



# CM Revanth Reddy Reviews 'Telangana Rising - 2047' Policy Document And Global Summit Preparations

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a crucial high-level review meeting to oversee the progress on the draft "Telangana Rising – 2047" Policy Vision Document and the preparatory arrangements for the upcoming "Telangana Rising Global Summit." The CM emphasized the need for a comprehensive and expedited process to finalize this long-term economic and developmental roadmap for the state. The Chief Minister issued strict directives to his cabinet colleagues and the concerned departmental officials. He mandated that over the next two days (tomorrow and the day after), the Ministers and all related departmental officials must thoroughly discuss, analyze, and meticulously study every



single aspect of the Telangana Rising Vision Document that falls within their respective departmental purview (pratinidhikarita karyakram). The goal is to ensure that the document is robust, practical, and fully integrated across all government functions. CM Revanth Reddy set a tight deadline, instructing all departments to submit their detailed reports with suggestions, amendments, and com-

mitments by the night of December 2nd. Following this initial phase, the Chief Minister outlined the next step: on December 3rd and 4th, the departmental reports will be meticulously reviewed and scrutinized by key state functionaries, including the Chief Secretary (CS), Special Chief Secretaries (Special CS), and senior officials from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). During this two-day period, they will incorpo-

rate necessary changes and amendments (mudrasana) to prepare the final draft (pratinidhikarita). The Chief Minister set the ultimate deadline for the vision document's completion: the "Telangana Rising Vision 2047 Document must be fully prepared and finalized by the evening of December 6th." He stressed that all departmental officials must dedicate their full time and attention (paripurnatva) to the

formulation of this pivotal document. Furthermore, he emphasized the critical need for seamless coordination and synergy among all departments (kalamadhyasamavaya) for the effective planning and flawless execution of the Global Summit arrangements. This summit is intended to showcase the state's vision to national and international investors and leaders, making its smooth running a top priority.

# KTR Writes Open Letter To Rahul Gandhi, Alleging 5 Lakh Crore Land Scam In Hyderabad

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BRS Working President and former Minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) penned a scathing open letter on Sunday to AICC leader Rahul Gandhi, launching a severe attack on the new Congress government in Telangana. KTR alleged that the recently introduced Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation Policy (HILTP) by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy represents what he termed "one of the biggest land scams in independent India". KTR sharply criticized the policy, asserting that this "highly corrupt" policy has triggered widespread anxiety and suspicion across Telangana. He directly questioned the Congress High Command, asking if they were aware of the irregularities or were simply

intentionally keeping silent (kavalani maunagar). The former Minister warned that the HILTP allows private entities to acquire extremely valuable government land for commercial or residential use at a "nominal price" compared to its actual market value. He cautioned that this policy threatens to cause a massive loss of up to 5 lakh crore to the people of Telangana. KTR reminded Rahul Gandhi that previous governments had originally allocated approximately 9,300 acres of industrial land in key clusters like Balanagar, Jeedimetla, Sanathnagar, Uppal, Mallapur, Ramachandrapuram, and Hayathnagar. This land was initially given at subsidized rates specifically to promote industrial growth, generate employment, and foster long-term economic development.



However, KTR highlighted that under the new HILTP, the existing industrial landholders are now permitted to convert their holdings into commercial or residential zones by paying just 30 per cent of the SRO (Sub-Registrar Office) value. He argued that even though the SRO values are far below the current market prices, this policy effectively regularizes land worth lakhs of crores for a nominal fee, handing over public assets to private individuals at a

steep discount. He also raised serious doubts over the government's decision to grant fast-track approvals within just 45 days for the conversion of assets valued at thousands of crores. KTR condemned this rushed process, claiming it lacks transparency and suggests that valuable public land is being surrendered to private hands without proper due diligence, driven purely by the motive of "money collection" (paise kama). He asserted that the Congress government's haste and the clear political corruption hidden within the entire policy raise numerous serious questions. KTR concluded his letter by posing two critical questions to Rahul Gandhi. He demanded an immediate response to the large-scale irregularities taking place in Telangana and urged

him to intervene immediately to stop the 5 lakh crore corruption scam. KTR warned that if Rahul Gandhi chooses to remain silent on this issue, it would suggest his complicity in the scam and lead people to believe that the 5 lakh crore land scam is being executed with the full permission of the Congress High Command. KTR demanded that Rahul Gandhi speak up and immediately put an end to the massive corruption being perpetrated by the State Government. He issued a final warning that the BRS would not tolerate the Congress mortgaging the future of Telangana state for their corrupt gains (avasara ksa). Tlagarabhaiyatun tkaupatma rukundani, affirming that the party will continue its fight on behalf of the people and demanding a response that protects Telangana's interests.

# Telangana To Set Up Exclusive MSME Parks For Women In Every Constituency: Minister Sridhar Babu

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The Telangana government has announced a major, long-term strategic initiative to boost women's entrepreneurship and foster economic empowerment by establishing exclusive Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) parks for women in every Assembly constituency. This landmark decision was revealed by State Minister for Information Technology and Industries, Doddala Sridhar Babu, on Sunday. The Minister made this significant announce-

ment while addressing the WE-Enable Graduation Ceremony, an event organized by WE Hub at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University in Jubilee Hills. He firmly stated that women would be strategically positioned as key stakeholders in the state's ambitious economic vision, which targets transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. This focus underscores the government's belief that achieving such a monumental goal requires the full and active participation of its female workforce and entrepreneurial class. Minister Sridhar Babu underlined a crucial phi-

losophy behind this push: that genuine women's empowerment must fundamentally begin within the family unit and must then be actively translated into significant and sustained participation in both economic and social life. He observed a positive trend in the state, noting that there is a "visible change in social attitudes towards women across Telangana," which he interpreted as a clear signal of a deeper, evolving shift in societal thinking and acceptance of women in leadership roles. Citing official, highly encouraging data, Mr. Sridhar Babu highlighted that Telangana's Female



Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) stands at a robust 52.7 per cent, which is significantly higher than the national average of 45.2 per cent. He further noted the steep upward trajectory in women's work-

participation within the State, which has increased sharply from 22 per cent in 2017-18 to 40.3 per cent in 2023-24. This increase is credited to the improved access to sustained employment and enhanced enterprise opportu-

# Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Announces Second Anniversary Celebrations And Global Summit Schedule

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka announced the comprehensive schedule for the Congress government's second-anniversary celebrations and the highly anticipated Global Summit, emphasizing transparency and the unveiling of a future vision for Telangana. He stated that the Congress government, having successfully completed two years in power, has decided to hold grand celebrations across the state, commencing from December 1st on a Joint District-wise basis (ummadijillalaviga). The celebrations will feature a series of public meetings across various locations, including:

Location	Day
Makthal	December 1st
Kothagudem	December 2nd
Husnabad	December 3rd
Adilabad	December 4th
Narsampet	December 5th
Devarakonda	December 6th

Following the dis-



strict-level events, the focus will shift to developmental and international outreach. On December 7th, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lay the foundation stone (ankusthapanam) for the major development programs at Osmania University. The highlight of the week will be the Global Summit, which is scheduled to take place on December 8th and 9th. Deputy CM Vikramarka clarified the dual purpose of the two-day summit:

Day	Event
December 8th	The government will present a detailed account of its achievements over the past two years (reusnavatsaralaksanamumsheptam).
December 9th	The government will formally present its future action plan (bhaviyatutalyatunnam) to the people of Telangana.

He confirmed that the summit will serve as the platform to unveil the "Telangana Vision" to the global community. Furthermore, to ensure public participation and access, the Deputy CM announced that the stalls set up at the Global Summit will be open for public viewing on December 11th, 12th, and 13th. Finally, the Deputy CM revealed an exciting event: the legendary football player Lionel Messi is scheduled to play a football match at the Uppal Stadium in Hyderabad on December 13th. Seizing this high-profile international opportunity, the government plans to unveil the Telangana Vision at the Uppal Stadium during this event, ensuring maximum global visibility for the state's future roadmap.

# Panchayath Elections: Lover Files Nomination For Girlfriend, Followed By Marriage

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A truly unusual and touching incident mixing local politics, caste dynamics, and personal commitment was reported from Thallapalli village in Sangareddy District, where a young man arranged for his girlfriend to file her nomination for the local Gram Panchayat elections, immediately followed by the couple's marriage. The incident has drawn significant attention across the region, highlighting a personal challenge to societal norms. The young man, identified as Chandrasekhar, belongs to the BC (Backward Class) community. His girlfriend, a B.Tech final year student, belongs to the SC (Scheduled Caste) community. Due to the reserved nature of the seat or the desire to enter the political sphere together, Chandra Sekhar, driven by his love and commitment, made the unique decision to file his girlfriend's nomination papers for a position in the Panchayat elections. The decision to involve the



election process in their personal lives was a grand gesture of commitment, which took place in the backdrop of the ongoing local body polls. Immediately following the successful submission of the nomination papers, the couple proceeded to formalize their relationship by getting married. This act of filing the nomination and subsequent marriage was clearly an attempt to establish their union and security before their families could intervene. Unfortunately, the couple's actions did not sit well with the young woman's family. Her parents, upon discovering their daughter was missing and learning about the unauthorized developments, immediately went to the local police station and filed a formal missing person's complaint (kurtuk).

kani pinchadaml dani phiridu). Anticipating severe opposition, social pressure, and potential danger from the family, the newly married couple, the "premanja a" (love couple), took the immediate step of seeking protection from the police (rakakalpinchalanplulanrayinaina). They appealed to the authorities to ensure their safety and the preservation of their marriage. The police are now involved, tasked with mediating the sensitive matter, protecting the couple's constitutional rights as adults, and addressing the parents' complaint. This unique episode demonstrates the intersection of local political competition, inter-caste relationships, and the challenges faced by young couples seeking personal autonomy in rural society.





# Full Support to 1,000-Crore ADEETIE Scheme to Boost MSME Energy Efficiency

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The Government of Telangana has formally extended its full and unqualified backing to the centrally sponsored ADEETIE (Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industry and Establishments) scheme, a critical national initiative with a substantial budget of 1,000 crore. This proactive endorsement is a major strategic step aimed at accelerating the state's already robust industrial growth trajectory while vigorously promoting the adoption of sustainable and energy-efficient practices across its diverse industrial base. The ADEETIE scheme, which is spearheaded by the Union Ministry of Power and executed through its technical arm, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), is rapidly gaining significant momentum nationwide, and Telan-

gana is determined to maximize its benefits and lead its implementation.

The state's strong commitment was underscored at a National ADEETIE Series event, where Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu expressed deep appreciation to the Centre and the BEE for the strategic decision to select the Medak Pharma industry cluster as one of the earliest beneficiaries under the national scheme. The Minister passionately described ADEETIE as a genuine "boon to MSMEs," emphasizing its potential as a transformative initiative capable of strengthening this vital sector on both the economic resilience and technological advancement fronts. He highlighted that the scheme is designed to de-risk investment in energy efficiency and provide end-to-end solutions, which is crucial for smaller

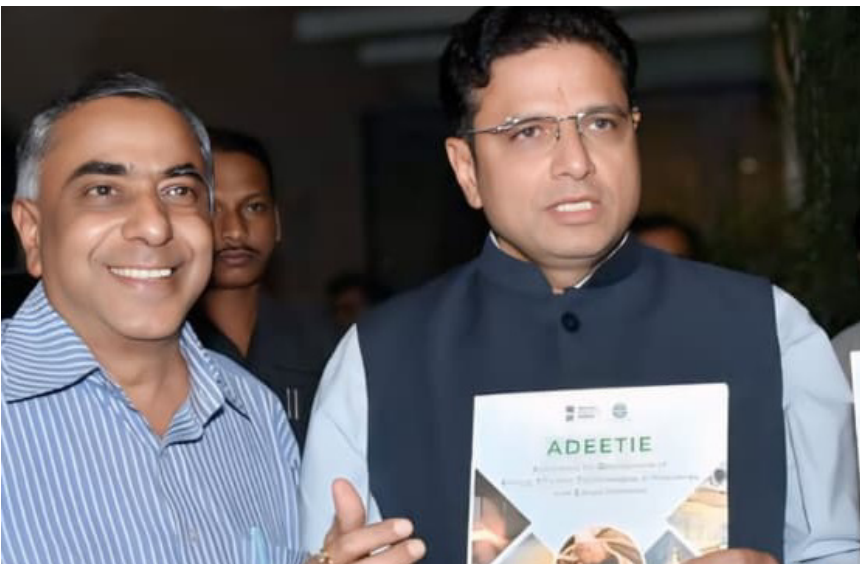
businesses.

To ensure seamless and maximum effectiveness, Minister Sridhar Babu issued a clear directive to the Industries Department to swiftly prepare a comprehensive implementation roadmap. This roadmap is designed to ensure Telangana not only utilizes the funds efficiently but also emerges as a national role model in the realm of energy-efficient industrial development, thereby setting a benchmark for other states. Further demonstrating the state's proactive approach, the Minister officially launched a specialized ADEETIE report and communication strategy document, which was meticulously prepared by A. Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Media Adviser to the BEE and EESL under the Ministry of Power, signaling a strong focus on communication and outreach.

The Minister utilized the public forum to make a strong appeal to the Union Government, urging them to significantly expand the ADEETIE scheme to cover additional MSME clusters within Telangana. He specifically identified high-potential sectors like chemicals, food processing, steel re-rolling, and textiles, arguing that such an expansion would generate substantial economic prosperity and environmental benefits for the state. He elaborated on the strategic rationale, noting that energy efficiency is a key factor that directly enhances industrial productivity, drastically reduces operational costs, making businesses more competitive, and thus contributes meaningfully to sustainable economic growth. This linkage between efficiency and competitiveness is vital for MSMEs in a globalized mar-

ket.

Reinforcing the state's commitment to national and global climate action, the Minister confirmed that Telangana is working in very close coordination with key central and state entities, including the BEE, EESL, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Heavy Industries, and TSREDCO, to fast-track crucial industrial energy reforms. He prominently highlighted the ambitious economic vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, which aims to transform Telangana into India's first \$1-trillion state economy by 2035. The Minister stressed that achieving this monumental target will rely fundamentally on establishing world-class energy efficiency standards, rapid adoption of renewable energy sources, and the guaranteed 24/7 provision of reliable power supply, all of which are non-negotiable for at-



tracting high-value investments.

