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# CM Revanth Reddy Highlights Khammam’s Role in Telangana Development

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, addressing a gathering at Kothagudem, underscored Khammam district’s crucial role in supporting the Congress and the Telangana statehood movement. He highlighted the district’s significant contributions in past elections and its continued importance in regional development.

The CM recalled the recent foundation laying of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Earth University, emphasizing the historic significance of the institution. “We have named the university after former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to honor his role in fulfilling Telangana’s long-standing aspirations. This region, Kothagudem, inspired the Telangana movement and now stands as a symbol of its educational and developmental progress,” he said.

Chief Minister Reddy also acknowledged the contributions of farmers who provided hundreds of acres of land for the Kothagudem Thermal Power Station. “Despite their sacrifices, employment opportunities were largely given to people from other regions, which initially fueled the Telangana movement. Today, we ensure the district receives the recognition and resources it deserves,” he added.

Highlighting the impor-



tance of education, the CM stressed that institutions like the Earth University are vital for nurturing skilled professionals, especially for industries such as Singareni Collieries. He also outlined government initiatives to utilize the Krishna and Godavari river waters efficiently for irrigation, ensuring the fertility of Khammam’s agricultural lands.

Addressing infrastructure and welfare, Reddy criticized previous administrations for neglecting irrigation projects over the past decade, which left the district’s farmers without adequate water supply. “As Chief Minister, I take personal responsibility for approving funds and ensuring the development of Khammam district. Whether it is ration card distribution, supply of seeds, Indiramma houses, or Indiramma sarees, all these welfare programs have been implemented starting from Khammam,” he noted. The CM emphasized good governance as the foundation of effective public service. “When governance is strong, citizens benefit from free electricity, ration supplies, quality seeds, housing, and clothing initiatives.

This is why we must select capable village leaders—Sarpanches—who will collaborate effectively with ministers and ensure the progress of their communities,” he said.

Reddy urged the people to transcend political divisions and work collectively for development. “In villages, political factions must be set aside. Stand united and committed to progress. Together, we can position Telangana as a leading state in the country,” he added.

Throughout his speech, CM Revanth Reddy highlighted Khammam’s pivotal role in the Telangana movement and the state’s development, stressing the importance of education, welfare, infrastructure, and community leadership. His address called for continued public participation and cooperation among elected representatives and citizens to realize the vision of a prosperous Telangana.



## Minister Sridhar Babu Reviews Preparations for Telangana Rising Global Summit at Future City

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

Minister Sridhar Babu conducted a comprehensive review of the Telangana Rising Global Summit preparations at Future City, ensuring that all arrangements are in place ahead of the much-anticipated event scheduled for December 8 and 9. The Minister held a special review meeting at the summit venue with senior officials from the Chief Secretary’s office and other key departments, providing detailed directions and guidance to ensure flawless execution. During the inspection, Sridhar Babu personally assessed the arrangements across the venue and offered practical suggestions and recommendations to officials for improving efficiency and guest experience.

Officials were instructed to complete all pending work by December 5, followed by a dry run on December 6, ensuring that no aspect of the summit



faces operational glitches. Sridhar Babu emphasized that the summit should be conducted in a manner that highlights Telangana’s global brand, drawing international attention to the state’s achievements and development initiatives.

The Minister also stressed inter-departmental coordination, instructing all officials to work seamlessly across different sections, leaving no room for errors or lapses. Each department was assigned specific responsibilities, and Sridhar Babu conducted a progress review, ensuring that all tasks

for innovation, investment, and cultural exchange. Sridhar Babu emphasized that the event should leave a lasting impression on international delegates, promoting the state’s vision for economic growth, sustainable development, and global collaboration.

The Telangana Rising Global Summit is expected to feature delegates from across the world, state leaders, and industry experts, showcasing the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document. Minister Sridhar Babu’s inspection underscores the government’s focus on meticulous planning, ensuring that the summit meets international standards and demonstrates Telangana’s organizational and developmental capabilities.

Officials participating in the review expressed their commitment to implementing the Minister’s directives and achieving a flawless execution of the summit, further strengthening Telangana’s image as a globally progressive state.

## BJP Telangana Chief Ramchander Rao Slams CM Revanth Reddy’s Remarks; Accuses Congress of Spreading Lies

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025

BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao strongly condemned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s recent remarks that the Congress government would “bury the BJP politically” if the Centre refused to release funds for the proposed Future City project. Addressing the media at the party’s state headquarters, Rao

accused the ruling Congress of resorting to deliberate misinformation and fear-mongering to cover up its failures.

Rao said the Congress government, in the past two years of its rule, had “achieved nothing substantial” and had failed to deliver on the promises made to the people. “Corruption has increased under the Congress regime. Just like the previous BRS government, this government too has become a symbol of ad-

ministrative failure,” he alleged.

He added that the Congress government had failed across key sectors such as health, education, and development. “This is why the people are preparing to uproot the Revanth Reddy administration,” he stated.

Future City Issue: “State Must Plan Before Blaming the Centre”

Countering the Congress’ charges regarding the lack of Central funds for the Future City pro-

ject, Rao questioned whether the state government had even prepared a proper plan before demanding assistance. “Urban planning is primarily a state subject. Instead of doing their homework, the Congress only knows how to point fingers at the Centre,” he said.

He noted that the Union government had never withheld funds under national schemes like AMRUT, Smart City Mission, or Swachh Bharat,

and criticized the Congress for attempting to mislead the public.

National Herald Case: BJP Denies Misuse of Agencies

Responding to Congress allegations that the BJP filed politically motivated cases against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald money laundering case, Rao refuted the claims. He stated that the Supreme Court-monitored investigation had already brought out sig-

nificant evidence regarding alleged corruption and benami properties linked to the Gandhi-Nehru family.

“National Herald became an ATM for the Gandhi family,” he asserted, calling on Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi to face the inquiry process.

Questions Raised Over Congress Governance

Rao questioned the Congress government’s silence on key public issues:

Why hasn’t fee reimbursement for students been released?

Why are retired employees still waiting for their pensions?

Why are Aarogyasri dues pending?

Why are Rythu Bandhu payments delayed?

Why has rural development been neglected?

“Revanth Reddy must answer these questions instead of running a false propaganda campaign against the Centre,” he stated.



## CM Revanth Reddy Vows Support to Gandhi Family, Highlights Welfare Initiatives and Telangana Rising Vision

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

At the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) executive meeting, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed strong support for Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, condemning the recent illegal cases filed against them in the National Herald matter. He described the Gandhi family as a symbol of sacrifice and patriotism, noting that they had started the National Herald newspaper with their own assets and played a pivotal role in India’s freedom struggle.

