has already made a strong mark at the overseas box office. The film, directed by Mahesh Babu P, features Bhagyashree Borse as the female lead along with Kannada superstar Upen-dra in a pivotal role.

The action-packed drama has brought Ram back into his energetic form, and the response from audiences in the Telugu states indicates a solid opening day. Early trade reports suggest the film is set for impressive numbers across domestic markets. Meanwhile, the North American box office has delivered a major boost, with the film crossing the \$250K milestone shortly after its premiere.

Ram Pothineni and Bhagyashree Borse are currently touring the United States to promote the film,



helping build momentum as it heads into an extended weekend. Industry analysts expect the film to witness a strong surge in ticket sales, putting it well on track to surpass

the half-million-dollar mark in North America by the end of the first weekend.

The supporting cast includes familiar performers Rao Ramesh, Murali Sharma, Raghu Babu, Rajiv Kanakala, and Tulasi, each adding depth to the narrative. The music, composed by Vivek and Mervin, has also contributed to the film’s buzz with its energetic tracks and background score.

Backed by Mythri Movie Makers, Andhra King Taluka blends mass action, entertainment, and emotional elements, striking a chord with fans of commercial Telugu cinema. With positive word-of-mouth and strong overseas traction, the film appears poised for a successful opening weekend and a promising box-office run.

As the extended weekend unfolds, all eyes are on how high Andhra King Taluka can climb in the global market.

Naveen Polishetty Spreads Festive Cheer with ‘Bhimavaram Balma’



Star entertainer Naveen Polishetty is back in action with his upcoming film Anaganaga Oka Raju, promising audiences a laughter-filled festive season as Sankranti approaches. After a brief break, the actor is gearing up to charm viewers once again with his trademark energy and comic timing. The buzz around the film has grown significantly with the launch of its first single, “Bhimavaram Balma.”

The song marks a special milestone for Naveen as it features his debut as a playback singer. Bringing his lively persona into the recording studio, he infuses the track with infectious enthusiasm, making it a perfect festive celebration number. With pulsating beats and an instantly catchy rhythm, “Bhimavaram Balma” is designed to get audiences grooving.

On screen, Naveen is paired with Meenakshi, and the duo showcases a vibrant chemistry that elevates the visual appeal of the lyrical video. Their playful interactions and energetic presence complement the song’s celebratory spirit.

The musical backbone of the track is crafted by Mickey J Meyer, whose upbeat composition ensures the number stays in the listener’s mind long after it ends. Chandrabose adds a trendy linguistic flair to the song with his catchy lyrics, enhancing its mass

appeal. The female vocals by Nutana Mohan beautifully balance Naveen’s spirited singing, creating a lively duet dynamic.

Adding to the visual charm is Sekhar Master’s choreography, which blends festive dance movements with modern flair. The colorful frames, vibrant costumes, and dynamic steps make the song a wholesome audiovisual treat.

With “Bhimavaram Balma,” the makers of Anaganaga Oka Raju have set the tone for a fun-filled festive entertainer. The song’s strong reception has further amplified expectations, positioning the film as one of the most exciting releases of the coming season.

Tere Ishk Mein: Fair Start, Weak Finish



Dhanush and director Aanand L Rai reunite for the romantic drama Tere Ishk Mein, which hit theatres on November 28, 2025. Co-starring Kriti Sanon and Prakash Raj, the film arrived with solid buzz but ultimately delivers an uneven cinematic experience. Produced by Aanand L Rai, Himanshu Sharma, Bhushan Kumar, and Krishan Kumar, the film features music by A.R. Rahman, whose score and songs provide strong emotional depth.

The story revolves around Shankar Gurukkal (Dhanush), a violent college student battling uncontrollable rage. Mukti Behniwaal (Kriti Sanon), a dedicated PhD student, works on a thesis proposing that even the most aggressive individuals can be rehabilitated through specific scientific and psychological treatments. Determined to prove her theory, she attempts to reform Shankar, setting off a chain of events that change both their lives in unpredictable ways.

The film’s first half stands out thanks to compelling performances from Dhanush and Kriti Sanon. Dhanush

excels as an “angry young man,” delivering a powerful portrayal marked by intensity and vulnerability. Kriti Sanon once again proves her versatility, showcasing a range of emotions with remarkable precision. Their chemistry, combined with lighter moments and well-crafted emotional beats, keeps the initial hour engaging. Prakash Raj also shines in a brief but impactful supporting role.

However, the second half loses its grip. The narrative becomes overly complex, with character motivations turning murky and actions becoming excessively dramatic. The war backdrop feels underdeveloped, and several plot threads add confusion rather than substance. The pace slows considerably, diminishing the impact of the strong start. Editing inconsistencies further weaken the flow.

Despite outstanding performances and Rahman’s evocative music, Tere Ishk Mein struggles to maintain momentum. A promising beginning gives way to a muddled and stretched finale, resulting in a film that falls short of its potential.