Finally, Minister Sridhar Babu proudly underscored Telangana's recent rapid industrial success, revealing that the state has attracted over 3.2 lakh crore in fresh investments in just the last 18 months. This achievement has firmly established Hyderabad among India's top three FDI destinations, particularly in advanced sectors like R&D, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and data center investments, proving the state's capability to embrace and execute sophisticated energy efficiency

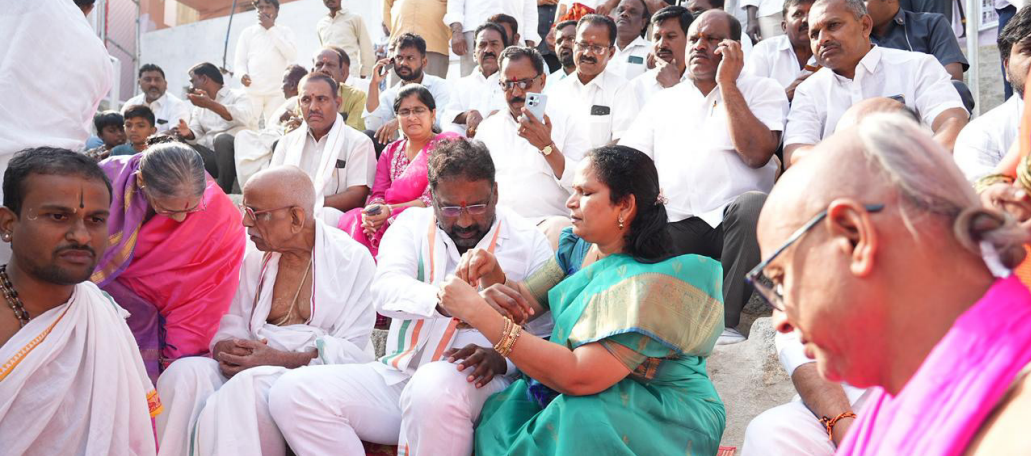
schemes like ADEETIE. Joining the event virtually, Milind Deore, Secretary of the BEE, strongly urged all state governments to fully maximize the utilization of ADEETIE's comprehensive benefits, hailing it as a landmark national effort designed to significantly enhance the global competitiveness of the MSME sector. He outlined that the scheme offers extensive, end-to-end technical support, which includes crucial services like Investment Grade Energy Audits, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), financing assistance, and

Monitoring & Verification (M&V). The ADEETIE scheme is currently projected to leverage a massive 9,000 crore in total public and private investments. It is currently being rolled out across 60 identified industrial clusters, covering 14 energy-intensive sectors, including textiles, foundries, and food processing, through a meticulously phased, outcome-focused implementation model designed for maximum effectiveness and demonstrable results on the ground.

# Padamati Anjaneya Swamy Temple Pond Grandly Reopened

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The Padamati Anjaneya Swamy Temple Pond in Makthal town was officially and grandly reopened today following its complete reconstruction, a project personally funded by the State Minister for Sports and Animal Husbandry, Vakiti Srihari. The pond, which had fallen into disuse and neglect, remaining dormant for several decades, was restored to its former glory through the Minister's personal initiative and commitment to local heritage and religious significance. The Minister, accompanied by his wife, performed traditional pujas and rituals at the newly reconstructed pond before formally inaugurating the structure for public use. The restoration of the pond is viewed by the local community as a significant boost to the sanctity and appeal of the ancient temple. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Srihari highlighted the upcoming religious events, announcing that the Padamati Anjaneya Swamy Jathara Brahmotsavams—the grand annual temple festival—are scheduled to commence on the 2nd of this month (December). He confirmed that the Brahmotsavams will be celebrated



with great fervor and splendor for a duration of seven days, drawing pilgrims and devotees from Makthal and surrounding villages. The Minister used the occasion to contrast the current administration's efforts with the past, pointedly remarking that the neglect of the temple pond, which allowed it to fall into disuse, was a clear consequence of the negligence of previous rulers and administrations. He stressed that the revival of this sacred water body is a testament to the current government's, and his personal, dedication to preserving religious sites and providing necessary facilities for devotees. The reconstruct-

ed pond will now serve as a vital component for the temple's daily rituals and especially for the purification rites during the upcoming Brahmotsavams.

The Minister's decision to personally finance the restoration was lauded by local leaders and temple committee members, who see the project as a model for community-driven development and heritage preservation. The completion of the pond ensures that the week-long festival, which is a major cultural and religious event in the region, can be celebrated fully and traditionally, with all the necessary ceremonial aspects related to

the sacred water body being restored. Minister Srihari also took time to coordinate with the temple authorities and local administration to ensure comprehensive arrangements, including security, traffic management, and sanitation, are in place to accommodate the large influx of devotees expected for the Brahmotsavams, promising a seamless and spiritually enriching experience for all attendees. This restoration project not only serves a religious purpose but also contributes to the ecological balance and aesthetic beauty of the temple surroundings, symbolizing the end of decades of neglect.

# Farmers Commission to Discuss Draft Seeds Bill 2025 with Stakeholders

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The Farmers Commission of Telangana is taking a significant and proactive step by organizing a critical high-level meeting on December 2nd to thoroughly discuss the draft Seed Act - 2025 recently released by the Union Government. This strategic move is a direct response to the escalating concerns and objections already being voiced against the provisions of the proposed central legislation from various corners of the country, and aims to consolidate the informed views of all key stakeholders from the agricultural ecosystem before submitting a unified response to the Centre. The central focus of the meeting will be a detailed, rigorous, and inclusive discussion on the potential implications and consequences of the draft Seed Act. The gathering will bring together a diverse and comprehensive group of

participants, including Commission members, experienced model farmers, influential farmer union leaders who represent the grassroots, relevant government officials, leading agricultural scientists, and various intellectuals and policy experts. This broad consultation is designed to ensure a thorough examination of the draft bill from every relevant perspective: legal, technical, agricultural sustainability, scientific impact, and socio-economic effects on the farming community. The gravity of the issue and the regional significance of the meeting are highlighted by the expected attendance of farmer union leaders from various other states, effectively transforming the consultation into a crucial multi-state platform for agricultural policy discourse and collective action. Recognizing the sheer importance and large scale of the upcoming

consultation, Commission Chairman Kodandareddy personally undertook an inspection of the Meeting Hall on the top floor of BRK Bhavan, the designated venue for the event. Given the anticipated turnout of prominent figures and experts from across state lines, the Chairman has issued clear and firm directives to the relevant administrative officials, emphasizing the critical need to meticulously plan and execute all logistical arrangements to ensure the meeting is a complete success without any operational hitches. Chairman Kodandareddy specifically stressed to the Commission officials the absolute imperative to make comprehensive arrangements, ensuring that no inconvenience or difficulty is encountered by any of the attendees traveling from various parts of the country to participate in the deliberation.

# Telangana Congress MPs Vow to Raise State and National Issues in Winter Session

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Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Bhongir, released a detailed press note outlining the comprehensive strategic legislative agenda for the forthcoming Parliament Winter Session 2025 (scheduled to run from December 1 to 19). The note emphasizes the unified commitment of the Telangana Congress MPs to vigorously and forcefully advocate for both the state's critical long-pending developmental issues and pressing national concerns on the floor of the Parliament. The MP af-

firmed that the Congress contingent from Telangana is fully prepared to leverage the session to demand justice and necessary clearances for the state. The primary focus of their advocacy will center on securing essential approvals and immediate financial sanctions crucial for major infrastructure and developmental projects within Telangana. Key projects prioritized on the agenda include relentlessly pushing for the urgent sanction and commencement of the Regional Ring Road (RRR) and the proposed Regional Ring Rail projects, both fundamental

to enhancing Hyderabad's peripheral connectivity, easing congestion, and unlocking new economic growth corridors. They will also champion the comprehensive Musi River rejuvenation project, which is critical for environmental restoration, and demand the immediate allocation of the Urban Challenge Fund to the state's Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to enable significant upgrades to public and civic infrastructure. Further demands include the imperative approval of new railway lines to enhance regional connectivity, and securing the necessary

clearances and permissions from the Civil Aviation Ministry for the development of new airports in key regional hubs such as Warangal, Kotha Gudum, and Peddapalli. MP Kiran Kumar Reddy stressed the unified resolve of the MPs to demand the required financial clearances and substantial economic support from the Union Government without any further delay, underscoring the state's developmental needs. In addition to state-specific demands, the Congress MPs will be raising several issues of paramount national importance and public concern.

These include expressing serious apprehensions and demanding clarity over the alleged flaws in the Election Commission's (EC) ongoing Special Summary Revision (SIR) of voter lists and publicly questioning what the party views as political interference in the EC's independent processes, which they argue undermines electoral integrity. They will also seek concrete policy responses and solutions regarding the persistent crisis of rising unemployment across the country, the immediate and severe public health hazard posed by the extreme pollution

in the Delhi-NCR region, and demanding a transparent official account regarding the recent blast incident in Delhi. The MPs will also pursue the registration of a formal FIR in the National Herald case, pushing for accountability and legal clarity.

On the critical foreign affairs front, the press note indicates that the Congress MPs will demand a detailed statement from the government regarding the controversial statements made by former US President Donald Trump on mediation between India and Pakistan, the current status of the de-

licate India-US trade negotiations, and the government's comprehensive long-term strategy concerning various geopolitical and trade issues with China. Additionally, the MPs expressed deep concerns over several legislative proposals introduced by the government, signaling their strong opposition. These include the proposed Atomic Energy Bill 2025, the contentious proposals for a Higher Education Commission, and the planned Chandigarh Constitution Amendment Bill, indicating a fierce legislative battle on the horizon. Representing the

broader INDIA alliance, the Congress will utilize its presence in the session to push for significant electoral reforms and will strategically resist the government's priority bills where they deem them to be against public interest or federal principles. Despite the session being limited to a short 15-day period, the MP concluded by assuring the public that the Congress party will forcefully amplify the interests of Telangana and all crucial public issues by collaborating closely with all other opposition parties, ensuring the state's voice.





# Minister Calls For Success Of CM Visit To Huzurnagar

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Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Cinematography, Ponnam Prabhakar, issued a spirited public appeal to both the general public and Congress party cadres to ensure the resounding success of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's highly anticipated visit to Huzurnagar on December 3rd. The purpose of the visit is significant, as the Chief Minister

is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the Satavahana University Engineering College and numerous other crucial development projects. Minister Prabhakar confidently promised the citizens that he would personally work to transform Huzurnagar into a model constituency and make the entire region fertile (sas yashyamalam) by expediting the completion of the Gauravelli Project, a project he optimi

stically called the "Kona-seema of North Telangana." Demonstrating proactive preparation, the Minister, along with Siddipet Collector Haimavathi, personally supervised the extensive meeting arrangements, directing officials on crucial logistical matters such as ensuring adequate drinking water supply, managing large-scale parking facilities, and implementing comprehensive security measures given the

high expected turnout of party workers and the public. Minister Prabhakar officially announced that the December 3rd event marks the significant milestone of the "Praja Palana" government completing its second year in office. During the visit, CM Revanth Reddy will lay foundation stones not only for the Satavahana University Engineering College but also for an Advance Technology Center (ATC). Other key

infrastructure projects include a 4-lane road from Rajiv Rahadari to Huzurnagar, the Akkannapet to Huzurnagar road, and the Young India Integrated Residential School in Koheda, along with new link roads to tribal villages. The Minister also detailed significant allocated funds: 20 crore for the Huzurnagar Municipality, 8 crore for an RTA office that includes a driving track, 6 crore for the Indira Mahila Shakti



Bazaar, and 10 crore for an Urban Park in Ummapur Forest. The CM will also participate in welfare distribution by giving buses to Women's Self-Help Groups under the Indira Mahila Shakti scheme, launching a new Hyderabad-Huzurnagar express bus service, and distributing 70 bicycles to engineering students to ease their commute to

the hostel facility. Finally, the Minister held a separate review meeting concerning the upcoming Sarpanch elections with local Mandal leaders, instructing them to conduct door-to-door campaigning by distributing pamphlets. He set a clear goal for them: to ensure that Congress-supported candidates achieve a complete "clean sweep"

in the polls, urging all leaders to work unitedly and strengthen the party by ensuring the smooth entry of leaders from other parties only with local consent. He particularly emphasized widely promoting major welfare schemes, including the Indiramma Houses, free power, and the free RTC bus travel for women.

## BC Political JAC Demands Immediate Resolution of Rice Millers' Issues

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Dr. Rachala Yugandhar Goud, the State Chairman of the BC Political JAC, delivered a strong and urgent appeal to the government from the Basheerbagh Press Club in Hyderabad, demanding the immediate resolution of the critical issues currently faced by rice millers throughout Telangana. Dr. Goud presented a severe allegation, stating that Civil Supplies officials are actively causing distress by refusing to allocate paddy to approximately 400 millers across the state, a group that includes 36 specific millers in Wanaparthy district. This refusal is happening despite the fact that these millers have fulfilled their obligation by handing over their entire Custom Milling Rice (CMR) quota to the government. He recalled that, in the past, millers were often allocated paddy even beyond their capacity and had delivered the full CMR quota, even if with delays. Dr. Goud demanded a clear public explanation from the Civil Supplies officials as to why these compliant millers are now being retroactively declared as 'de-

faulters' after their CMR was successfully submitted. Furthermore, he questioned the basis for imposing a massive 25 per cent penalty along with a 12 per cent interest, particularly since this demand is being made two years after the actual CMR delivery. The Chairman expressed his confusion over the logic of delaying the penalty and then demanding compounding interest on it until the present day, emphasizing that the 'defaulter' status should logically apply only if the CMR was not delivered at all. He concluded his address by aggressively questioning the department's ulterior motive behind first collecting bank guarantees with the express promise of paddy allocation and then subsequently refusing the supply, asking whose personal financial interests are being served by withholding the grain. He confirmed that the BC Political JAC would immediately seek meetings with Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravendra to forcefully elevate the millers' plight to the highest levels of the government.



## 'How Did Scams Happen Without Thermal Power Tenders?' TPCC Challenges Harish Rao

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TPCC General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar launched a sharp and direct counter-attack against BRS leader Harish Rao, challenging his recent comments regarding alleged irregularities in thermal power projects. Dayakar firmly asserted that the current Congress government's proactive focus on rapidly increasing the state's thermal power capacity, following the "Praja Palana" government takeover, is a necessary and fundamental step toward Telangana's industrial and agricultural development, directly aligning with the people's growing needs. To support his argument, Dayakar provided current power statistics, noting that Telangana presently holds an installed power generation capacity of

27,769 MW. He justified the urgent push for new projects by highlighting that the state requires a substantial consumption of between 17,000 MW and 18,000 MW to power its domestic, agricultural, commercial, and industrial sectors—a demand the government is currently meeting without interruption.

The General Secretary then pointed out significant failures of the previous BRS regime, specifically targeting the Yadadri Thermal Plant. He noted that the 4,000 MW project (comprising five 800 MW units) was initially planned at a massive cost of 7 crore per MW, totaling 28,000 crore, with 2,800 acres of land acquired. Despite the foundation stone being laid in June 2015 and construction commencing in October 2017, Dayakar criticized that the plant

is still not fully operational even after a decade. Furthermore, he heavily criticized the plant's location, which is situated 307 km away from coal-rich areas, an error he termed a "millstone" that results in an egregious and unnecessary annual coal transport expenditure of approximately 3,000 crore. Dayakar also questioned the use of old Subcritical technology for the Bhadradi Thermal Plant instead of upgrading to the more efficient Supercritical technology. He concluded by accusing Harish Rao, despite his experience, of overseeing widespread "looting" in the name of various projects, and demanding to know "how scams happened without thermal power tenders," insisting that Harish Rao immediately retract his baseless and irresponsible comments.