The Chief Minister emphasized that Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have financially supported the families of National Herald employees, and that the newspaper’s revival required the appointment of board directors, including senior Congress leaders like Mallikarjun Kharge, with no government funds involved. He stated that the money laundering case against the Gandhi family was an attempt to divert public attention from Rahul Gandhi’s Vote Chori campaign across the country.

Reddy reaffirmed Congress’s commitment to stand by the Gandhi family and send a clear message to Prime Min-



ister Narendra Modi, pledging to fight if necessary. He highlighted the party’s responsibility to make Rahul Gandhi the next Prime Minister of India.

Focusing on welfare, the Chief Minister detailed ongoing public schemes under the state government, including the Indiramma saree distribution, which has brought joy to women across Telangana. He instructed district presidents to ensure complete distribution of 65 lakh sarees to rural women by December and 35 lakh to urban women by March, emphasizing coordinated, village-level outreach.

Reddy also elaborated on Telangana’s long-term development strategy under the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document, which aims for a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047. The state will be developed into three distinct regions: Core Urban Region Economy (CURE), Peri Urban Region Economy (PURE), and Rural Agricultural Region Economy (RARE). Plans

include relocating polluting industries, establishing new airports, a dry port, the Hyderabad-Bangalore Greenfield Highway, and a bullet train sanctioned by the central government.

Announcing initiatives for Osmania University, he said funds will be allocated at a public meeting on December 7 to elevate the institution to international standards. He also mentioned the Telangana Rising Global Summit scheduled for December 8 and 9, where the Vision Document will be formally unveiled.

Reddy urged Congress leaders to actively communicate welfare programs and developmental achievements to the public, stressing coordination and responsibility. He reminded officials that district leadership carries significant accountability, and negligence would not be tolerated, while encouraging unity and perseverance in political and developmental efforts.

## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Reviews Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document, Gives Key Instructions at War Room

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Tuesday visited the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document War Room, set up at Praja Bhavan, to review the ongoing work and progress of committees tasked with drafting the Vision Document and ensuring the success of the upcoming Global Summit at Bharat Future City on December 8 and 9.

During the visit, Deputy CM Bhatti held an in-depth discussion on the development of the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document and evaluated the functioning of various committees formed to manage the summit. These committees include Invitation, Hospitality, Venue, Logistics, Transport, Programme, Cultural Events, Communication, and Digital Media Communication, all critical for the smooth organization of the global event.

The Deputy CM conducted a detailed review meeting with the chairpersons and team members of each com-



mittee, assessing progress, identifying bottlenecks, and ensuring that the work aligns with the vision and standards set for the summit. Following the review, he personally visited each department, interacted with the teams, and enquired about the ongoing work as well as the accommodations and support being provided to the staff.

On the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized the need to accelerate work while maintaining quality and clarity in every aspect of the Vision Document preparation and summit arrangements. He highlighted that the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document aims to outline the state’s roadmap for achieving long-term economic, social, and cultural milestones and must be meticulously prepared.

Deputy CM Bhatti has been regularly holding meetings in the War Room over the past few days to monitor the preparation and ensure

timely completion of all tasks related to the Vision Document.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had visited the War Room on Monday evening to personally review the progress. From Wednesday onward, other ministers are also scheduled to visit the War Room to oversee and guide the work of the various teams.

Senior officials, including Savyasachi Ghosh, Sanjay Kumar, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Ajith Reddy, and Government Media Advisor Sriram Karri, participated in the review meeting, providing updates and reports on the ongoing tasks.

The Deputy CM concluded by instructing officials to ensure that the Vision Document and all preparations for the Global Summit meet international standards, reflecting Telangana’s ambition to achieve sustainable growth and global recognition by 2047.



# Registering FIR Against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi Is Political Vendetta: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Hyderabad: Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao strongly condemned the filing of a fresh FIR against senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case. Calling it an act of political vendetta, the minister said such actions reflect the misuse of investigative agencies to target opposition leaders who are fighting for the people and the nation's democratic future.

In a statement issued on Monday, Minister Krishna Rao said that expressing dissent or holding alternative political views is not a crime in a democracy. Targeting leaders for their political ideology or activism is unacceptable and undermines the very principles upon which democratic institutions stand.

He noted that Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have been consistently working to safeguard democratic values, uphold constitutional principles, and raise issues concerning the welfare of citizens. "Registering cases against leaders who dedicate their lives to the people's cause is an attempt to weaken the public trust in the Congress Party. This is a deliber-

ate and politically motivated move to suppress their voice," he said.

The minister asserted that such intimidation tactics will not succeed, as the people of India stand firmly with the Congress and its leadership. "The Congress Party has always fought for justice and equality. Attempts to malign its leaders will not deter the party from its commitment to democracy. Ultimately, justice will prevail," he added.

Jupally Krishna Rao demanded that the government immediately withdraw what he called unjust and baseless actions, urging authorities to respect India's democratic framework and constitutional integrity. He emphasized that weaponizing law enforcement agencies against political opponents threatens the credibility of institutions and weakens public confidence in governance.

"Democracy thrives when dissent is respected and diverse views are encouraged. These politically motivated FIRs are a direct attack on these values," he said.

The minister appealed to citizens and democratic forces to remain vigilant and safeguard the country's democratic ethos against such attempts at suppression.



# TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Highlights Local Poll Preparations, Welfare Initiatives, and Party Coordination

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

At the TPCC executive meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan, Congress State Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud outlined key strategies for strengthening the party ahead of local body elections and highlighted achievements under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy.

Goud emphasized the importance of district-level coordination, noting that while district presidents hold a prominent role, their work contributes to the overall party structure. He highlighted that meticulous planning, in consultation with experienced AICC observers, ensures the selection of capable DCC presidents.

He underscored the CM and TPCC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan's efforts to address the concerns of marginalized communities, citing that under Rahul Gandhi's guidance, a comprehensive caste survey was conducted. This survey will also provide a foundation for upcoming central government population surveys, ensuring accurate representation of BC reservations and other community benefits.

Goud highlighted the developmental initiatives executed over the past two years under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership. He noted that Rs. 1.8 lakh crore investments have been brought into the state, with major welfare schemes reaching citizens across Telangana. He contrasted this with the previous KCR regime, which left



the state in debt, asserting that the Congress government has revitalized governance through efficient coordination.

Referring to electoral successes, he mentioned the Jubilee Hills bypoll victory as evidence of effective teamwork and party outreach. He urged local leaders to maintain grassroots connections, explaining welfare programs such as the Indiramma housing scheme and women- and poor-centric initiatives, to communicate their benefits directly to the public.

Goud also stressed the importance of addressing pending internal issues, including filling vacant corporation posts and working president positions, as well as tackling misinformation spread on social media. He encouraged leaders to focus on vote-related irregularities, local governance, and continued public awareness campaigns about welfare and development.