## 'I Also Watched Movies For Free On iBomma': CPI Narayana's Sensational Comments



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CPI National Secretary Dr. K. Narayana sparked a massive social and political debate during a media conference with his candid and sensational admission:

"I also watched movies for free on iBomma." This direct confession immediately drew attention to the pervasive issue of movie piracy and the socio-economic conditions that fuel it. Dr. Narayana offered a justification for his action, stating plainly that at the average audience in the state cannot realistically afford to spend the exorbitant six to seven hundred rupees demanded for a single movie ticket. This statement served as a sharp, implicit critique of the excessively high ticket pricing structure within the Telugu

film industry. He went on to comment critically on the recent arrest of the website's founder, Ravi, acknowledging the 'iBomma' creator as a person of exceptional intelligence and immense creativity. However, he firmly argued that the underlying reason for such a talented individual resorting to this illegal activity was the fundamental failure and exploitation within the 'system itself' (vyavasthal). Narayana posited that systemic flaws, including a lack of encouragement for new technical talent or financial difficulties, forced Ravi onto the illegal path of piracy. He stressed the futility of enforcement-only measures, arguing strongly that merely arresting individuals like Ravi would not solve the core problem as long as the deep-seated eco-

nomic inequalities and structural flaws in the industry remain unaddressed. To underscore the persistence of the problem, he issued a potent and dramatic warning, using an analogy drawn from the Naxal movement: "If you kill one Hidma, a thousand Hidmas will be born." This comparison highlighted his belief that as long as the systemic issues persist—such as unaffordable ticket prices—other individuals will inevitably rise to fill the void left by those arrested. Narayana's comments ultimately underscored the urgent need for the government and the film industry to implement major policy reforms, including significant reductions in ticket prices and concrete measures to support new technical talent.

## KTR Should Stop Dramas, You Killed The Word Telangana: Mettu Saikumar

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Mettu Saikumar, the Chairman of the Telangana State Fisheries Development Cooperative Society, launched a severe and comprehensive political attack against the BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) during a media conference held at Gandhi Bhavan, contemptuously dismissing all of KTR's recent public statements as "trivial talk" and mere "dramas." Saikumar began his aggressive speech by asserting that "KTR is speaking trivial words just because he has a mic," and then questioned the BRS's fundamental political strategy by asking rhetorically: "How long will you sell fruits by just invoking the name of the tree?" He issued a direct and fierce warning to the BRS leader: "We will cut the tongue if you speak whatever comes to mind," demonstrating the high tension between the ruling and opposition parties. Saikumar then leveled multiple serious

charges against the BRS leadership, declaring with conviction that the "people of Telangana have buried the BRS party" in all recent elections, signaling its irreversible political decline. He specifically accused the BRS of a history of "cheating movement activists and artists after 2014," when they came to power. He demanded that KTR provide a direct answer as to who was responsible for insulting the martyr Srikanth Chari and the revered folk artist Gaddar. Saikumar then issued a fierce and highly charged challenge regarding Congress figures: "If you dare touch the statue of Rajiv Gandhi, every Congress worker will erupt like a human bomb." In one of his most pointed attacks, he accused the BRS of effectively killing the very term 'Telangana' by officially changing the party name from TRS to BRS after achieving statehood. He further questioned KTR's personal contribution to the state's formation, as

king, "What was your role in achieving Telangana, apart from the name of the Kalvakuntla family?" Saikumar also heavily criticized the BRS for holding its 'Dhoka Diwas' event, stating that the public has not forgotten the "narcissistic rule of the BRS for the last ten years." He questioned KTR's expression of sadness over the placement of the Telangana Talli statue in the Secretariat, concluding that KTR was "speaking after losing his mental stability" and lacked the "eligibility to talk about the Congress party and CM Revanth Reddy." He stressed the deep historical significance of December 3rd as the date the public put an end to the "tyrannical rule of the lords," and concluded his challenge by demanding that KTR offer an unconditional apology to the people of Telangana, specifically by touching his nose to the ground at the Martyrs' Memorial.

# End To Ramachander Rao-Dharmapuri Arvind Feud? MP Laxman Mediates

TPN Bureau | Nov 30 2025, The high command of the Telangana BJP reportedly took a decisive step to address and resolve the increasingly public and detrimental internal conflict between two of its most senior leaders, M. Ramachander Rao and Dharmapuri Arvind. Rajya Sabha member K. Laxman was tasked with the crucial role of mediating the ongoing "panchayat," or dispute, between the two politicians. According to highly reliable party sources, a pivotal lunch meeting was specifically hosted at M. Ramachander Rao's residence with the sole aim of brokering a lasting peace. K. Laxman is credited with successfully bringing both prominent leaders to a consensus and effectively



resolving their longstanding differences. The feud had become a major source of embarrassment for the party, spilling into the public domain most notably during the recent Jubilee Hills by-election campaign, where Dharmapuri Arvind openly targeted his party president with sarcastic and cutting remarks,

such as the phrase "Hello Ramachander Rao," in his public speeches. Prior to this, the tension was palpable and had been running high, with Arvind reportedly issuing a direct warning to Ramachander Rao to "stop filing complaints against me." This highly visible internal strife had raised serious alarms

and concerns among the party's central high command regarding the party's overall unity, discipline, and public image in the state. During the mediating meeting, Laxman reportedly impressed upon both leaders the urgent necessity of putting aside their personal grudges and differences. He advised them

to commit to working together in unity (kalisikaug) toward achieving the party's common goals and political objectives in Telangana. He is also said to have strongly emphasized the importance of avoiding the public airing of internal conflicts in the future. Party sources are now cautiously optimistic that this timely and effective intervention by K. Laxman will successfully lead both leaders to refocus their energies away from personal bickering and towards the imminent local body elections, thereby temporarily halting the detrimental groupism that has been plaguing the Telangana BJP unit for some time and allowing the party to present a united front to the electorate.



# Nursery Student Brutally Attacked By Attendant At Purnima Vidyaniketan School

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A truly shocking and disturbing incident of extreme brutality occurred at the Purnima Vidyaniketan School, which is situated in the Shahpur Nagar area and falls under the jurisdiction of the Jeedimetla Police Station in the Quthbullapur region of Hyderabad. The victim was an extremely vulnerable young nursery student who was reportedly subjected to a savage and inhumane physical assault by the school's attendant (Aaya), the very person entrusted with her care. The details of the horrific act were captured and documented, providing indisputable evidence of the abuse. A youth living on the rooftop of a neighboring house managed to record the violent actions on video, creating crucial visual proof of the attack. Following this ordeal, the young victim immediately began to exhibit severe signs of health distress,



including a complete refusal to consume any food or drink since the previous evening, indicating profound psychological and physical trauma. Due to this alarming and severe reaction, the injured child had to be rushed immediately to Ram Hospital, where she was admitted and treated for a high fever, a common symptom of stress and infection following a physical attack. Medical professionals at the hospital conducted a thorough examination and confirmed the severity of the child's injuries, definitively identifying clear evidence that the young girl had

been subjected to a ferocious and inhumane assault by her caregiver. Armed with this medical confirmation and the irrefutable video evidence, the heartbroken parents of the victim lodged a formal and comprehensive complaint at the Jeedimetla Police Station against the accused school attendant. Based on the compelling strength of both the visual evidence provided by the parents and the medical reports, the Jeedimetla police department acted with exceptional speed and decisive action. They swiftly registered a case concerning the heinous crime

committed against the minor child, ensuring the legal process began without delay. The accused school attendant was immediately taken into custody and subsequently shifted to the police station for necessary formal questioning, detention, and the initiation of legal proceedings. This deeply distressing incident has not only sparked widespread outrage and demands for justice within the local community but has also raised serious and immediate concerns across the entire region regarding the paramount safety and security of young children enrolled in educational institutions. It prompted an urgent and necessary call for the implementation of far more stringent background checks, compulsory psychological evaluations, and continuous, better monitoring of all school staff members who are entrusted with the crucial and sensitive care of vulnerable students.

# Satish Nagar K Block Plot Owners Association Protests Against Land Grabs

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Members of the Satish Nagar K Block Plot Owners Association organized and staged a significant public protest in the Bowrampet village, located within the Dundigal Municipality, vehemently demanding urgent protection, essential basic infrastructure for their plots, and immediate action specifically against the encroachment and illegal land grabbing by various individuals. The association members identified themselves as the legitimate and rightful owners of multiple plots situated in Survey Nos. 259, 260, and 262 within the Satish Society K Block in Bowrampet. They provided historical details of their acquisition, stating that they originally purchased these plots between 1984 and 1996 through formal

General Power of Attorney (GPA) agreements executed with the original landowners, and firmly assert that the land has remained consistently under their legal possession ever since. The current protest was ignited by a rapid and significant surge in the region's land value, which they allege has motivated the original landowners and unauthorized persons to collude, create spurious or fake documents, and systematically attempt to seize the land back from the rightful owners. To defend their rightful property rights, the owners were compelled to fight a difficult and prolonged legal battle that ultimately extended all the way to the Supreme Court of India. Following the Supreme Court's directives, the District Court thoroughly investigated the complex land

dispute, specifically Case No. 584 of 1999, and conclusively delivered a verdict recognizing the plot owners as the genuine and legally rightful claimants to the land. Furthermore, the association emphatically highlighted their compliance with all local regulations, noting that many owners have already constructed boundary walls, paid the necessary fees under the Layout Regularization Scheme (LRS), and several have successfully obtained formal permits from the municipal authorities to construct residential rooms, secured official house numbers, and have been regularly and continuously paying property tax for a period of approximately three years. Despite their comprehensive legal victory and regulatory compliance, the owners alleged that highly influential

persons, who are often operating subtly from behind the scenes, are actively collaborating with corrupt local municipal and revenue officials. These officials are accused of issuing illegal, intimidatory notices with suspiciously pre-dated timestamps, attempting to scare and coerce the plot owners into illegally surrendering their legally held land. The owners stated their inability and helplessness to file direct, effective complaints against these high-level, and property tax receipts. Their core and non-negotiable demand is that the authorities must decisively prevent any further illegal encroachment and ensure the full protection and security of the legally entitled plot owners' land.

# Three Arrested In 1.92 Crore Digital Arrest Case

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Police successfully executed an operation that resulted in the apprehension of three key individuals connected to a major 'Digital Arrest' fraud case, a sophisticated cybercrime which tragically resulted in the defrauding of a single victim of a massive 1.92 crore. The arrested suspects were officially identified as Pandu Vineeth Raj, Tirupatayya, and Gouni Vishwanatham, all of whom played specific roles in the complex criminal network. The police investigation meticulously revealed the specific functions performed by each member of the

trio in facilitating the high-value cybercrime. Pandu Vineeth Raj was confirmed as the person responsible for supplying the crucial and anonymous bank accounts to the primary cybercriminals, which were then illegally utilized to siphon off the large sum of the victim's money. Tirupatayya and Gouni Vishwanatham were implicated as acting as joint holders of these essential bank accounts, providing a necessary layer of anonymity to the operation and significantly facilitating the rapid and untraceable movement of the stolen funds out of the victim's reach. The police reported that the

arrested suspects are not new to the criminal justice system, as they are linked to an extensive network of cybercrime cases, with five separate cases already registered against them across various parts of India, including two specific cases within the state of Telangana. The core of the fraudulent activity involved a highly deceptive and intimidating communication strategy used against the victim between the dates of November 7th and 14th, during which the victim, under immense pressure, transferred the vast sum of 1.92 crore into various illicit bank accounts controlled by the syndicate.

The highly sophisticated method of deception involved the criminals impersonating high-ranking officials from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and contacting the victim via phone. They proceeded to threaten the victim by falsely claiming that a serious case had been registered against them due to the alleged misuse of their Aadhaar card, a tactic designed to intimidate the victim into believing they were facing imminent legal trouble. This threat successfully coerced the victim into transferring the money to resolve the entirely non-existent legal issue. While the three key fa-

cilitators—Panduvineeth Raj, Tirupatayya, and Gouni Vishwanatham—have been successfully apprehended and booked, the police confirmed that a wide-ranging search operation is currently underway to locate and secure the arrest of the principal and primary mastermind of the entire complex digital arrest fraud, who has been definitively identified as Sandeep and remains at large. The ongoing police investigation aims to comprehensively dismantle the entire criminal network and syndicate responsible for perpetrating this high-value and psychologically damaging digital arrest scam.

# 40 MDPL Liquor Bottles Seized By Excise Enforcement Team

TPN Bureau | Nov 30 2025, The Excise Enforcement Team-A executed a highly successful and coordinated check and crackdown operation along the Shamshabad road, which resulted in the significant seizure of 40 bottles of non-duty-paid liquor (MDPL). This action was a central part of a focused and ongoing effort by the department to intercept and deter the illegal smuggling of liquor bottles into the state of Telangana. The majority of the illegally imported liquor originates from regions such as Goa and Delhi and often utilizes the high-traffic route near the Shamshabad Airport. To ensure maximum operational efficiency and

comprehensive coverage of the area, the enforcement team strategically deployed two separate units on the Shamshabad road, deliberately establishing checkpoints on both sides of the thoroughfare to conduct stringent and detailed inspections of all passing vehicles, with a particular focus on private cars suspected of carrying contraband. This coordinated deployment proved highly effective and yielded immediate results. During the inspection, one team managed to seize a consignment of 12 bottles of illegal liquor, while the second unit successfully confiscated a larger haul, securing 28 bottles of non-duty-paid liquor. The com-

bined total of the seizure from both teams reached 40 bottles. A formal statement released by the Enforcement Team confirmed the full details of the seizure, clearly underscoring the department's unwavering commitment to decisively curbing the illegal interstate trade of alcohol. This illicit trade is a major concern as it leads to substantial tax evasion for the state government and risks the proliferation of potentially unregulated or illicit products within the state's borders. Following the successful completion of the operation, the entirety of the seized liquor consignment, were formally handed over to the Mirpet Excise Station.

# High Court Judge Warns Youth Against Drugs At 'Samvidhan Shakti' Run



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A 'Samvidhan Shakti' (Power of the Constitution) run was successfully organized and executed along the scenic Necklace Road in the heart of Hyderabad, drawing a large and enthusiastic participation from both the general public and, significantly, the city's youth population. The community event, which featured both 3K and 5K runs, encouraged fitness and civic engagement, was meticulously organized by the Ek Naya Disha Foundation with the dual purpose of promoting constitutional values and encouraging a healthy lifestyle among citizens. The most prominent and influential figure at the event was High Court Judge Justice Nagesh Bheemapa, who utilized the platform to deliver a powerful, cautionary, and deeply impactful speech directed squarely at

the youth in attendance. Justice Bheemapa issued a stark and solemn warning regarding the severe and often irreversible consequences of involvement in illegal activities, stating unequivocally, "Once your name is recorded in an FIR (First Information Report), your golden future will be destroyed." He emphasized that for the young attendees to truly secure a prosperous and successful future, they must rigorously and consistently avoid all forms of detrimental habits and addictions that can derail their lives. Specifically addressing the increasingly worrying drug menace gripping the city, the Judge highlighted the existence of organized criminal gangs whose insidious primary objective is to lure and exploit young people, grooming them into becoming drug peddlers and consumers. He issued a heartfelt

and forceful urge to the youth, advising them to resist falling prey to these dangerous criminal syndicates, emphasizing the irreparable damage such involvement causes to their personal lives, their families, and society as a whole. To provide a constructive alternative to these harmful influences, Justice Bheemapa suggested that engaging in regular meditation provides a mental and spiritual 'kick' or high that is far superior and more lasting than the effects of any illicit drug, strongly advocating for a sustained focus on mental and spiritual wellness. Expressing profound personal concern, the Judge noted his great alarm at observing reports of children, even those who are very young, being systematically initiated into drug use by peddlers. He concluded his address by stressing the crucial, collective need for constant vigilance and proactive cooperation among children, parents, and teachers—the three pillars of a child's environment—to collectively safeguard and protect the younger generation from this escalating and potentially devastating threat to their future.

# Engineering Student Commits Suicide After Loved One Marries Another

TPN Bureau | Nov 30 2025, A deeply tragic and heartbreaking incident of suicide was reported within the limits of the Suraram Police Station in Hyderabad, where a young engineering student tragically took his own life. The victim, who was identified as the son of a couple originally from the Potturu area of Guntur district who had relocated their family to Hyderabad specifically for employment purposes, was found dead after being profoundly heartbroken following the marriage of the girl he loved to another individual. The victim was currently enrolled as a second-year B.Tech student attending a local college in the city, with a promising future ahead of him. According to the detailed information provided by Circle Inspector Krishna, the young man had been suffering from an intense state of severe depression, extreme gloom, and deep emotional trauma for a continuous period of approximately six months. This period of distress began immediately after the girl with whom he was deeply in love got married to someone else, marking a devastating emotional loss for



him. The immense emotional trauma and his subsequent inability to effectively cope with the pain and finality of the loss caused the student to withdraw severely from social interaction, becoming noticeably quiet, distant, and deeply morose. The tragic event reached its peak on Saturday night, when the student, feeling completely overwhelmed by an unman-

ageable sense of despair and isolation, made the irreversible decision to take his own life by hanging himself. Upon the devastating discovery of the body, the family immediately contacted and informed the local police authorities. The Suraram police have promptly registered a case based on the initial information and are currently conducting a comprehensive

and detailed investigation into the matter to ascertain all contributing factors. The incident serves as a painful and stark reminder that highlights the severe emotional stress, profound heartbreak, and critical mental health challenges frequently faced by young people, particularly students, following major emotional setbacks like the definitive loss of a deeply im-

portant romantic relationship. The police are continuing their thorough inquiry to fully understand the specific circumstances and any potential additional factors that may have contributed to the young man's ultimate and tragic decision to commit suicide, while also offering support to the grieving family.



# NRI Kanjerla Chandrasekhar Gives Up Software Job For Public Service

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Kanjerla Chandrasekhar, a non-resident Indian (NRI) hailing from Chinna Shankarampet Mandal in Medak district, has made an extraordinary commitment to public service, choosing to leave his lucrative software career in the United States to dedicate himself to the development of his native village. With the clear goal of 'Grama Abhivruddhi' (village develop-

ment) as his focus, Chandrasekhar has returned to India and is preparing to contest the upcoming Sarpanch elections. His decision is profoundly inspired by the selfless service rendered by his own grandfather to the village community, which Chandrasekhar views as a crucial ideal to uphold. By stepping into the electoral fray, he aims to carry forward this legacy and bring about tangible improvements to his home-

town. Chandrasekhar's journey, abandoning a highly stable and financially rewarding career in America to focus on grassroots politics, stands as a rare and commendable example of dedication. He is determined to leverage his exposure and resources from abroad to implement modern, effective development strategies right at the village level. He believes that true national progress begins with the holistic de-

velopment of India's villages, which still face challenges related to infrastructure, education, and sanitation. His vision for Chinna Shankarampet includes improving the quality of education, ensuring better healthcare facilities, and enhancing local infrastructure like roads and water supply. By aspiring to be the Sarpanch, he is placing himself directly accountable to the needs of the community he grew

up in. Chandrasekhar's unique sacrifice and focus on uplifting his ancestral home serve as an ideal, inspiring many others in similar positions to contribute their skills and resources toward rural development, setting a powerful precedent for civic leadership and becoming an exemplary figure committed to the progress of his native place.



## Five Gram Panchayats In Warangal District Achieve Unanimous Elections

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In a notable display of community consensus and cooperative spirit, five Gram Panchayats within the Rayaparthi Mandal of Warangal district successfully achieved unanimous elections, finalizing their Sarpanch selections without a contested vote. This achievement reflects a positive trend of local political maturity where village residents and competing political factions have prioritized unity and development over electoral strife. The unanimous selections across the five villages were officially confirmed as follows: Kondam Rangareddy was unanimously elected as the Sarpanch for Kistapuram village. In

Moripirala village, Peddagoni Nagaraju was elected as the Sarpanch through consensus. The tribal hamlet of Balajinagar Tanda selected Mohan Lal as its Sarpanch without a contest. Similarly, for the Ramoji Kummargudem Tanda, the community chose Bhukya Susheela to lead as the Sarpanch. Finally, in Chandrur Tanda, Bhukya Tirupati was successfully elected as the Sarpanch by unanimous agreement. This trend of uncontested elections is often encouraged by the state government, sometimes through incentives, as it helps save administrative costs and avoids the division and animosity typically associated with electoral contests. The residents of these

villages are praised for fostering a harmonious environment, allowing local leaders to focus immediately on initiating developmental works and executing welfare schemes without the political fallout of a contentious election. The success of these unanimous elections in Rayaparthi Mandal sets an example for other local bodies across the district and the state, showcasing the potential for cooperative governance at the grassroots level. The elected Sarpanches are now expected to focus immediately on addressing local needs, improving infrastructure, and effectively implementing the state government's welfare initiatives for their respective communities.

## KTR Expresses Deep Anguish Over Kondagattu Fire

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) expressed profound distress and anguish over the devastating fire accident that occurred late at night in the vicinity of the renowned pilgrimage center, Kondagattu Abhayanjaneya Swamy Temple, in Jagtial district. KTR strongly condemned the incident, attributing the massive loss of property to sheer government negligence and demanding substantial compensation for the victims. Immediately upon hearing the news, KTR contacted former Choppadandi MLA Sunke Ravishankar via phone to obtain detailed information on the extent of the damage on the ground. KTR voiced his deep sorrow, stating that nearly 30



poor and middle-class families who had taken out loans and worked hard to set up shops for their livelihoods have been rendered homeless and jobless overnight by this tragedy. He lamented that all their goods, toys, and other m-

aterial kept in the shops were completely consumed by the fire, effectively destroying the future of these families. The BRS leader estimated the total property loss to be a substantial figure of approximately 1 crore, descr-

ibing the incident as extremely unfortunate. KTR squarely blamed the state government, asserting that the primary reason for the property loss escalating to such a huge extent was the failure of fire engines to arrive on time. He criticized the entire state mechanism, citing the failure of the Jagtial fire engine (which was reportedly under repair), the malfunctioning of the one engine that did arrive, and the subsequent delay in vehicles reaching the spot from Korutla and Karimnagar—calling this a clear sign of the government's systemic failure and negligence. KTR emphatically demanded that the state government take full responsibility for this institutional failure and provide immediate relief to the

families who have lost everything. He demanded that, considering the magnitude of the property destruction, the complete ruin of their businesses, and the unusable state of their shops, the government must provide an immediate financial aid of 30 lakh per family on humanitarian grounds. KTR also commended former MLA Sunke Ravishankar for promptly rushing to the scene, participating in relief measures, and providing immediate assistance of 5,000 to the affected families. He assured the victims that the BRS party would stand firmly with them and warned that if the government fails to compensate and support the affected families, the party would intensify pressure through political action.

# Ponnam Presides Over Sangeetham Srinivas's Takeover As Sircilla DCC

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Rajanna Sircilla District witnessed a major political event as Sangeetham Srinivas officially assumed the charge as the new District Congress Committee (DCC) President. The ceremony began with Srinivas paying solemn tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial, followed by a massive, spirited rally from the bus station to the Congress party office, highlighting the renewed energy within the party ranks. The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Minister Pon-

nam Prabhakar, who officially administered the oath of office to Sangeetham Srinivas and subsequently felicitated the newly appointed DCC President. The event was graced by the presence of several prominent Congress leaders, including Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Government Whip Adi Srinivas, senior leader V. Hanumanth Rao (VH), former MLA Mrityunjay, District Library Chairman Nagula Satyanarayana Goud, Sircilla Market Committee Chairman Swaroopa, and various other key party functionaries.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar extended his heartfelt congratulations to Sangeetham Srinivas, recognizing his long service as a Youth Congress leader and a District Congress leader. He mentioned that the selection was made under the leadership of PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, and also noted the simultaneous appointment of Medipalli Satyam as the Karimnagar District President. Prabhakar then addressed the gathering, urging Congress workers in rural areas to boldly contest the upcoming Sarpanch elec-



tions and secure victories by effectively showcasing the welfare schemes and development programs of the "Praja Palana" government. He listed key schemes: free bus travel for women, new ration cards, distribution of fine rice, 200 units of free electricity, sanctioning of 3,500 Indiramma houses per constituency, interest-free loans for women's groups, farmer loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa, and bonuses on paddy. He specifically assured the handloom workers of Sircilla that the government would stand by

them, noting that past dues have been cleared and saris are being produced locally by women's groups to provide them with work. Prabhakar recounted that while he won as an MP in 2009, he lacked a majority in Sircilla, emphasizing that winning the Sarpanch posts is crucial for success in future local body elections. He expressed confidence in the combined leadership of himself, Minister Sridhar Babu, Adhuri, Whip Adi Srinivas, and other MLAs to strengthen the party and hoist the Congress

flag in Sircilla. He stressed the importance of going door-to-door to highlight the government's achievements, urging party members to overcome any sense of weakness and fight bravely. He directed Sangeetham Srinivas to work towards unifying all factions and strengthening the Congress party across the district to ensure the party sweeps all seats in the local body elections in the combined Karimnagar district.



# Is Modi bypassing the 8th Central Pay Commission



The much-anticipated Eighth Central Pay Commission (8th CPC), whose recommendations are scheduled to take effect from January 1, 2026, has yet to be formally constituted by the government, raising questions about the Modi administration's approach to public sector pay revisions.

The Central Pay Commission is a technocratic body tasked with reviewing and recommending salary structures, allowances, and benefits for government employees, including civilian staff, armed forces person-

nel, and pensioners. Its recommendations have historically had a direct impact on millions of employees and indirectly influence the broader economy through government expenditure.

Experts note that, unlike previous regimes, the Modi government appears to be bypassing the traditional timeline of the pay panel. "Never has such a cavalier approach been adopted in setting up a pay commission," said Sandeep Joshi, a policy analyst. Sources within the bureaucracy suggest that political considerations and perception

management might be taking precedence over routine administrative timelines, especially with general elections approaching.

Observers argue that in the Modi era, even a technocratic exercise like the Central Pay Commission can be easily delayed or sidelined in the battle for perception and votes. With the previous, Seventh CPC having been implemented fully only in 2020, government employees were expecting timely initiation of the next panel to avoid pay stagnation and inflationary losses.

Government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, say that consultations are ongoing, and key parameters—such as fiscal space, inflation projections, and government revenue—are being carefully assessed before constituting the commission. However, no formal notification has been issued, fueling speculation among employees and pensioners.

The delay has also stirred debate about the government's commitment to institutional processes. Analysts warn that pro-

longed indecision may lead to discontent among public servants and could have repercussions in sensitive sectors such as defense, railways, and administrative services.

As January 1, 2026, approaches, stakeholders are urging the government to act swiftly and announce the 8th CPC to ensure continuity in pay revisions. The panel's recommendations are crucial not only for employee welfare but also for maintaining morale and operational efficiency across central government departments.

# US H-1B Fee Sparks Brain Drain Debate in India



New Delhi/Washington: Washington's recent announcement of a \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visa petitions has reignited India's decades-old debate over brain drain and raised questions about whether the country can retain its skilled workforce. The fee, announced on September 19 by former US President Donald Trump, applies only to new applications and does not affect currently valid visas or petitions filed before September 21, 2025, according to guidelines from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The fee is officially described as a cost-sharing mechanism to reduce American dependence on foreign talent. However, experts warn it could significantly impact skilled Indian professionals, who constitute a large portion of H-1B visa recipients. Companies facing higher hiring costs may curb recruitment, freeze salaries, shift operations overseas, or pass the burden onto employees. This, analysts say, could disadvantage both US businesses reliant on specialized talent and foreign professionals seeking legitimate opportunities.

Historically, immigrant talent has been central to the US innovation ecosystem. From Silicon Valley engineers to scientists at NASA and the National Institutes of Health, foreign professionals—particularly from India—have fueled research, technology, and economic

growth. International students contribute over \$40 billion annually to the US economy, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs, with mid-tier universities particularly vulnerable to declining enrollment. Restricting talent flow sends a worrying signal about the value of global collaboration in innovation.

For India, the developments present both a challenge and an opportunity. The nation's "brain drain," which peaked in the 1960s and 1970s, continues today with 2.5 million Indians emigrating annually. Professionals cite limited career advancement, research opportunities, and inadequate higher education options as key drivers of emigration. Some also point to perceived barriers to merit-based progress due to reservation policies.

Experts argue that reversing brain drain requires more than curbing migration. Past proposals, such as imposing a tax on income earned abroad, were considered but largely impractical. Today, the emphasis is on creating an environment where talented citizens choose to stay, with improved research facilities, competitive pay, career opportunities, and merit-based recognition. Analysts stress that only long-term structural reforms, rather than short-term political promises, can ensure India retains and nurtures its intellectual capital in an increasingly competitive global landscape.

# Bagram Base Sparks Afghanistan-Pakistan Tensions



New Delhi/Washington: The sudden escalation of border clashes between Afghanistan and Pakistan has drawn global attention, with speculation pointing to the Bagram Air Base as the flashpoint. Analysts suggest the tensions may be linked to former US President Donald Trump's push to regain control of the strategic base, abandoned by US forces during their 2021 withdrawal.

Located in Parwan province, about 60 km from Kabul, Bagram is one of the largest and most powerful air bases in the world. Originally built by the Soviets in the 1950s and expanded by the US after the 9/11 attacks, it features heavy concrete runways, permanent barracks, and extensive logistics capabilities. Reestablishing a US presence there would provide a foothold in Eurasia, allowing oversight of China, Iran, Russia, Central Asia, and Pakistan, including its nuclear arsenal.

Pakistan stands to gain

from such an arrangement. The US would rely on Pakistan for logistics and supply chains, generating revenue while enabling Islamabad to influence Taliban behavior. The recent clashes coincided with the visit of Afghanistan's acting Taliban foreign minister to India, adding to Pakistan's strategic anxieties over India's growing presence in Kabul.

Within Afghanistan, opposition groups like the National Resistance Front (NRF), composed mainly of former Afghan soldiers loyal to the US-backed government, have expressed support for a US return to Bagram. Analysts argue these groups possess local networks that could secure American operations more reliably than the Taliban, whose control remains contested.

However, the Taliban have categorically rejected all proposals, citing Afghan sovereignty. Regional powers, including China, Iran, Russia, and Central Asian states, have

also expressed opposition to a US military footprint, emphasizing stability over renewed conflict. A joint Moscow-format statement, signed by multiple regional countries including India and Pakistan, condemned attempts to deploy foreign military infrastructure in Afghanistan.

Experts warn that any renewed US presence could trigger instability similar to the 2001–2014 "War on Terror," further empowering groups like ISIS-KP and creating internal Taliban divisions. Additionally, US reliance on Pakistan—whose past duplicity in counterterrorism is well-documented—adds layers of risk.

For the Taliban, Bagram is emerging as a key test of leadership: balancing international pressures, domestic cohesion, and regional diplomacy. How they navigate this challenge may determine Afghanistan's stability in the years ahead.

# OpenAI's ChatGPT to Offer Erotica for Verified Adults



OpenAI has announced a major update to its ChatGPT platform that has sparked widespread debate and public outrage. The upcoming version of ChatGPT, set to roll out from December, will allow verified adult users to request the generation of erotica, according to a post by CEO Sam Altman on social media platform X on October 14, 2025.