The TPCC chief reinforced that recognition and leadership positions come to those who dedicate years of effort, stressing that commitment, coordination, and attention to public service remain paramount. He concluded by asserting that the KCR era has ended, and the party will continue to strengthen governance and electoral preparedness, ensuring citizens benefit from development and welfare initiatives while reinforcing Congress's credibility in Telangana.



# BJP Leader Maheshwar Reddy Slams HILT Policy; Demands Detailed Clarification from Telangana Government

Nirmal, 02 December 2025

BJP Legislature Party (BJLP) leader Maheshwar Reddy strongly criticised the Telangana Government's newly introduced HILT Policy, calling it "flawed, irresponsible, and a gateway to a massive land-loot scam worth nearly 6.29 lakh crore". His remarks were made on Monday in response to Industries Minister Sridhar Babu's statement defending the policy.

Maheshwar Reddy reiterated that he has been consistently accusing the government of facilitating a large-scale land scam under the guise of the HILT Policy, which permits the conversion of 9,292 acres across 22 industrial zones in Hyderabad into multi-use zones. He recalled challenging the Minister to prove that the policy is corruption-free, even stating that he would resign from his MLA post if proven wrong.

### BJP Delegation Meets Governor

Following a BJP delegation's visit to the Governor, seeking interven-

tion to stop the implementation of the policy, Minister Sridhar Babu issued clarifications stating that only freehold properties with sale deeds would be eligible for conversion, not lands under lease. He further defended the policy as an environmentally driven initiative aimed at reducing pollution in Hyderabad.

Maheshwar Reddy, however, dismissed the Minister's explanation as "incomplete and evasive," accusing him of sidestepping crucial questions raised by opposition parties and environmental experts.

### Key Questions Raised by the BJP Leader

Maheshwar Reddy demanded clear answers from the government regarding:

- Total acreage under government lease vs. private freehold inside the 22 industrial zones.
- Whether any environmental study or expert committee report exists proving these industries are pollution-causing.
- How residential townships can be

permitted next to polluting industries.

- Where the government plans to relocate industries that may be forced to move to the ORR region.
- Whether industries shifted out will have access to alternative land and whether they will continue operations.

He argued that converting industrial land into real-estate projects without addressing these concerns would threaten public health, especially in areas where chemical waste has been seeping into the soil for decades, contaminating groundwater.

### Concerns Over Pricing and Conversion Norms

Reddy questioned why the government is allowing conversion at just 30% of the Sub-Registrar Office (SRO) value, ignoring the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) pricing, which is reportedly three times higher.

Citing official figures, he stated:

- Market value of land in these indus-



trial zones averages 68 crore per acre.

- The total market value of 9,292 acres is approximately 6.29 lakh crore.
- Yet, the government would earn only 5,000 crore under SRO-based conversion.

"This means the government is practically handing over land worth crores for just 54 lakh per acre. What else

is this, if not a massive corruption scheme?" he asked.

### Comparison with the Previous BRS Government

Minister Sridhar Babu cited the earlier BRS Government's GRID Policy, which granted freehold rights in certain Hyderabad industrial areas and allegedly undervalued prime properties. Maheshwar Reddy, howev-

er, accused the Congress government of repeating the same "land-loot model," stating:

"If BRS opened windows for land fraud, the Congress government is now breaking down the walls."

He also questioned why the Congress government has not ordered a probe into GRID Policy irregularities, suggesting a "political

match-fixing arrangement between Congress and BRS."

### Demand for Assembly Discussion

Maheshwar Reddy alleged that influential individuals close to the ruling party had already entered into agreements with industrial landowners even before the HILT Policy was approved. He warned that such ac-

tions raise suspicion of insider trading and quid-pro-quo deals.

He demanded that the government convene an Assembly session immediately to allow a detailed discussion on the HILT Policy.

As Legislative Affairs Minister, he urged Sridhar Babu to convince Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to hold a special session.

## Telangana Jagruti Holds Blood Donation Camp in Memory of Telangana Martyrs

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Under the aegis of the Telangana Jagruti Health Department, a blood donation camp was organized at the Jagruti Office to honor the memory of Telangana martyrs. The camp was inaugurated by Smt. Kalvakuntla Kavita, President of Telangana Jagruti, who also led by example by donating blood.

The initiative aimed to promote public awareness about the importance of blood donation and encourage citizens to contribute to life-saving causes. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Kavita emphasized that blood donation is not only a

noble act but also a way to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the state's martyrs.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from Telangana Jagruti members and volunteers, reflecting the organization's commitment to social welfare and public health. Organizers highlighted that such initiatives help strengthen community engagement while addressing critical health needs in the region.

The event marked a meaningful tribute to Telangana martyrs while simultaneously fostering a culture of service and compassion among the people.



## TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Pays Tribute to Late CM Marri Chenna Reddy

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

On the occasion of the death anniversary of the former united Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy, TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud offered floral tributes at Dr. Reddy's memorial in Indira Park. Following the tribute, he participated in the commemorative session, sharing his personal experiences and reflections on the late leader's exemplary life and public service.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed deep admiration for Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy, stating, "I proudly acknowledge him as a family member figure. He treated me like one of his own sons. With his guidance and discussions with PV Narasimha Rao, I was able to secure my ticket as a legislator."

He added, "In my life, I have yet to see a leader with the vision, foresight, and leadership qualities akin to Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy. He was not only

an exceptional visionary but also one of the rarest political minds our country has witnessed. His expertise in governance and policy matters was unparalleled."

Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted Dr. Reddy's administrative acumen and commitment to public welfare, noting that the late leader had brought honor to the gubernatorial position he held. "Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy's services to the state, his forward-looking approach

to development, his skillful administration, and his immense love for the people will always remain a source of inspiration," he remarked.

The commemorative session also saw members of the TPCC and local citizens paying their respects, recalling the late leader's significant contributions to state development and the welfare of the people.

Through the floral tribute and the memorial event, Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized

the enduring legacy of Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy, underscoring the values of visionary leadership, dedication to public service, and unwavering commitment to the progress of the state.

The event reaffirmed the high regard in which the late Chief Minister is held across political and social spheres, serving as a reminder of his pivotal role in shaping the region's political and developmental landscape.



## Parliament Has Turned Into a 'Drama Centre': MP Mallu Ravi Slams NDA for Evading SIR Debate

December 02, New Delhi: Nagar Kurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi strongly criticized the NDA government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that Parliament has been reduced to a "drama centre" instead of functioning as a democratic platform for serious discussions. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday, he accused the government of deliberately evading a debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) issue despite repeated demands by MPs of the INDIA bloc.

Dr. Ravi said that members of the INDIA alliance have been consistently urging the government to allow a full-fledged discussion on SIR, which has serious implications for federal governance and the rights of several states. "Every time we demand a debate, the House is adjourned. What does the government fear? Why is the NDA scared of answering questions in Parliament?" he asked.