Altman explained that this decision is part of OpenAI's principle to "treat adult users like adults." He argued that past restrictions, implemented to prevent mental health issues and protect children, made the chatbot experience less enjoyable for adult users without mental health concerns. "Now that we have

tools to mitigate serious mental health risks, many of the restrictions can be relaxed," Altman wrote.

The announcement drew over 15 million views within days and ignited a firestorm of reactions online. While some users expressed curiosity and enthusiasm about the added flexibility, critics raised ethical and legal concerns. Many worried about child safety, potential misuse, and the broader societal implications of AI-generated erotica.

In response to mounting backlash, Altman issued a clarification on October 16, emphasizing that safeguards will be in place to prevent underage access and that the feature would only be availa-

ble to verified adults. He reassured the public that the company is committed to addressing mental health concerns and minimizing potential harms, although these claims have yet to be independently validated by regulators.

OpenAI's move has reignited debates about AI ethics, content moderation, and the balance between innovation and social responsibility. Analysts point out that the decision could position ChatGPT as the first mainstream AI chatbot offering explicit adult content, a development that raises questions about age verification, user consent, and regulatory oversight.

Despite controversy, Alt-

man has defended the update as a necessary step to improve user experience and agency. "Our goal is to create a platform that is both safe and enjoyable for all users," he said. Industry observers note that while OpenAI continues to prioritize safety, the introduction of erotica may attract further scrutiny from lawmakers, consumer groups, and international regulators.

The new feature is expected to be implemented in the upcoming ChatGPT release in December, and the company has indicated that additional controls and moderation tools will accompany the update to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards.



# PM Modi: Youth Dedication Key to ‘Viksit Bharat’

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed the dedication of India's youth as the country's greatest strength, describing it as central to achieving a 'Viksit Bharat'. Speaking during his 128th 'Mann ki Baat' radio address, he highlighted achievements across multiple sectors, from space manufacturing to agriculture, as evidence of India's rising global stature.

The Prime Minister pointed to several notable November milestones, including the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram', Constitution Day celebrations at the Central Hall, and the hoisting of the 'Dharmadhwaaja' atop the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, describing them as sources of national inspiration.

PM Modi also emphasized bee farming initiatives, noting how innovative practices across the country have empowered farmers and boosted local economies. He cited India's accomplishments in sports, including winning the bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games, reflecting the nation's growing presence on the global stage.



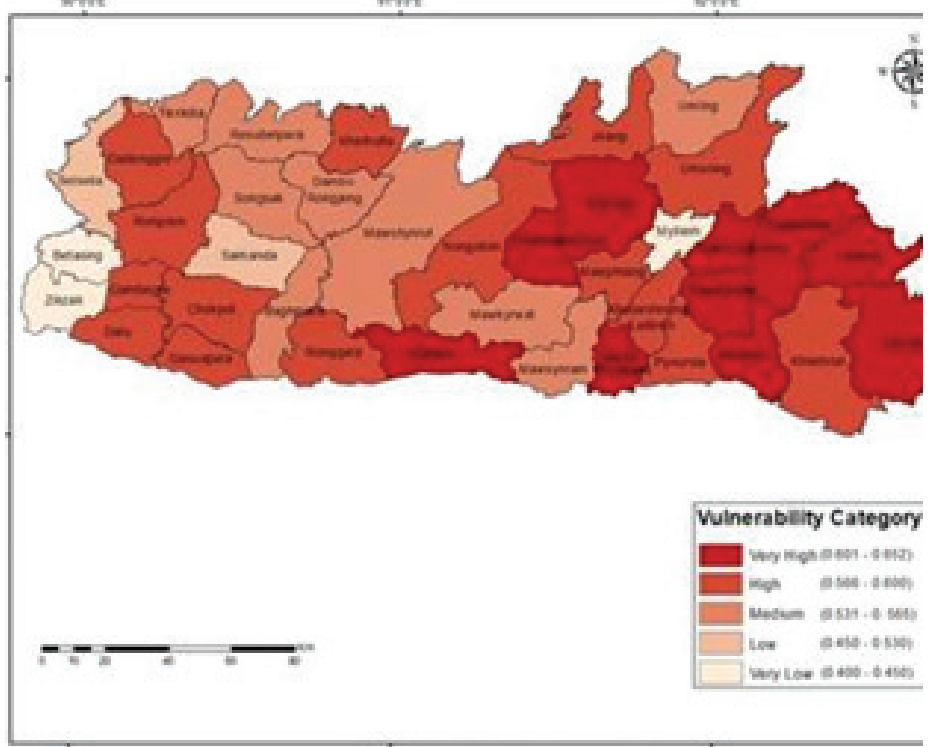
The Prime Minister recounted his recent international engagements, including visits to South Africa for the G-20 Summit and Bhutan, underscoring India's commitment to international cooperation and leadership. "The energy and commitment of our youth are

the driving forces behind India's progress," PM Modi said, urging young Indians to continue contributing to national development. He highlighted how technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship are shaping a modern India, reinforcing the vision of a devel-

oped and self-reliant nation. He concluded by reiterating the government's broader narrative of youth empowerment, national pride, and global ambition, positioning the younger generation at the heart of India's journey toward a developed and progressive future.

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# Meghalaya Blocks Face High Climate Vulnerability



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A first-ever block-level climate vulnerability assessment in Meghalaya has revealed that 25 out of 39 Community & Rural Development (C&RD) blocks

fall under high or very high climate vulnerability categories, highlighting urgent risks to both natural and socio-economic systems in the state. The study was conduct-

ed by the Meghalaya Climate Change Centre (MCCC), a key component of the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) under the National Action

Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC). The assessment aims to support climate-resilient planning and strengthen adaptive measures at the local level. Using a common national framework, the study integrated both biophysical and socio-economic indicators through a tiered, top-down methodology to provide a comprehensive understanding of climate vulnerability at the block level. The findings underscore that regions in Meghalaya, particularly fragile Himalayan ecosystems, are increasingly susceptible to climate-related threats, including erratic rainfall, landslides, soil erosion, and shifts in agricultural productivity. The report also emphasizes that socio-economic systems—such as livelihoods, health, and infrastructure—are under significant strain due to climate impacts, necessitating targeted interventions for communities in high-risk blocks. The study will help state authorities prioritize areas for climate adaptation and

disaster risk reduction programs, ensuring resources are directed toward the most vulnerable populations. The Climate Change Programme under the CEST Division of the Department of Science and Technology has established State Climate Change Cells (SCCCs) in 30 states and Union Territories to improve coordination on climate actions between the Centre and states. Meghalaya's initiative demonstrates the potential of combining scientific assessment with local governance to build climate resilience in sensitive ecosystems. Experts say that these insights are crucial for developing long-term adaptation strategies, particularly in the Indian Himalayan region, where environmental fragility intersects with socio-economic vulnerability. The assessment sets a benchmark for other states to adopt block-level planning for climate risk mitigation and sustainable development.

# Nationwide Lok Adalat on Dec 13 to Waive Traffic Fines

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A National Lok Adalat will be held across India on December 13, offering citizens a major opportunity to settle pending traffic challans and minor compoundable cases with discounts ranging from 50% to 100% in many states.

The initiative targets minor traffic violations, including not wearing a helmet or seatbelt, signal jumping, wrong parking, over-speeding, missing Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificates, driving without a license, or old e-challans. Serious offences like drunk driving, hit-and-run, dangerous driving, or cases involving injury or death are not eligible for settlement under this scheme.

Vehicle owners are advised to first check their pending challans on the Parivahan portal or respective state police websites, save or print the details, and book a token if required.

During the Lok Adalat, eligible cases will be resolved outside the regular court system. Citizens must visit the designated



court or traffic court with their RC, driving license, ID proof, and challan documents. Judges and traffic officials will then apply the fine reduction, and in many instances, older minor cases may receive a complete waiver. After paying the final amount via cash or UPI, a Lok Adalat settle-

ment order will be issued, ensuring the case is permanently closed with no future reopening. States participating in this nationwide drive include Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.

Authorities have emphasized that this one-day event is aimed at encouraging compliance and clearing backlog cases, providing citizens a convenient and cost-effective way to resolve minor traffic offences. The Lok Adalat also helps reduce the burden on courts by settling cas-

es efficiently and permanently. With this initiative, individuals can benefit from major fines reduction, avoid legal hassles, and ensure their traffic records are cleared, making it an ideal opportunity for all motorists to take advantage of the nationwide drive.

# IAF Mobilises NDRF for Cyclone Ditwah Relief



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Amid ongoing relief operations in Sri Lanka following the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has simultaneously intensified support for domestic emergency preparedness.

On Saturday, an IAF C-17 Globemaster transported critical National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams and equipment from Pune and Vadodara to Chennai. This rapid airlift enabled the deployment of over 300 NDRF personnel along with approximately 35 tonnes of essential relief and rescue equipment, enhancing the government's readiness to respond to emergencies across cyclone-affected regions in India.

The operation underscores India's dual-pronged approach to disaster management: providing immediate international humanitarian aid while maintain-

ing robust domestic disaster readiness. The NDRF teams are equipped to handle a wide range of emergency scenarios, including flood rescue, debris clearance, medical aid, and infrastructure repair, ensuring swift relief for affected populations.

In Sri Lanka, Cyclone Ditwah has caused severe flooding and landslides, affecting millions of people and resulting in a growing death toll. India has already dispatched relief consignments and teams under Operation Sagar Bandhu, demonstrating cross-border solidarity and timely humanitarian assistance.

IAF officials highlighted the strategic advantage of airlifting specialized teams and heavy equipment, which allows rapid mobilisation to areas cut off due to floodwaters or damaged infrastructure. The C-17's payload

capacity and range enable simultaneous international and domestic operations, reflecting India's growing capability in coordinated disaster response.

Authorities continue to monitor cyclone-affected areas closely, with NDRF and state agencies on high alert. Coordination between the IAF, NDRF, and civil administration ensures that both rescue and relief measures are executed efficiently.

Experts note that such preemptive mobilisation not only reduces the immediate impact of natural disasters but also enhances preparedness for future extreme weather events, aligning with broader national disaster management objectives.

The ongoing operations highlight India's proactive approach to disaster mitigation, combining humanitarian outreach abroad with robust domestic preparedness.

# Opposition Demands Debate on SIR

Govt Seeks Cooperation Ahead of Winter Session



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Ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, beginning December 1, opposition parties on Sunday pressed for a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and national security, while the government assured it would engage with all sides to ensure smooth functioning of the House.

The all-party meeting, attended by around 50 leaders from 36 political parties, was convened by the government. Key attendees included Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president and Union Minister J.P. Nadda, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, and his deputies Arjun Ram Meghwal and L. Murugan. Opposition leaders raised concerns over SIR, national security following the Delhi blast, labour codes, fed-

eralism, and alleged delays in bills passed by opposition-ruled states.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju emphasized that the House must function without disruption. "Parliament should not be stalled and it should function smoothly. The government will keep discussing with all parties to ensure smooth functioning," he said. He added that the agenda of the session will be decided by the Business Advisory Committee (BAC).

Opposition leaders, however, criticized the government for limiting discussion time. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh called the meeting "a mere formality," highlighting that many bills had not been examined by Standing Committees. Gaurav Gogoi alleged that the government sought to undermine democracy and parliamentary tradi-

tions, demanding debates on national security, voter list integrity, foreign policy, and farmers' issues.

Other opposition members echoed concerns over SIR. Samajwadi Party leader Ramgopal Yadav warned that Parliament would be disrupted if SIR was not discussed, citing deaths of BLOs during the exercise. Trinamool Congress leader Kalyan Banerjee and DMK's Tiruchi Siva also emphasized the need for discussion, noting that electoral irregularities and national security breaches required parliamentary scrutiny.

The Winter Session, scheduled from December 1 to 19, will see the government seek cooperation from all parties, while opposition leaders remain firm on debating SIR and pressing other key issues before passing legislation.



# Trump Stands Firm on Migration Freeze Amid UN Appeals



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President Donald Trump has reaffirmed his decision to permanently pause migration from all third-world countries, despite appeals from multiple United Nations agencies, including the UN Human Rights Office, urging the U.S. to continue allowing asylum seekers into the country.

Trump cited Section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) on Truth Social, which grants the President authority to suspend entry of “any applicants or any class of applicants” if their entry is deemed detrimental to U.S. interests. The provision also allows the imposition of entry restrictions for any period the President considers necessary.

The administration recently intensified immigration restrictions, including a temporary halt on visa issuance for all travelers holding Afghan passports, following a shooting near the White House that left two National Guard soldiers critically injured. The suspect, Afghan national Rahmanullah Lakanwal, faces first-degree murder charges, and authorities are exploring the possibility of the death penalty, despite its abolition in Washington, DC.

As part of the new measures, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has paused asylum decisions until enhanced vetting procedures can be completed. USCIS Director Joseph Edlow stated, “This pause will stay in place until we can ensure that every alien is properly vetted. The safety of the American people always comes first.”

The Trump administration emphasized that national security is its top priority. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio noted that the visa freeze is part of a broader security response to recent threats, highlighting the need to protect citizens and prevent illegal entries.

Critics, including UN officials, have warned that the migration freeze could exacerbate humanitarian crises and violate international obligations to protect asylum seekers. However, Trump has remained resolute, framing the policy as a necessary step to secure U.S. borders and ensure public safety.

The policy is expected to have significant implications for refugees and migrants worldwide, while also intensifying domestic and international debate over the balance between security and humanitarian responsibility.

# Trump Backs Asfura in Tight Honduras Presidential Race



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US President Donald Trump has thrown his support behind Nasry Asfura, the conservative National Party candidate, in Honduras’ closely contested presidential election. Trump, posting on Truth Social, said Asfura can work with the United States to counter drug trafficking and urged Hondurans to “vote for Freedom and Democracy.”

Hondurans will head to the polls on Sunday in a race widely seen as a toss-up. Current polls show Asfura, former mayor of Tegucigalpa, nearly tied with former defense minister Rixi Moncada of the leftist LIBRE Party and television host Salvador Nasralla of the centrist Liberal Party. The winner will govern Honduras from 2026 to 2030.

Trump criticized both Moncada and Nasralla, calling the former a communist and the latter a “borderline communist” seeking to siphon votes from Asfura, although neither candidate identifies as communist. The US administration has voiced concern over the influence of leftist governments in the region, particularly in Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua.

“Will Maduro and his Narco-

terrorists take over another country like they have taken over Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela?” Trump questioned in his post, claiming Asfura would stand against Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, whom the US has accused of links to drug trafficking—a charge Maduro denies.

Asfura’s National Party has historically maintained close ties with Washington under former President Juan Orlando Hernandez, who governed from 2014 to 2022. Hernandez was arrested after leaving office and is serving a 45-year prison sentence in the United States for drug trafficking and firearms charges.

Observers caution that the razor-thin margins could spark disputes over the results. The Organization of American States (OAS) and the US State Department have both expressed concern over Honduras’ electoral process and will monitor the vote closely to ensure transparency.

With high stakes and international attention, the outcome of Sunday’s election could shape Honduras’ political alignment and its relations with the United States and regional powers for years to come.

# Netanyahu Requests Presidential Pardon Amid Ongoing Corruption Trial



TPN Bureau | Washington

US President Donald Trump ignited speculation over a possible 2028 presidential campaign after posting an AI-generated image on his Truth Social account showing him holding a blue sign reading “TRUMP 2028, YES!” The post, captioned “TRUMPLICANS!”—a mix of Trump and Republicans—quickly became the focus of political debate. The image comes nearly ten months into Trump’s second non-consecutive term, which began January 20, 2025, as he pursues his “America First 2.0” agenda with a Republican-controlled Congress, including measures on immigration and higher tariffs. References to “Trump 2028” have also appeared on merchandise and during public events, fueling speculation about the president’s long-term political strategy.

However, constitutional limits remain clear. The

22nd Amendment restricts presidents to two elected terms. House Speaker Mike Johnson downplayed the post as “trolling,” noting Trump is well aware of the constitutional constraints. Trump himself acknowledged last month, “I’m not allowed to run, it’s too bad.”

Despite Trump’s legal ineligibility for a third

term, the “Trump 2028” messaging may be laying groundwork for his political influence or promoting a family succession. Polls show his eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., gaining traction among Republicans as a potential 2028 nominee. A McLaughlin and Associates survey indicates Vice President JD Vance led Trump Jr. 38% to 20% in October,

but by November, the gap narrowed to 34% versus 24%, signaling a tightening contest.

The post follows earlier displays of “Trump 2028” branding, including hats on Trump’s Oval Office desk during meetings with Democratic leaders Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer. Analysts suggest these signals may aim to consolidate the

Trump base and maintain visibility within the party, even as legal and constitutional barriers prevent a direct run.

As the 2028 Republican nomination approaches, all eyes will remain on the Trump family and its influence on the party’s future, with potential ramifications for both party dynamics and US electoral politics.

# India Assists Sri Lanka as Cyclone Ditwah Death Toll Surpasses 200



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Sri Lanka continued large-scale rescue and relief operations on Sunday with crucial assistance from India after Cyclone Ditwah unleashed catastrophic floods and landslides across the island nation, causing massive loss of life and widespread destruction.

According to the Disaster Management Centre (DMC), the death toll has risen to 212, while 218 people remain missing since the extreme weather system struck on Thursday. The cyclone has battered multiple districts, triggering flash floods, mudslides, and severe infrastructure damage.

The scale of the disaster is staggering. The DMC reported that 9,68,304 people from 2,66,114 families have been affected. Thousands have been displaced, with many seeking refuge in temporary shelters set up across affected regions. Several roads remain inaccessible, complicating ongoing rescue efforts.

India has stepped in as a key partner in Sri Lanka’s hour of need through Operation Sagar Bandhu, dispatching humanitarian aid and emergency support. Images shared by

the Indian Air Force on Sunday showed relief material—including food supplies, medicines, tents, and rescue equipment—being loaded for transport to Colombo. Indian rescue teams have also joined Sri Lankan authorities in evacuation efforts in severely hit areas.

Sri Lankan officials described the situation as one of the worst natural disasters in recent years. Continuous rainfall and unstable terrain have raised the risk of additional landslides, prompting authorities to issue alerts for vulnerable regions. Emergency crews are racing against time to locate the missing and provide relief to stranded families.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe’s office said international support, particularly from India, has been “critical” in scaling up rapid-response operations. Rehabilitation and long-term recovery are expected to require substantial resources as damage assessments begin in the coming days.

With the death toll still climbing and large swathes of the country inundated, Sri Lanka faces a long and difficult road to recovery.

# Tropical Storm Ravages Southeast Asia, Death Toll Surges Past 600



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A rare tropical storm that battered Southeast Asia for a week has left more than 600 people dead and millions affected across Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia, officials confirmed on Sunday. Torrential rains triggered widespread flooding

and landslides, causing large-scale destruction and displacing tens of thousands.

Indonesia has been the hardest hit, with the death toll climbing to 435, up sharply from 303 a day earlier, according to government data. The western island of Sumatra suffered the worst devastation, where

landslides and flash floods ravaged three provinces. Many areas remain cut off due to blocked roads and damaged telecommunications networks, hindering rescue operations. Helicopters are being deployed to deliver food, medicine, and emergency supplies to stranded communities.

Scenes of desperation have surfaced elsewhere, with reports of people looting relief trucks as shortages intensify. Survivors recount harrowing escapes. Afrianti, 41, from Padang city, said her family fled as water surged into their home. When they returned, the house had collapsed. “My

home and business are gone. Nothing remains,” she said, now sheltering beside the only surviving wall of her property.

The Indonesian government reports 406 people missing and 2,13,000 displaced, numbers expected to rise as rescue teams access previously unreachable regions.

In Thailand, heavy flooding has claimed 170 lives, affecting nearly 3 million people in the country’s southern provinces. Although waters have begun to recede, many villages remain submerged, forcing mass evacuations.

Malaysia has reported three deaths, but authorities warn that continued rainfall could worsen the situation in vulnerable coastal districts.

Across the Bay of Bengal, neighbouring Sri Lanka also battled severe weather, with 153 deaths, 191 people missing, and over half a million affected—underscoring the storm’s wide-reaching impact.

With rescue operations still underway, regional governments face enormous challenges in restoring connectivity, providing relief, and preventing further loss of life. The full scale of destruction will emerge only as water levels continue to fall and assessments expand into remote areas.



# RBI Announces Measures to Support Exporters Amid U.S. Tariffs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday unveiled a series of measures aimed at assisting Indian exporters facing difficulties due to the recent 50 per cent tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on Indian shipments.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra emphasized the importance of the export sector, calling it “a vital part of India’s economy.” To ease the pressure on exporters, the central bank has extended the repatriation period for foreign currency accounts held by Indian exporters in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) from one month to three months. This extension provides exporters greater flexibility in managing their foreign earnings amid the challenging trade environment.

In addition, the RBI announced steps to reduce paperwork and compliance burdens, particularly targeting small exporters and importers. These ef-



orts are designed to streamline export processes, helping businesses save time and costs, and improve overall ease of doing trade.

The central bank’s move comes in response to growing con-

cerns from the export community, which has been grappling with the increased tariffs that threaten to impact India’s trade competitiveness. By easing procedural requirements and extending repatriation timelines,

the RBI aims to provide exporters with much-needed relief and enhance their ability to manage foreign exchange inflows efficiently.

These measures form part of a broader strategy to safeguard

and promote India’s export sector during uncertain global trade conditions. Stakeholders across industries have welcomed the RBI’s proactive approach, viewing it as a timely boost that can help maintain the

sector’s growth momentum.

With these steps, the RBI reinforces its commitment to supporting exporters and ensuring the resilience of India’s external trade amidst evolving international challenges.

# Manufacturing Growth Slows in September, Job Creation Hits One-Year Low

India’s manufacturing sector witnessed a slowdown in September, with growth in new orders, output, and input buying easing to four-month lows, according to the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) released on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted PMI dropped to 57.7 in September from 59.3 in August, marking the weakest expansion since May. While the index remains comfortably above the 50-mark that separates growth from contraction, it indicates a mild loss of momentum in the sector.

Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, noted, “The September headline index softened, but it remained well above the long-term average,” highlighting the sector’s resilience despite competitive pressures and global uncertainties.

Job creation in the sector also slowed, hitting a one-year low. Only 2% of surveyed companies reported an increase in staffing, making it the weakest hiring pace since September 2024.



Despite the slowdown, optimism remains strong. Business confidence rose to a seven-month high, boosted by recent tax relief measures and expectations of rising demand. Many firms cited changes in GST rates as a key factor behind their

positive outlook for the next 12 months.

Export demand offered some relief, with international orders increasing at a faster rate, particularly from Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East. This offset some of the

negative impact from recent U.S. tariffs on Indian goods.

On the pricing front, input and output costs rose at the fastest pace since May. Firms reported higher expenses for labour, raw materials, and transport, which led to the sharpest rise in

output charges in nearly 12 years.

Overall, while manufacturing continues to expand, rising costs and sluggish hiring indicate emerging challenges that may affect the sector’s growth trajectory in the months ahead.

# RBI Holds Rates, Cuts Inflation Forecast, Ups Growth Outlook



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday kept the key policy rate — the repo rate —

unchanged at 5.5%, while lowering its inflation forecast and raising its growth outlook, re-

flecting confidence in the domestic economy despite global uncertainties.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in a unanimous decision, opted to maintain the

current rate for the second consecutive meeting. Lending and deposit rates across the banking system are expected to remain steady, offering relief to borrowers and depositors alike. The RBI also retained its “neutral” policy stance, indicating it will remain flexible in responding to future economic developments.

In a significant move, the central bank revised its inflation forecast downward to 2.6% from the earlier 3.1%, citing easing food and fuel prices. Simultaneously, the GDP growth projection for FY26 has been raised to 6.8%, up from the previous estimate of 6.5%.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that recent rationalisation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates is likely to cushion the impact of global trade tensions and ongoing uncertain-

ty around U.S. H-1B visa policies. “The Indian economy remains resilient, supported by stable demand conditions, improving exports, and moderating inflation,” Malhotra noted.

The central bank’s cautious optimism comes amid rising global risks, including escalating tariff wars and currency volatility. However, domestic indicators, including robust tax collections and strong service sector growth, have provided enough buffer for the RBI to hold rates steady.

Analysts expect the RBI to continue monitoring inflation trends and global developments closely before making any further policy shifts. For now, the pause signals policy stability and continued support for economic growth, while leaving room to respond to future shocks.

# ATF Price Hiked 3%, Commercial LPG Up ₹15.50



Oil companies on Wednesday revised fuel prices, increasing the cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by over 3% and commercial LPG rates by ₹15.50 per cylinder, reflecting changes in global market benchmarks.

The price of jet fuel (ATF) in the national capital, home to one of India’s busiest airports, was raised by ₹3,052.50 per kilolitre — a 3.3% hike — bringing the new rate to ₹93,766.02 per kilolitre, according to state-owned fuel retailers.

Alongside this, commercial LPG used by hotels and restaurants also saw a price increase of ₹15.50 per 19-kg cylinder, pushing the cost to ₹1,595.50 in New Delhi. This adjustment follows a series of six reductions in LPG prices over the past six months, with the last cut being ₹51.50 on September 1. Since April, LPG prices have fallen by a total of ₹223 per cylinder.

The recent hikes come as oil firms align domestic fuel

prices with fluctuating global crude oil markets and foreign exchange rates. This adjustment impacts sectors relying heavily on ATF and commercial LPG, such as aviation and hospitality, which may see a rise in operational costs.

The aviation industry, already recovering from pandemic-related setbacks, will feel the effect of the ATF price increase, potentially influencing airfares and cargo charges. Similarly, restaurants and hotels might adjust prices to offset the higher fuel costs.

Fuel price revisions by state-owned oil companies are closely monitored, as they directly affect inflation and the cost of living. The government typically allows market-driven adjustments, but such hikes often draw public and industry attention.

Consumers and businesses alike will be watching for any further fuel price movements amid ongoing global energy market volatility.

# Bank Nifty Jumps 700 Points as RBI Unveils Lending, Capital Reforms



Banking and financial stocks rallied sharply on Wednesday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held interest rates steady and proposed sweeping reforms to boost lending and ease capital requirements. The Bank Nifty soared 700 points, or 1.3%, reclaiming the 55,000 mark, while the Nifty Financial Services index rose 1.4% to 26,396.

Private banks led the charge, with Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank gaining up to 3% intraday. The Nifty Private Bank index rose 1.75%, though public sector banks saw some profit booking, with the Nifty PSU Bank index down 1.1%.

The RBI’s proposals, announced alongside its bi-monthly monetary policy review, include the removal of the 2016 lending restrictions on large corporates, allowing banks greater freedom to finance corporate acquisitions. Lending limits against listed debt securities and equity shares were also relaxed, and the cap on bank financing for IPOs was raised from ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh per individual.

Another major boost came for non-bank lenders (NBFCs), as the RBI lowered risk weights for loans to high-quality infrastructure projects. Shares of HUDCO, IREDA, PFC, and REC jumped 3–5% following the move, which is expected to reduce financing costs in the infrastructure sector.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra also announced the phased implementation of the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) framework from April 2027 to March 2031, and the adoption of Basel III capital norms starting April 2027. Draft credit risk rules—expected to reduce capital requirements for small businesses and home loans—will be released soon.

Market experts welcomed the reforms, calling them growth-positive. “These steps align with the government’s broader economic stimulus agenda,” said Nilesh Shah, MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC.

The RBI’s dovish tone and regulatory easing fueled optimism, pushing banking and financial indices to fresh highs.



## Internet Calls AI Modi Birthday Video ‘Cutest’



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday on September 17 sparked global wishes, but what stole the spotlight online was an AI-generated video reimagining his celebration as a "Modi Ji Birthday Bash" with world leaders depicted as adorable babies. The video, which has gone viral, features baby versions of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Russian President Vladimir Putin, US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, alongside Indian politicians like Rahul Gandhi, Yogi Adityanath, and Mamata Banerjee.

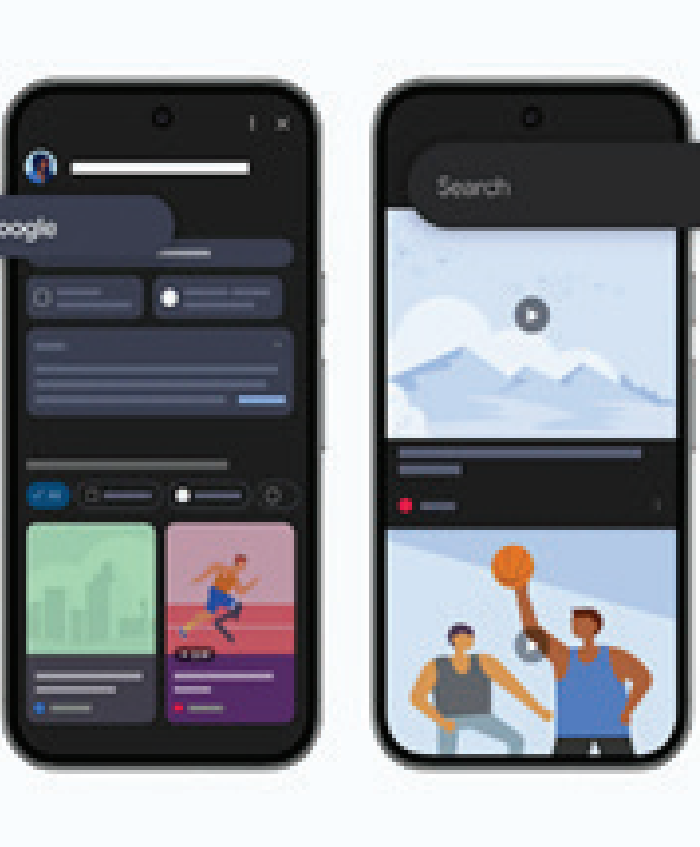
The clip begins with Meloni gifting Modi a giant toffee labelled "Melody," a playful nod to the popular candy and their much-talked-about camaraderie, often tagged online as "#Melodi." Other scenes show baby Trump presenting tariffs, Putin gifting a toy version of the S-400 missile, and leaders exchanging oversized ladoos and cheerful hugs, creating a

light-hearted, giggly spectacle. The video, shared widely on Instagram and X, quickly drew millions of views and reactions. One user commented, "Okay, this is genuinely wonderful and sweet. Major credit to the creative mind behind this—you made my day!" Another wrote, "I saw it 10 times already, fantastic," while many dubbed it the "cutest" tribute of the day.