He added that instead of addressing

concerns raised by the opposition, the Prime Minister dismisses their efforts by calling them 'drama'.

"Is raising questions on behalf of the people considered drama? What kind of democracy is this? Parliament is meant for debate, discussion, and accountability. But the government is silencing every attempt of the opposition," Mallu Ravi said. Highlighting the growing resistance against SIR, the MP pointed out that several Chief Ministers across the country have openly opposed the measure.

"West Bengal Chief Minister is leading a strong fight against SIR. Not just Bengal—Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana CMs have also expressed their opposition. When so many states are against it, why is the NDA government pushing it without debate? If a discussion is held, the truth will come out before the people, and that's exactly what the government wants to avoid," he said.

Dr. Ravi condemned the behaviour of ruling party MPs during

Question Hour, alleging that they frequently interrupt and insult opposition members. He argued that the government is misusing its majority to bulldoze bills without proper parliamentary procedure.

"For the last two days, Parliament has not functioned even for an hour. This is a waste of public money and a betrayal of democratic responsibility. The NDA government has lost the moral right to run Parliament," he asserted.

Targeting Prime Minister Modi directly, he said, "In two days, the Prime Minister has not attended even a single minute of the parliamentary session. Is this the respect he has for Parliament? If the government cannot run the House, then step aside. Others will run it."

Mallu Ravi concluded by stating that SIR will impact 12 states, and the opposition will take the issue to the people. "We will explain the dangers of SIR and continue our fight on behalf of the citizens," he declared.





Intoxicated Woman Creates Public Disturbance in Qutbullapur, Safely Taken to Hospital

Qutbullapur, December 2, 2025:

In a late-night incident that drew public attention, an intoxicated woman created a significant disturbance in the Qutbullapur Police Station jurisdiction of Qutbullapur. The incident occurred near Shapur Nagar Chowrasta, where motorists were reportedly harassed and intimidated by her erratic behavior. According to eyewitness reports, the woman was visibly intoxicated and engaged in aggressive actions, including gesturing rudely at passing vehicles, causing alarm among commuters.

A local social worker who observed the incident promptly contacted the police, highlighting the urgency of the situation. Acting swiftly, the authorities deployed a team to the location to ensure the safety of both the public and the woman involved. Upon arrival, the police assessed the situation and con-



firmed that the woman was under the influence of alcohol and acting in a manner that posed potential risks to herself and others.

The woman was later identified as Indu (30), a resident of Roadamistri Nagar. She was reportedly in a highly agitated state, making it difficult for bystanders to intervene safely. Given the circumstances, the police requested assistance from 108 emergency services, who arrived promptly to

help transport the woman to a nearby hospital for medical evaluation and treatment. Officials confirmed that the intervention was carried out with care, prioritizing her health while preventing further public disruption.

Police authorities have emphasized that incidents of public disturbance caused by intoxicated individuals are serious and require immediate action to ensure public safety. They urged res-

idents to remain vigilant and report any similar incidents promptly to prevent potential accidents or injuries.

This incident highlights the importance of community vigilance and quick response in ensuring public safety. The cooperation between citizens, social workers, and law enforcement played a key role in resolving the situation without harm to the woman or the public. The police have assured that they will continue to monitor areas prone to such incidents and take appropriate measures to prevent recurrence.

While the woman is currently under medical care, authorities are investigating the circumstances leading to the incident. Officials reiterated that public safety remains their top priority and thanked the social worker for reporting the disturbance promptly, which helped avoid any escalation of the situation.

Serial Bike Thief Arrested in Madhapur; 13 Two-Wheelers Recovered

Hyderabad, Cyberabad: The Madhapur Police on Tuesday arrested a habitual bike thief and recovered as many as 13 stolen two-wheelers, bringing an end to a series of vehicle thefts that had been troubling residents across multiple areas. According to the Cyberabad Police, the accused, identified as Kumarayya (37), hails from Telakapally in Nagarkurnool district. He had been residing in the Madhapur area for some time and was systematically targeting motorcycles and scooters that were left unlocked outside apartments, hostels, and commercial buildings.

Police officials revealed that the suspect would roam around late in the night and early morning hours, specifically looking for vehicles that had not been secured with handle locks or additional safety devices.

Once he identified a bike left unattended, he would quickly move it away from the scene and later alter its appearance or sell it to unsuspecting buyers.

The breakthrough in the case came when the Madhapur Law & Order team was conducting routine vehicle checks in Ayyappa Society on Monday night. Officers noticed the accused moving suspiciously with a motorcycle. When questioned, he failed to produce valid documents and appeared nervous. This led police to take him into custody for further interrogation.

During questioning, he reportedly confessed to multiple thefts carried out over the past several months. Acting on the information he provided, police traced and recovered a total of 13 stolen motorcycles from various locations.



Investigations revealed that the accused is a repeat offender with a long criminal history. Out of the 13 cases registered against him:

10 cases were filed at the Madhapur Police Station,

3 additional cases were registered at Nagarkurnool, Kukatpally, and KPHB police stations.

Authorities confirmed that the recovered bikes belong to residents from different localities who had earlier lodged complaints about missing vehicles.

Speaking about the arrest, Madhapur Police officials stated that increased patrolling and strict vehicle checks in busy residential areas helped in nabbing the offender. They also appealed to the public to ensure that two-wheelers are always secured with proper locks, especially in regions with high mobility and floating population.

The accused has been remanded to judicial custody, and further investigation is underway to ascertain if more persons were involved in the thefts or if additional stolen vehicles are yet to be traced.

Police officials reiterated their commitment to curbing property-related crimes and assured that special teams have been deployed to monitor hotspots where such thefts are frequently reported.

Financial Assistance for Sports Training – Constable Charan Receives 75,000 Support from Excise Commissioner

Hyderabad 02 November 2025

The Prohibition and Excise Department has extended financial assistance to Constable Charan, who has been excelling in the sport of wrestling while serving in the Excise STF C-Team. On Tuesday, Prohibition & Excise Commissioner C. Hari Kiran presented a cheque of 75,000 to Charan as encouragement for his continued training and participation in national-level competitions.

Constable Charan has been consistently performing with distinction in the wrestling arena. In the 2025 Telangana State Wrestling Championships, he showcased exceptional skill and secured the Silver Medal, finishing in the second position.

Earlier, during the 2024-2025 All India Services Wrestling Tournaments, Charan represented the department at the national level and achieved third place, earning widespread appreciation for his talent, discipline, and dedication.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Hari Kiran said the financial support has been sanctioned to help Charan purchase essential wrestling equipment and enhance his training as he prepares for the 2025-2026 All India Services



Wrestling Championships. He wished Charan great success and encouraged him to perform even better in the upcoming competitions.

The Commissioner expressed confidence that Charan would win medals

at the national level and bring greater recognition to the Excise Department. He advised the constable to continue his hard work, maintain rigorous training, and strive for excellence in the sport.

In addition, Commissioner Hari Kiran instructed In-charge Additional Commissioner Khureshi to examine the possibility of granting increments or special incentives to employees of the Excise Department who excel in sports while fulfilling their official duties. He directed that a proposal be drafted and sent to the government for consideration.

STF Raids ‘Ganja Don’ Neetubai’s House in Nanakramguda



Hyderabad, 02 November 2025

In a major crackdown on illegal narcotics trade, the Special Task Force (STF) conducted surprise raids at the residence of the notorious “Ganja Don” Neetubai in Nanakramguda on Tuesday. Acting on credible information that large-scale marijuana sales were being carried out from the premises, the STF B-Team launched an operation led by Team Leader Pradeep Rao, along with CIBikshap Reddy, SIBalaraju, and other police personnel.

According to officials, the team surrounded the house in the late hours and carried out intensive searches, during which they uncov-

ered substantial quantities of prohibited substances. The officers seized 786 grams of ganja, 110 beer and breezer bottles, a motorbike reportedly used in transportation, and 60,890 in cash, which is believed to be the proceeds from recent drug sales.

Police revealed that during the raid, they apprehended Govind, Durgesh, and Durga Prasad, the son of Neetubai. Preliminary interrogation indicated that the accused had been procuring ganja from Odisha and distributing it across different localities of Hyderabad. Investigators stated that this was not an isolated incident but part of an ongoing network operating for several months.

STF Team Leader Pradeep Rao said the arrests were made based on solid intelligence inputs and surveillance. He further explained that the offenders had developed a systematic method of transporting the contraband from Odisha, storing it at Neetubai’s residence, and selling it through local agents. “The accused revealed during questioning that they had been sourcing the ganja from Odisha suppliers. We have seized all the illegal substances, alcohol bottles, and cash recovered during the operation,” he said.

Officials confirmed that all seized materials along with the arrested individuals have been

handed over to the Serilingampally Excise Station for further investigation. The Excise authorities are now probing to identify the broader network and the suppliers involved in transporting the narcotics from interstate sources.

Authorities believe that Neetubai, widely known in the area for her involvement in illegal activities, may have played a key role in facilitating the drug operations. However, as she was not present during the raid, efforts are underway to locate her and gather more evidence about her involvement in the trafficking racket.

Police officials stressed that the crackdown

sends a strong warning to drug peddlers operating within the city. The STF has intensified surveillance in sensitive areas and assured that more raids will follow in the coming days. “We are committed to eliminating illegal drug networks and ensuring that such activities do not harm the youth and communities,” an official stated.

Residents of the locality expressed shock over the incident, as the scale of the drug operation was larger than previously suspected. Many appreciated the swift action taken by the STF and hoped that continued enforcement would improve safety in the area.

Notorious House Burglary Offender Arrested in Hyderabad; Gold and Silver Recovered

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025:

The Bandlaguda Police, under the Chandrayangutta Division, South East Zone, have successfully apprehended a notorious house burglary offender and recovered significant quantities of stolen valuables, including gold and silver ornaments.

The operation follows a complaint filed on September 6, 2025, by Sri Shwanaz Mirza, a resident of Quba Colony, Bandlaguda, regarding a house theft that involved both gold ornaments and cash. A case was registered under Crime No.306/2025 at P.S. Bandlaguda, under Sections 305 and 331(4) of the BNS Act,

2023. The police launched a detailed investigation into the matter, keeping a close watch on suspected offenders.

On December 1, 2025, the Bandlaguda Police arrested Mohammed Saleem, also known as Sunil Shetty, Ibrahim, or Setty Saleem, aged 52, residing at Ali Nagar, near Sayeed Palace, Balapur, Hyderabad. Saleem, a repeat offender, had previously been involved in nearly 150 house burglary cases, and his name was already on the police suspect list maintained at P.S. Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad. Saleem has a history of detentions under the Preventive Detention Act, having been taken into custody in 2018 from

P.S. Kanchanbagh and again in 2021 from P.S. Falaknuma. Earlier this year, he was sent to judicial custody from P.S. Bandlaguda in April 2025 and released in August 2025. After his release, he resumed his criminal activities, continuing to target houses in Hyderabad. During interrogation, Saleem confessed to three house burglary cases in P.S. Bandlaguda and one case in P.S. Balapur. Acting on his confessional statements, the police successfully recovered 10 tulas of gold ornaments and 10 tulas of silver ornaments, valued at approximately Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten Lakhs).

The entire investigation and operation were

conducted under the direct supervision of Addl. DCP Sri Srikanth, South East Zone, Hyderabad City, Asst. Commissioner of Police A. Sudhakar, Chandrayangutta, and SHO R. Devender, along with DI S. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy of P.S. Bandlaguda. The swift action and dedication of Sub-Inspector K. Yadaiah and his crime team were commended for apprehending the accused, solving the cases, and recovering the stolen property efficiently.

The police have assured continued vigilance to prevent further burglaries in Hyderabad and urged residents to report suspicious activities immediately.

GHMC Headquarters Beautification Nearly Complete Ahead of December 4th Inauguration



Hyderabad, December 2, 2025: The beautification works at the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) headquarters are nearing completion, ahead of the planned inauguration on December 4.

The renovation and enhancement works in the GHMC premises include the installation of fountains, landscaping improvements, and the completion of painting works. Statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar have been refurbished and positioned prominently within the premises.

Officials are now carrying out the final touch-ups to ensure that the headquarters is fully prepared for the formal unveiling. The beautification project has been regularly monitored by GHMC Mayor G. Vijaya Lakshmi and Deputy Mayor Mote Srilatha Sobhan Reddy, along with senior municipal officials, who have inspected the progress on multiple occasions.

Preparations for the inauguration include arranging the fountain and landscaping displays, as well as the ceremonial unveiling of the

Gandhi and Ambedkar statues. The GHMC administration is taking special care to ensure that the premises reflect civic pride and provide an aesthetically pleasing environment for employees and visitors alike.

The December 4 inauguration is expected to mark the completion of the GHMC headquarters’ extensive beautification initiative, showcasing the corporation’s commitment to creating a welcoming and attractive civic space.