Beyond the AI celebration, world leaders sent real wishes. New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon praised Modi's vision for a developed India by 2047, Meloni called him an "inspiration," Putin lauded his global prestige, and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu highlighted his achievements. Trump personally called Modi, with the Indian leader thanking him online and reaffirming commitment to strengthening India-US ties.

Blending creativity, humour, and heartfelt wishes, the AI tribute has become one of the most talked-about highlights of Modi's milestone birthday.

## Google Discover Adds Follow Button For More Personalised Feed



Google has rolled out new personalisation features for its Discover feed, giving users more control over the news, updates, and content they see. Announced on Wednesday, the update introduces a Follow button that appears on the top left of every news card, allowing users to directly follow their favourite news portals and creators from the Discover page. This means platforms like Gadgets 360, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter) can now be followed with a single tap.

In addition to the Follow button, Google says the Discover feed will soon show more content from social platforms and video streaming services, including YouTube Shorts, Instagram, and X. The aim is to give users a broader mix of updates beyond just traditional news stories, covering weather, sports scores, and stock prices alongside social and video content.

The new update also introduces preview pages for news portals and creators. When users

tap on the name of a publication or content creator displayed on the Discover card, they will be taken to a dedicated page that shows the outlet's description, latest articles, videos, and links to social media handles. This provides a quick way to explore a creator's work without leaving the Discover feed.

The feature is now live, and Google says it builds on a recent enhancement that lets users set their preferred news sources in Search. By combining this with Discover's new Follow option, the tech giant aims to make staying updated with trusted content simpler and more personal. The move also reflects Google's push to integrate more diverse formats—blogs, news articles, YouTube clips, and social media posts—into one unified feed.

With this update, Discover becomes not just a place for quick updates but a personalised hub, adapting to users' interests across platforms.

# Can Eating More Fibre Help You Live Longer?

Gut health is increasingly recognised as central to overall well-being, influencing not just digestion but also immunity, energy, inflammation, and possibly longevity. A recent viral claim suggests that eating more fibre could extend lifespan, and growing scientific evidence lends weight to this idea.

Fibre plays multiple roles in the body. It feeds beneficial gut bacteria, regulates digestion, supports healthy cholesterol and blood sugar levels, and prevents constipation. These combined effects may explain why people who consume fibre-rich diets tend to live longer and healthier lives. However, experts caution that most findings come from observational studies, meaning they show association rather than definitive proof.

Dr Saurabh Sethi, a gastroenterologist trained at AIIMS, Harvard, and Stanford, recommends eating fibre-rich foods like



chia seeds, berries, and oatmeal. He advises aiming for about 30 grams of fibre daily, noting that people who consume more fibre often experience less acid reflux and constipation, alongside improved long-term health outcomes.

Recent studies reinforce this. A 2024 systematic review covering 64 studies and 3.5 million participants found higher fibre intake linked to 23% lower risk of all-cause mortality, 26% lower risk of cardiovascular death, and 22% lower cancer mortality. Another meta-analysis confirmed fibre's protective effects, especially from cereals and whole grains, with benefits seen above 15 grams per day.

For gut health, experts recommend combining prebiotic foods such as garlic, onions, and asparagus with probiotic-rich foods like yoghurt, kimchi, and idli. Adequate hydration is also essential since fibre works best with water.

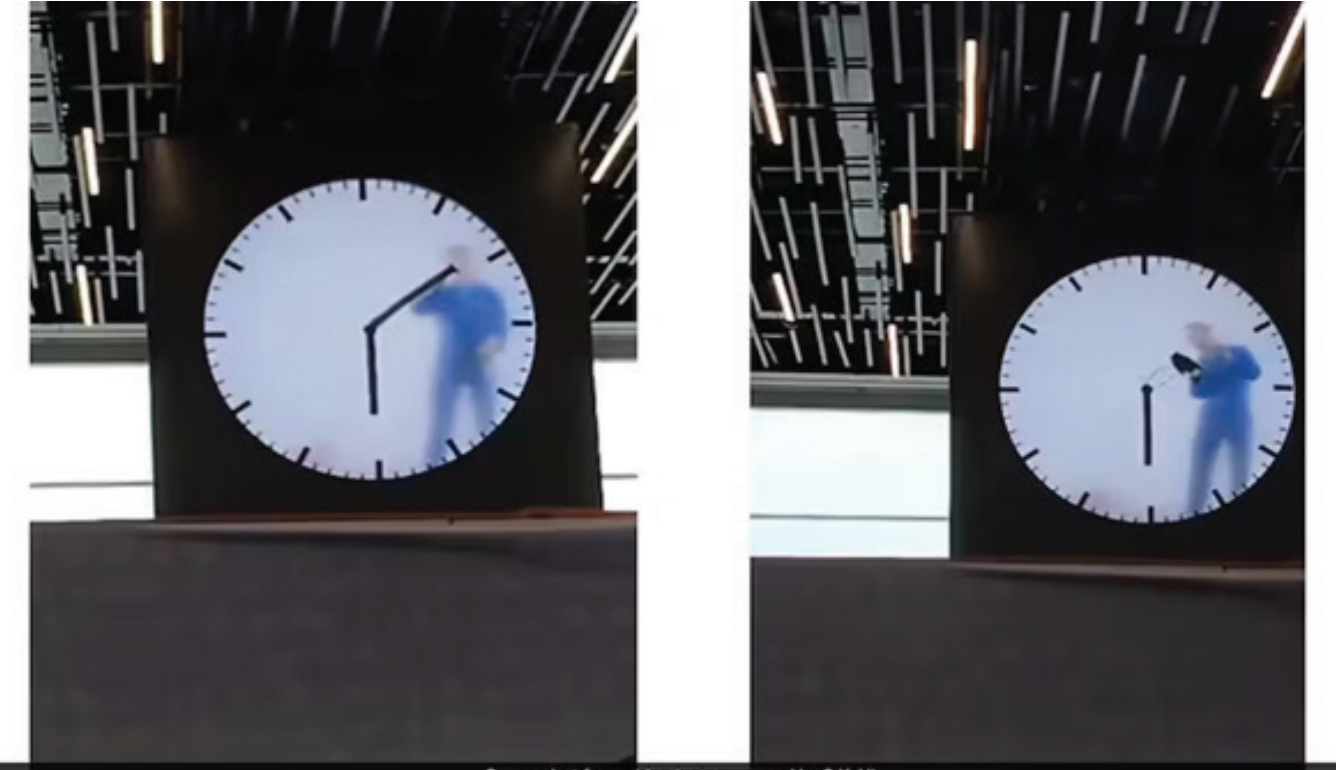
The bottom line: higher fibre intake is strongly associated with lower risks of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, alongside better gut health. While more research is needed, fibre remains one of the simplest, most effective dietary tools for supporting longevity.

## Amsterdam Airport's 'Human Watch' Fascinates Travellers

Travellers passing through Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are being captivated by a striking art installation known as the "Human Watch". Recently, Indian traveller SK Ali shared his amazement in a viral Instagram video, which has already crossed 1.2 million views. The clip shows a giant transparent clock that appears to feature a man inside, painting and erasing the clock hands every minute to update the time.

In his video, Ali points out the unusual design, capturing the moment when the figure drew 6:10 on the clock and then adjusted it to 6:11. "At Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, a giant transparent clock fascinates travellers with its unique design. Instead of mechanical hands, a man inside the clock appears to paint and erase the hands every minute, creating the illusion of real-time updates," read the Instagram caption.

The installation, officially called the Schiphol Clock, is the creation of Dutch artist Maarten Baas. While it looks like a real man working tirelessly inside the massive clock, it is actually a 12-hour



video loop of Baas himself dressed in blue overalls. The video cleverly synchronises to always display the correct time, blending performance art with practical timekeeping.

Online viewers have responded with both admiration and humour. One user joked, "Good innovation but getting tired of seeing his hard work every minute," while another clarified, "This is not a real man inside the clock. It's an art installation by Maarten Baas."

Positioned prominently at one of the world's busiest airports, the Human Watch has become a landmark that surprises and delights travellers. For many, it turns a routine glance at the clock into an unforgettable artistic experience, merging creativity with everyday functionality.

## Kerala Expat Wins \$1 Million In Dubai Duty Free Draw



A 37-year-old Indian expatriate based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won USD 1 million (8.77 crore) in the Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire Draw. The lucky winner, Abdul Rahman K, hailing from Kerala and working as a sales assistant in Sharjah, struck gold in Millennium Millionaire Series 516 with ticket number 4171, purchased online on September 6. The draw was held at Concourse B of Dubai International Airport (DXB) on Wednesday, September 17.

Rahman's win was the result of a group effort. Since 2010, he and nine friends have pooled money to buy tickets, rotating the names on each entry. "It's amazing! Two of my daughters are celebrating their birthdays this month, and now we have even more reason to celebrate. Thank you, Dubai Duty Free," Rahman said. He becomes the 259th Indian national to win USD 1 million

through the long-running promotion, which has seen overwhelming participation from Indian expats.

Other Indian winners also shone in the same draw. Amit Saraf, a 51-year-old Dubai resident, won a Mercedes-Benz G500 (Obsidian Black) with ticket number 0482. Saraf is a serial winner, having previously bagged USD 1 million twice (January 2021 and October 2024), a Mercedes-Benz S500 in February 2023, and a Dh 40,000 Duty Free gift card in December 2023.

Two more Indians walked away with luxury motorbikes. Shafeekh Nasarudeen, 41, from Umm Al Quwain, won a BMW F900 GS Adventure with ticket number 0347, while Olavo Fernandes, 61, from Abu Dhabi, won a Ducati Panigale V2 (Red) with ticket number 0239. Remarkably, Fernandes had already won an Aprilia RSV4 1100 motorbike earlier this month on September 3.

Launched in 1999, the Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire and Finest Surprise promotions remain among the world's most recognisable raffles, with Indian nationals consistently featuring among the biggest winners.



# Srikanth, Treesa–Gayatri Storm Into Syed Modi International Finals

India enjoyed a strong day at the Syed Modi International in Lucknow as former champion Kidambi Srikanth and defending women’s doubles duo Treesa Jolly–Gayatri Gopichand marched into their respective finals with contrasting victories.

Srikanth, the 2016 winner, overcame a stiff challenge from compatriot and 2023 national champion Mithun Manjunath, prevailing 21-15, 19-21, 21-13 in an intense semifinal. The 32-year-old showcased composure and tactical clarity, especially in the decider, where he maintained a steady lead throughout. “Getting a good start and keeping mistakes low was very important. He always plays well against me, so I’m happy with my performance,” Srikanth said after the match. He will face Hong Kong’s Jason Gunawan in the summit clash as he chases his second final appearance of the season.

In women’s doubles, Treesa and Gayatri delivered a commanding 21-11, 21-15 win over Malaysia’s



Ong Xin Yee and Carmen Ting. The Indian pair displayed excellent control and tactical sharpness, particularly impressive as this is only their second tournament since Gayatri’s return from a five-month shoulder injury. They now face Japan’s eighth-seeded

pairing Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe as they look to defend their title. “It’s great to be back, and we’re happy to reach the final as defending champions,” Gayatri said. Treesa added that patience will be key in the final.

However, India’s chal-

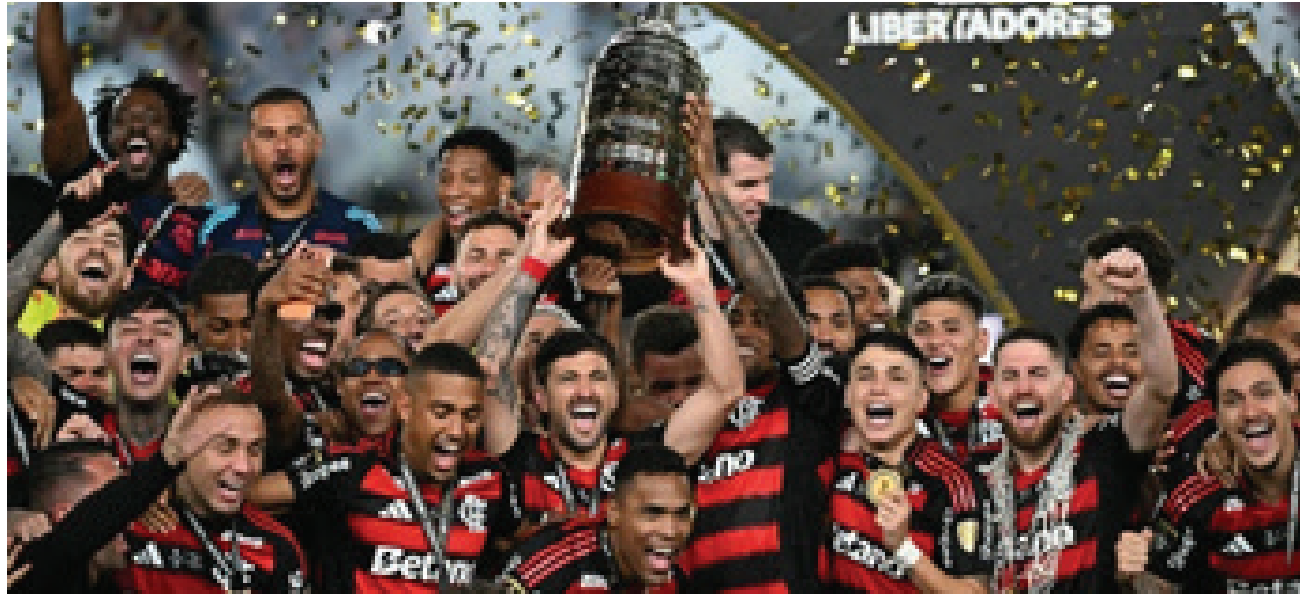
lenge in women’s singles ended in the semifinals. Unnati Hooda lost 15-21, 10-21 to Turkey’s Neslihan Arin, while Tanvi Sharma, who shocked Nozomi Okuhara earlier in the tournament, fell 17-21, 16-21 to Japan’s Hina Akechi.

In mixed doubles, Hari-

haran Amsakarunan and Treesa Jolly exited following a 17-21, 19-21 defeat to Indonesia’s Dejan Ferdinansyah and Bernadine Anindya Wardana.

With two Indian entries in the finals, expectations remain high for title wins on Sunday.

# Flamengo Clinch Fourth Copa Libertadores Title With 1-0 Win



Flamengo created history on Saturday by defeating Palmeiras 1-0 to lift the Copa Libertadores title for a record fourth time, becoming Brazil’s most successful club in South America’s premier competition. The tense final, held at the Estadio Monumental in Lima, was settled by a powerful

second-half header from center-back Danilo, sealing a hard-fought victory in a clash marked by physical play and high stakes.

The triumph also served as revenge for Flamengo’s 2021 final loss to Palmeiras and keeps the Rio giants on track for a potential treble in 2025. Having already won

the Brazilian Super Cup earlier this year, the club now needs just two points from its final two league matches to secure the domestic championship.

Flamengo’s fourth Libertadores crown—three of which have come since 2019—puts them level with Argentina’s Estudiantes

and just three titles behind record-holders Independiente. For Palmeiras, the defeat was a bitter disappointment, particularly after missing a golden opportunity to equalize in the 89th minute when Vitor Roque fired over the bar from close range.

The match itself was

scrappy and intense, with 33 fouls and seven yellow cards issued as tempers flared on both sides. Flamengo enjoyed the better spells in the first half, with early attempts from Bruno Henrique and Samuel Lino, though neither threatened the target. A heated moment arrived around the half-hour mark when a confrontation involving Bruno Fuchs and Giorgian de Arrascaeta escalated, leading to Erick Pulgar escaping with only a yellow despite a reckless kick.