# Congress Extends Support to Family of Late Dubbha Roopa



## AICC In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Assure Assistance\*\*

Hyderabad: The Congress Party has pledged full support to the family of the late Dubbha Roopa, the Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress Vice President who passed away unexpectedly a few days ago. AICC in-charge for Tel-

angana, Meenakshi Natarajan, and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud personally assured Roopa's family that the party would stand firmly by them during this difficult time. On Tuesday, Roopa's daughter Satvika met Congress leaders at Gandhi Bhavan, accompanied by Telangana Mahila Congress President Sunitha Rao. The meeting, held as a gesture of condolence and solidarity, brought together senior Congress leaders who interacted with Satvika to understand the current situation of the grieving family. During the interac-

tion, Meenakshi Natarajan expressed deep sorrow over Roopa's sudden demise, stating that the loss was not just personal for the family but a significant loss for the party as well. She remembered Roopa as a committed and hardworking leader who consistently fought for women's rights and empowerment. "Roopa's dedication to the party and her efforts in strengthening the Mahila Congress will always be remembered. The Congress Party will ensure that her family does not feel abandoned," she assured. TPCC Chief Mahesh

Kumar Goud echoed her sentiments, reaffirming that the party was morally and organizationally committed to supporting Roopa's family. He stated that the Congress would explore every possible mechanism—both through the party and available government channels—to extend immediate and long-term assistance to the family. "Roopa worked tirelessly for the party's growth. Standing by her family in this hour of grief is our responsibility," he added. Mahila Congress leaders present at the meeting also expressed their

condolences and offered strength to Satvika, promising that they would continue to support her and the family whenever needed. They described Roopa as a dynamic leader whose contributions had left a lasting impact on women workers across the state. The meeting concluded with senior leaders reiterating their commitment to keeping Roopa's vision alive and continuing the initiatives she championed within the Mahila Congress. They emphasized that her ideals and dedication would serve as an inspiration for the cadre.

# BRS Launches Fact-Finding on 5 Lakh Crore Telangana Land Scam

Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has taken strong action to investigate the alleged land scam worth 5 lakh crore in Telangana. The controversy centers around the Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation Policy (HILTP), under which the state government is accused of transferring valuable industrial land to private individuals at rates far below the market value. In response, BRS, under the leadership of party president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), has mobilized fact-finding committees across the state to verify the situation on the ground and ensure transparency.



As part of this initiative, the party's Working President, K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), directed senior leaders to conduct comprehensive inspections of industrial estates across Telangana. The committees are tasked with engaging local leaders, officials, and citizens to understand the actual allocation of land, compare the government-assigned prices with prevailing market values, and assess the impact of these allocations on public resources. KTR, through teleconferences with senior party members, former ministers, and MLAs, provided detailed instructions on the scope and objectives of these field inspections. During the teleconference, KTR strongly criticized the state government, alleging that land originally designated for industrial development and employment generation is now being repurposed under the "Multi-Use Zone" policy for real estate projects. He highlighted that approximately 9,300 acres of public land are being regularized at just 30 percent of the market value, potentially resulting in a loss of nearly 5 lakh crore of public wealth. While

the government claims it lacks space for housing schemes and even essential facilities like cremation grounds, valuable industrial land is reportedly being transferred to private entities, raising serious questions about the misuse of public assets. To conduct a thorough investigation, BRS has divided the industrial zones into eight clusters. Each cluster will be visited by senior party leaders along with local representatives to engage with communities and gather firsthand information. For example, Cluster 1 will be inspected under former minister Harish Rao, covering areas such as Pashmailaram, Patancheru, and Ramachandrapuram. Cluster 2, led by former minister Jagadish Reddy, will examine Nacharam, Mallapur, Uppal, and Cheralapally. KTR himself will lead inspections in Clusters 4, covering Ghatkesar and Kukatpally. Other clusters will be surveyed by senior leaders including Madhusudhana Chary, Sabita Indra Reddy, and Mahmood Ali. These inspections will document discrepancies between intended public use and the current land allocation.

tions while also identifying long-term development opportunities for the affected communities. The fact-finding committees are expected to submit detailed reports highlighting the extent of irregularities and the potential misuse of industrial land. The initiative aims to present an accurate picture of the HILTP land allocations to the public, expose alleged mismanagement, and ensure that state resources are preserved for public welfare. By engaging with citizens and local stakeholders, BRS seeks to safeguard public assets and demand accountability from the state government for transparent and responsible land management. Through these efforts, BRS has underscored its commitment to protecting public wealth, ensuring industrial land is used as intended, and preventing large-scale exploitation by private interests. The field inspections on December 3 and 4 are expected to provide crucial insights that will guide further party action and advocacy regarding the alleged HILTP land scam.

# Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews Pending Works, Urges Hyderabad Municipality to Become a Model Town

Hyderabad, December 2, 2025: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar convened a detailed review meeting with officials of the Husnabad Municipality, emphasizing the need to transform the town into a model municipality in the state. The Minister inspected the progress of ongoing and pending projects, including CC roads, drainage systems, community halls, and beautification of Ellamma Cheruvu, directing officials to expedite all works. During the meeting at the municipality office, Prabhakar expressed dissatisfaction over delays in project completion, warning contractors that strict action would be taken if the works were not completed on schedule. He instructed that the CC road projects be completed by December 31 and the Ellamma Cheruvu beautification and development works by March 31, 2026. The Minister also advised resolving technical issues hindering road work near Siddheshwar Temple without delay. The review included a de-

tailed assessment of community halls across various communities, including Padmashali, Goud, Banjara, Minority, Vaishya, Vaiswa Brahmin, Reddy, Munuru Kapu, Rajaka, and Yadav. Pending SC community hall projects were specifically highlighted, with instructions to commence construction immediately and complete them promptly. To monitor progress effectively, a three-member committee was formed comprising municipal officials along with representatives from the Revenue and R&B departments. The committee is tasked with submitting a report by December 15, which will help streamline pending and future works efficiently. Minister Prabhakar also directed that the road from Malle Tree junction to Ellamma Cheruvu be completed, and central lighting on all road dividers be installed. Trees on dividers should be maintained, and junctions should be enhanced with statues. He specifically instructed raising and beautifying the

Nehru statue and setting up a Children's Park with innovative play equipment. Additionally, he advised planting flowers in vacant spaces across the town, establishing a walking track, and decorating the Palle Cheruvu area with ornamental plants. Commending officials for effective drainage measures during recent heavy rainfall, he noted that no flooding occurred in the town thanks to timely interventions. The Minister also suggested establishing an open gym at the stadium and expressed optimism about the approval of a new ring road for Husnabad, which will further enhance urban development. The meeting was attended by RDO Ramamurthy, Municipal Commissioner Mallikharjun, and other key officials, all of whom received detailed instructions to ensure timely completion and quality execution of all municipal projects. Minister Prabhakar stressed that with coordinated efforts, Husnabad could set a benchmark for municipalities across Telangana.