After the break, Flamengo continued to push forward and finally broke through in the 67th minute. Arrascaeta delivered a precise corner from the right, allowing Danilo—left inexplicably unmarked—to rise and head in the decisive goal.

With this victory, Flamengo once again asserted their dominance on the continental stage, celebrating a historic night for Brazilian football.

# Treesa–Gayatri Defend Syed Modi International Title in Thrilling Final

Defending champions Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand produced a gritty and brilliant comeback to retain the women’s doubles crown at the Syed Modi International Super 300 in Lucknow on Sunday. The top-seeded Indian pair overcame Japan’s Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe 17-21, 21-13, 21-15 in a pulsating, high-intensity final that lasted one hour and 16 minutes.

Playing only their second tournament since Gayatri’s return from a five-month shoulder injury layoff, the Indian duo displayed remarkable resilience and tactical maturity. The final opened with a spectacular 49-shot rally, immediately signalling the intensity to follow. Although Osawa and Tanabe edged ahead in the early exchanges and secured the opening game, Treesa and Gayatri showed no signs of panic.

After dropping the first game, the Indians switched sides with renewed aggression. Their anticipation and attacking play clicked perfectly as they raced to a 9-2 lead, maintaining control with sharp net play and booming backcourt smash-



es, particularly from Treesa. They comfortably sealed the second game 21-13 to force a decider.

The momentum carried into the third game, with Treesa and Gayatri storming to a 7-4 lead before minor miscommunication al-

lowed the Japanese pair to close the gap. But the Indians quickly regrouped. Clever net interceptions, deceptive shots, and well-constructed rallies restored their advantage, giving them a six-point cushion at the mid-game interval.

Despite Osawa and Tanabe narrowing the score to 15-13, Treesa’s disguised net shots and Gayatri’s sharp smashes kept India in command. A delicate drop from Treesa and an error from the Japanese handed the Indians six match points.

They converted on the second, sealing a memorable defence of their title.

The win not only highlights the duo’s growing maturity but also marks a strong return to form as they look ahead to a crucial season.

# Foden Rescues City Late; Spurs Suffer Another Setback



Manchester City survived a major scare as Phil Foden struck a last-minute winner to edge Leeds 3-2 in a dramatic Premier League clash on Saturday. City, chasing leaders Arsenal, squandered a two-goal lead before Foden’s calm stoppage-time finish restored control and lifted Pep Guardiola’s men to second place.

City made a blistering start, going ahead inside 59 seconds when Foden smashed home off the crossbar. Josko Gvardiol doubled the advantage in the 25th minute, finishing from close range after Nico O’Reilly’s header across goal. But Leeds, battling in the relegation zone, mounted a spirited comeback after the interval. Substitute Dominic Calvert-Lewin capitalised on a defensive error to pull one back in the 49th minute. The visitors then equalised in the 68th when Lukas Nmecha converted a rebound after his penalty was initially saved by Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Just as City looked set to drop vital points for the third straight game, Foden carved out space in

the box and slotted home the winner, prompting visible relief from Guardiola. “It was a relief. The game should have been over, but Phil’s quality made the difference,” the City boss said.

Meanwhile, Tottenham’s struggles deepened with a 2-1 home defeat to Fulham. Kenny Tete opened the scoring before Harry Wilson punished a mistake from goalkeeper Guglielmo Vicario, sending Spurs into the break amid loud boos. Though Mohammed Kudus scored early in the second half, the London side could not avoid their 10th-place slide. Manager Thomas Frank criticised fans who jeered Vicario mid-match, calling the behaviour “unacceptable.”

Elsewhere, Newcastle celebrated manager Eddie Howe’s birthday with a commanding 4-1 win over Everton, including the Premier League’s fastest goal this season after 52 seconds. Brentford defeated Burnley 3-1, with Igor Thiago netting twice, while Sunderland mounted a remarkable comeback to beat Bournemouth 3-2 at home.

# Kohli’s Masterclass Powers India to 349/8 Against South Africa



Virat Kohli reaffirmed his unmatched value in ODI cricket with a majestic century as India piled up 349/8 in the opening match of the series against South Africa in Ranchi on Sunday. Under scrutiny with every appearance in the format, the 36-year-old delivered emphatically, crafting a superb 135 off 120 balls, featuring 11 fours and seven sixes.

Kohli’s knock formed the backbone of the innings and showcased his ability to dominate even in a format he now plays sparingly. Walking in early after Yashasvi Jaiswal’s dismissal for 18, Kohli appeared in vintage touch from the outset. A stunning six over mid-off against Burger set the tone, followed by a trademark cover drive that electrified the Ranchi crowd.

A crucial 136-run partnership between Kohli and skipper Rohit Sharma (57 off 51) laid the platform for India’s imposing total. Rohit, dropped on one by Tony de Zorzi, capitalised on the reprieve with an array of boundaries against Marco Jansen and Corbin Bosch before falling LBW to

Jansen. The partnership not only steadied India but also reignited the famed “RoKo” chemistry.

After Rohit’s exit, India lost momentum briefly as Ruturaj Gaikwad and Washington Sundar fell in quick succession to Otneil Baartman. But Kohli remained composed, rotating strike smartly and accelerating when needed. His century sparked emotional scenes as a fan breached security to touch his feet before being escorted away.

KL Rahul (60) provided solid support later in the innings, though Kohli dominated the scoring, especially against off-spinner Pranelan Subrayen, who conceded 21 runs in one over. Even as the ball softened after 34 overs, Kohli shifted gears seamlessly.

With the 2027 World Cup still distant, Kohli’s statement hundred was a timely reminder of his enduring hunger and unmatched ODI pedigree. India’s total of 349/8 now puts the pressure firmly on the Proteas in the chase.



# Akhanda 2 Pre-Release Event: Balakrishna Promises a Divine Action Spectacle



Under the banner of HNG Cinemas LLP, “Sahakutumbanam” is directed and written by Uday Sharma, produced by Mahadev Goud and Nagarathna, and is set for release on December 12. The film features Raam Kiran and Megha Akash in lead roles, with an ensemble cast including Rajendra Prasad, Brahmanandam, Subhalekha Sudhakar, Satya, Rajashree Nair, Racha Ravi, Giridhar, Tagubothu Ramesh, Bhadram, and many others.

Mani Sharma has composed the music, Madhu Dasari handled cinematography, and Shashank Mali worked as the editor.

**Director Buchi Babu Sana's Remarks**

“Greetings to everyone. I earlier worked as an assistant director on films

featuring Rajendra Prasad garu and Brahmanandam garu such as Naannaku Prematho and Arya 2. Standing beside them today as a director feels like a blessing.

This film has a special emotional connection for me. My friend Vikram wanted to make a film based on a single-line idea, but his untimely demise left that dream incomplete. His friend Uday developed that line into a story and is now making it as a film, which makes me immensely happy.

‘Sahakutumbanam’ carries the essence of Sukumar garu’s storytelling style. I wholeheartedly wish the cast, crew, and producers great success. My best wishes to the entire team.”

**Actor Rajendra Prasad's**

**Speech**

“Greetings to Sabha Saswathi and my Telugu audience. It gave me immense happiness to act once again with Brahmanandam garu and to see many of my former colleagues growing to great heights.

A film actor remains in the hearts of audiences only when the roles they choose leave a deep impact. I became close to people from many regions by portraying characters with different dialects.

In my 48-year-long career, I have never heard or performed a story like Sahakutumbanam. This film beautifully portrays the value, importance, and emotional foundation of family.

I owe my acting life to the legendary N.T. Rama Rao garu, who shaped me

as an artist.

Hero Ram Kiran performed remarkably well, learning everything with dedication.

I wholeheartedly wish producer Mahadev Goud garu continues to make meaningful films like this. I request all audiences to watch Sahakutumbanam in theatres.”

**Brahma Brahmanandam's Speech**

“Greetings to everyone. Director Uday Sharma is a perfectionist who ensures he gets exactly what he envisions. Behind him, Arjun Sai provided tremendous support.

Rajendra Prasad garu guided him in fine-tuning performances, and Uday brought out the best from all of us.

My character in this

film is very unique. Ram Charan, the film’s hero, is a talented dancer. I enjoyed acting in a few scenes along with the lead pair.

I sincerely wish the producer Mahadev Goud garu great success and hope audiences will give this film a big hit.”

**Producer Mahadev Goud's Words**

“This is the first film from HNG Cinemas. I loved the story of Sahakutumbanam and brought together the best cast and technicians. I hope everyone supports us and helps make this film a grand success.”

**Director Uday Sharma's Speech**

“I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Buchi Babu garu for launching our

trailer as the chief guest. My special thanks to Rajendra Prasad garu, Brahmanandam garu, Mani Sharma garu, and every artist and technician who made this film possible.

My journey to this stage was possible because of my friend Vikram, Arjun Sai, and producer Mahadev Goud.

Our lead actors Ram Kiran and Megha Akash delivered excellent performances. Mani Sharma garu scoring music for my debut film is a huge honour. Madhu, our DOP, gave outstanding visuals. I hope the film receives immense love from the audience.”

**Hero Ram Kiran's Speech**

“My sincere thanks to producer Mahadev Goud garu for trusting me as a

hero. I worked very hard, heard many scripts, and finally entered the Telugu film industry which I deeply love.

Acting alongside Megha Akash garu, who has performed with many big stars, was a great learning experience. Director Uday Sharma garu beautifully created a family within the story.

It is a dream come true to have music by Mani Sharma garu. My 16-year-long dream of becoming a hero has been fulfilled because of my mentors.

I thank my dance masters, the entire team, and Buchi Babu garu for supporting our trailer launch. I request the audience to bless our film in theatres.”

**CAST**

Ram Kiran, Megha

Akash, Rajendra Prasad, Brahmanandam, Satya, Subhalekha Sudhakar, Rajashree Nair, Racha Ravi, Giridhar, Tagubothu Ramesh, Bhadram and others.

**TECHNICAL CREW**

Writer & Director: Uday Sharma

Producer: H. Mahadev Goud

Music: Mani Sharma

Director of Photography (DOP): Madhu Dasari

Editor: Shashank Mali

Choreographers: Chinni Prakash, Bhanu, Vijay Polaki

Lyricist: Ananta Sriram

Art Director: P. S. Varma

Fights: Anji, Karthik

Executive Producer: Rohit Kumar Padmanabha

PRO: Madhu VR

Digital Promotions: Digital Dukanam

## The musical journey of Dhandoraa begins with the single “Pilla Song”

The first single from Dhandoraa, titled “Pilla Song”, has been released, giving audiences their first musical glimpse of the film. Composed by Mark K Robin under the T-Series label, the track features vocals by Aditi Bhavaraju and Anurag Kulkarni, with lyrics written by Purna Chari. Within the film, the song marks a gentle emotional shift - the moment when the girl indirectly accepts the boy’s love proposal, expressed not through dramatic declaration but through subtle warmth and unspoken acknowledgement.

The track leans into

a soft folk rhythm, keeping the melody approachable and easy to carry. The lyrics maintain a warm conversational quality, giving the tune an immediate emotional connection. JD Master’s choreography follows a restrained design, built around neat movements and a simple hook step that fits the song’s tenderness. In the lyrical video, Ravi Krishna and Manika Chikkala bring this moment alive with understated performances - clean timing, balanced coordination, and a natural chemistry that keeps the sequence sincere rather than showy. Their body language and softened expressions allow the song’s emo-

tional acceptance to unfold organically, giving the moment its quiet charm.

As the film continues its promotional rollout, Dhandoraa maintains the clarity of craft that has gradually become its signature. Written and directed by Murali Kanth Devasoth and produced by Ravindra Benerjee Muppaneni under Loukya Entertainments, the film features Shivaji, Navdeep, Nandu, and Bindu Madhavi, supported by Ravi Krishna, Manika, Mounika Reddy, Raadhya, and Muralidhar Goud. With cinematography by Venkat R. Shakamuri, editing by Sruthi Adusumilli, overseas release by Atharvana Bhad-



rakali Pictures and a creative team focused on sincerity and

grounded storytelling, Dhandoraa moves steadily to-

ward its worldwide release on 25 December 2025.

## Bandhu Mithrula Abhinandhanalatho? Trivikram–Venkatesh Film Title Buzz

A fresh wave of excitement is building in Bollywood as director Trivikram Srinivas and Victory Venkatesh prepare to join forces once again for a new entertainer. The project, backed by Haarika & Hassine Creations, is gaining strong traction even before going on floors, thanks to an intriguing title circulating online.

The title Bandhu Mithrula Abhinandhanalatho has been doing the rounds on

social media over the past few days, with widespread speculation that this could indeed be the film’s final title. Though the makers have remained tight-lipped, industry chatter suggests that the official announcement may be just around the corner. The unusual and attention-grabbing title has already sparked conversations among fans, raising curiosity about the film’s theme and Trivikram’s approach this time.



Meanwhile, the casting has also added to the buzz. KGF actress Srinidhi Shetty has reportedly been finalised as the female

lead, marking her next major Telugu project. Her pairing with Venkatesh is expected to offer a refreshing on-screen

dynamic.

The production team is gearing up for the shoot, which is planned to commence in mid-December. At present, Venkatesh is occupied with a song shoot alongside Chiranjeevi for the film Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (MSG). Once he wraps up that schedule, he will shift his focus to the Trivikram project.

Adding to the excitement is the involvement of Harshavardhan

Rameshwar, who will be composing the music. Known for his impactful scores, his collaboration with Trivikram and Venkatesh promises an engaging musical experience.

With the official title announcement expected soon and the shoot set to begin shortly, fans can look forward to more updates in the coming days. Stay tuned for further details on this much-awaited entertainer.

## Akhanda 2 Clears Censor; Grand Event on December 5



The much-awaited mass entertainer Akhanda 2, bringing back the powerful combination of Nandamuri Balakrishna and director Boyapati Srinu, is inching closer to its theatrical release. The film, which has been creating strong buzz across Telugu states, has successfully completed its censor formalities.

The censor board has granted the film a U/A certificate, confirming that Akhanda 2 will once again showcase Balakrishna’s signature high-voltage action, intense drama, and power-packed mass sequences—elements that defined the blockbuster success of the first installment. The certificate has further heightened expecta-

tions among fans who have been eagerly waiting for Balayya’s return in this larger-than-life avatar.

The makers have locked December 5, 2025, for the film’s worldwide release. With promotions already gaining momentum, the team is gearing up for a grand pre-release mass event on the same day, promising electrifying moments and solid fanfare. Such events are a trademark for Balakrishna’s films, often turning into massive celebrations for his large and devoted fan base.

In Akhanda 2, Balakrishna will reprise his dual roles, reportedly bringing even more intensity and emotional depth to the characters. His por-

trayal of the fierce Ag-hora character in the first film became a cultural phenomenon, and fans are looking forward to witnessing an even more powerful screen presence in the sequel.

Director Boyapati Srinu, known for his mass-appeal filmmaking style, has shaped the sequel to deliver heightened drama, elevated action sequences, and spiritually charged moments. With the censor formalities now completed and the release date locked, the stage is set for another festival for NBK fans.

All eyes are on December 5 as Akhanda 2 promises to bring back the roaring energy of Balakrishna in a full-fledged mass spectacle.