# Modi In Tamil Nadu: A High-Voltage Start, But What About Past Baggage?



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-profile roadshow in Coimbatore on Tuesday is widely seen as the launch of the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) campaign for the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections. While the spectacle showcased the BJP's organisational strength, the underlying political terrain remains challenging for the party in a state that has long resisted its expansion. The biggest hurdles lie within the NDA itself. The AIADMK, the BJP's main ally in Tamil Nadu, continues to navigate internal divisions after the expulsions

of VK Sasikala, O Panneerselvam, and TTV Dhinakaran. The exit of two prominent Thevar community leaders has weakened the party's influence in western Tamil Nadu, traditionally an AIADMK stronghold. The recent removal of veteran leader KA Sengottaiyan adds further uncertainty. AIADMK's successive election losses in 2019, 2021, and 2024, two of them in alliance with the BJP, have reinforced perceptions of the national party's electoral isolation. Other NDA constituents face their own challenges. The Pattali Makkal Katchi

(PMK) is witnessing a leadership tussle between founder Dr S Ramadoss and his son Anbumani Ramadoss, raising the possibility of a split or internal competition. The Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK), once an ally, has yet to decide its political direction. Adding to the unpredictability is actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), debuting in 2026. Vijay has repeatedly positioned the BJP as an ideological opponent, ruling out any alliance and potentially attracting former NDA partners. The DMK, in contrast,

enters the election season from a position of continuity. Its alliance has remained intact through three consecutive victories. The party leans on welfare schemes, such as monthly Rs 1,000 support for women, free bus travel, and assistance for government-school college students, while highlighting faster double-digit economic growth. Politically, it continues to challenge the BJP on issues central to Tamil Nadu's identity, including NEET exemption, Hindi imposition, alleged financial discrimination, and the Keeladi

archaeological report, themes that resonate strongly with the electorate. Coimbatore, where Modi showcased the BJP's local presence, remains one of the few areas of firm support. The roadshow aims not just to energise cadres but also to test whether the BJP can recalibrate its approach to a state where national narratives often fail to gain traction. The outcome will reveal whether this spectacle can translate into tangible electoral momentum or remain a symbolic display in a still-challenging terrain.

# Bihar Polls Reignite Vote-Seat Debate



The recent Bihar elections have once again sparked discussions on the gap between vote share and seat share, with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) securing a majority of votes but far fewer seats than proportionality would suggest. Calls to shift India from the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system to Proportional Representation (PR) have gained traction. However, experts caution that PR carries significant drawbacks that may outweigh its perceived fairness.

Under India's FPTP system, voters choose individual candidates, and the candidate with the most votes in a constituency wins. Losing candidates receive no representation, even if their vote counts are nearly equal to the winner's. This system can create disparities between vote share and seat share but ensures that governments have a clear mandate.

By contrast, PR systems, where parties are awarded seats based on overall vote share, can produce highly proportional outcomes but often result in fragmented, unstable coalitions. Israel's experience illustrates this: governments are frequently formed through alliances of 20-30 parties, giving small or extremist factions disproportionate influence. Only nine out of 25 Israeli governments have completed a full term, raising questions about PR's effectiveness in a large and diverse country like India.

PR also weakens the link between legislators and voters. Candidates are elected based on party lists rather than personal constituencies, turning representatives into "rubber stamps" for party leadership. In India, where political parties already wield substantial power through mechanisms like the anti-defection law, such a shift could further diminish voter influence.

Additionally, PR incentivizes parties to appeal to narrow sections of the electorate, allowing fringe groups to gain influence without broad-based support. In India's diverse polity, this could amplify the role of extremist or sectarian parties, undermining governance and social cohesion.

Experts argue that the focus should instead be on strengthening the legitimacy of elections under FPTP. Measures such as ensuring the independence of the Election Commission, curbing electoral corruption, and reconsidering the anti-defection law are seen as critical steps to improve voter confidence. While mixed systems combining FPTP and proportional elements exist in countries like Germany, any electoral reform must consider India's unique political and social context.

The Bihar results highlight the tension between fairness and effectiveness in electoral systems, but analysts warn that adopting PR without addressing these structural issues could create more problems than it solves.

# Humane Solutions for Stray Dogs



As urban areas across India grapple with the growing stray dog population, experts emphasize that the solution lies in humane management rather than fear or culling. In neighbourhoods across Delhi, programmes focused on kindness, trust, and cooperation have demonstrated that reducing stray dog numbers humanely is not only possible but sustainable. Activists and veterinarians argue that community engagement is key. "The solution begins with building trust with animals, educating residents, and promoting responsible ownership," says animal welfare expert Sandeep Joshi. Neighbourhoods that implement structured sterilization, vaccination, and adoption programmes have seen tangible reductions in stray dog populations without resorting to inhumane methods. Sterilization and vaccination, commonly referred to as the ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme, have been pivotal. Dogs are cap-

tured, neutered or spayed, vaccinated against rabies, and then returned to their familiar areas. Studies from Delhi and other cities show that over time, this approach leads to a gradual decline in stray populations and reduces incidences of dog bites and disease transmission. Education also plays a crucial role. Communities that teach children and adults how to coexist with stray animals—feeding them safely, avoiding provocation, and reporting unwell animals—see fewer conflicts. "Fear and aggression stem from misunderstanding," says Navtej Johar, an animal rights advocate. "When people treat dogs with respect, dogs reciprocate with calm behaviour." Adoption drives and fostering initiatives further complement these strategies. Shelters and NGOs facilitate adoption of dogs that can be integrated into homes, while community volunteers provide temporary care for injured or vulnerable strays.

This dual approach—reducing numbers humanely while ensuring care for existing animals—balances population control with animal welfare. Critics of traditional culling methods point out that such practices fail to address the root causes of overpopulation. Dogs often return to the same areas, and without vaccination, rabies risks persist. Humane methods, by contrast, tackle both population growth and public health concerns, creating a safer environment for humans and animals alike. As cities expand and human-animal interactions increase, adopting a compassionate, evidence-based approach is essential. Humane population management is not a dream; it is a proven reality in many parts of Delhi. The challenge now lies in scaling these efforts nationwide, fostering awareness, and encouraging collaboration between residents, authorities, and welfare organisations.

# UP Government's Bid to Withdraw Akhlaq Case Raises Eyebrows



The Uttar Pradesh government's recent attempt to withdraw from the prosecution in the 2015 Mohammed Akhlaq lynching case has sparked widespread concern about political interference in justice. The lynching, in which Akhlaq was brutally killed by a mob over a baseless rumour, remains etched in public memory as a symbol of communal violence and the fragility of social harmony. Under Section 360 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), the state can recommend withdrawal from prosecution, but the law now requires that the court hear the victim's family before approving any such request. This safeguard ensures that the vic-

tim's voice remains central, preventing quiet administrative decisions that could undermine justice. Legal experts stress that the Akhlaq case is far from a routine matter. "A man was lynched in his own home. This is not a case that can be treated as dispensable when political winds change," said senior advocate Sanjay Hegde. The prosecution must weigh the evidence carefully and resist any attempts to serve political convenience. Past instances in UP, where withdrawal powers were allegedly used to shield senior political leaders, have raised doubts about the motivations behind such moves. The law now places a dual responsibility: prosecutors

must act independently, and judges must scrutinize withdrawal applications thoroughly, demanding full disclosure of reasons and assessing broader public impact. Courts have rejected similar requests in the past when motives were questionable, and a lynching case warrants even stricter scrutiny. For Akhlaq's family, the law offers a right to be heard, but the emotional and social burden is heavy. Opposing withdrawal forces them to reopen painful wounds, while accepting it would mean surrendering hope of a full trial, potentially sending a troubling message to victims of communal violence nationwide. Experts note that India's for-

mal withdrawal mechanism contrasts with systems like the U.S., where political influence on prosecutions is limited by structural and public oversight. In India, the onus falls heavily on prosecutors, judges, and now victims to safeguard justice. The Akhlaq case underscores the delicate balance between law and political power. Courts must ensure that any withdrawal is genuinely in public interest, not politically motivated, reaffirming that the justice system remains steadfast. Upholding prosecution in this case would signal that justice in India is not a seasonal exercise but a principle that stands firm, even under pressure.



# Parliament is a place for delivery, not drama: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday emphasized that Parliament should be a forum for results and constructive debate, not political theatrics, ahead of the Winter Session. Speaking to reporters outside the Parliament, he highlighted concerns over the increasing use of legislative proceedings as a platform for political posturing.

“Parliament is not a place for drama; it is a place for delivery,” Modi stated, criticizing the Opposition for turning the House into a “warm-up arena for elections” or an outlet for frustration following electoral setbacks. He urged lawmakers to prioritize responsibility and effective governance over political point-scoring.

Modi stressed that the Winter Session should serve as a stage for constructive discussions and policy-focused deliberations rather than repetitive arguments and theatrics. He offered to share insights with the Opposition on bringing positivity into politics, underscoring the need for a collaborative approach to legislative work that ben-



efits the nation.

The Prime Minister’s remarks come amid concerns over rising confrontations in Parliament in recent sessions, where disruptions have often delayed debates on key bills and policy matters. By calling for a focus on delivery, Modi reinforced the government’s mes-

sage that legislative work should prioritize citizens’ welfare and progress rather than partisan conflict.

Political analysts note that Modi’s comments reflect an ongoing push by the ruling party to streamline parliamentary business and reduce procedural disruptions, especially

during sessions dealing with major policy reforms and budgetary discussions.

Lawmakers from both sides will now be under public scrutiny to ensure that the Winter Session remains focused on governance and legislative efficiency, addressing pressing issues rather than

engaging in theatrics.

Modi concluded by reminding all parties that responsibility, dialogue, and results should define parliamentary work, signaling a push for a more mature and constructive political discourse as the nation prepares for crucial legislative decisions in the coming weeks.

## Shinde Urges Focus on Local Issues Ahead of Elections



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Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has urged political leaders and party workers to prioritize local issues in upcoming elections, downplaying recent allegations exchanged between him and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde’s rival factions. Speaking from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Shinde ac-

knowledgeed past disagreements, saying, “Yes, it’s true that I made allegations against the CM, and he also made allegations against me. But you need to understand that these elections are local elections, which are fought on very local issues and are fought by the local party workers.”

Shinde emphasized that while political differences

exist at the leadership level, local elections should focus on grassroots concerns rather than broader political disputes. “Big political issues do not need to be brought up in these local body elections,” he added, highlighting the importance of addressing the immediate needs of citizens through municipal and local governance.

Despite downplaying the conflicts, Shinde acknowledged the motivational role of senior leaders in election campaigns. He noted that party workers appreciate seeing their leadership actively participate in canvassing and supporting local candidates. “Party workers like to see their senior leadership come and join them in these election campaigns,” Shinde said, un-

derlining the significance of visible leadership in mobilizing support at the local level.

Political analysts say Shinde’s remarks appear aimed at calming intra-party tensions ahead of elections, signaling a pragmatic approach where local governance priorities are emphasized over leadership rivalries. By focusing on community-level issues, leaders hope to strengthen voter engagement and ensure that election campaigns remain constructive and issue-oriented.

Shinde’s comments come amid ongoing speculation about internal dynamics within the Maharashtra government, but he stressed that effective local governance and election campaigning require cooperation between leaders and party workers. His message reinforces the idea that, despite differences, senior figures must present a united front to support the democratic process and the functioning of local bodies.

## PM Modi Extends Greetings on BSF Raising Day

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On the occasion of Border Security Force (BSF) Raising Day, Prime Minister extended his heartfelt greetings to all BSF personnel, commending their dedication, professionalism, and humanitarian service. In a statement released on Monday, the Prime Minister said, “BSF symbolises India’s unwavering resolve and utmost professionalism. Their sense of duty is exemplary. They serve in some of the most challenging terrains.”

The Prime Minister highlighted the dual role of the force in safeguarding the nation while upholding humanitarian values. “Alongside their valour, their humanitarian spirit is also exceptional,” he added, noting the sacrifices and commitment of BSF personnel in maintaining national security across India’s borders.

Celebrated annually to mark the establishment of the BSF in 1965, Raising Day serves as a reminder of the force’s pivotal role in defending the



country against external threats, including border management, counter-insurgency operations, and anti-smuggling initiatives. The Prime Minister praised the personnel for their relentless vigilance, stating that the BSF’s contribution goes beyond protection, extending to support for communities in border areas and disaster relief operations.

He also recognized the personal sacrifices made by BSF members and their families, emphasizing that their dedication ensures the safety and sovereignty of India. “My best wishes to the force in their pursuit of serving and protecting our nation,” the Prime Minister said, urging citizens to acknowledge and honor the commitment and

bravery of these frontline defenders.

BSF Raising Day celebrations typically include parades, award ceremonies, and demonstrations of operational capabilities, reflecting the force’s rich legacy and its evolving role in national security. The Prime Minister’s message reinforces the government’s commit-

ment to supporting the force and acknowledging the indispensable role of BSF personnel in safeguarding India’s borders and upholding the nation’s values.

The occasion also serves to inspire the next generation of security personnel, highlighting the importance of courage, discipline, and service to the nation.

## ‘Will Go If He Invites’: Siddaramaiah On DK Shivakumar’s Proposed Meeting

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said he has not yet received an invitation from Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar for the breakfast he had been promised, but added he would attend whenever invited. Speaking to reporters, Siddaramaiah said, “If I am invited to breakfast by Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar, I am ready to go. He had said I should come to his residence for breakfast on Tuesday, but until now, I have not received any call.”

Shivakumar, who is also state Congress chief and a key contender for the Chief Minister’s post, had earlier suggested that the two leaders are working closely together. After a breakfast meeting at the CM’s residence on November 30, he had said, “The CM and I had a breakfast meeting. The CM will also visit my residence for dinner in the next two days,” emphasizing their unity



and alignment with the party high command.

However, when asked about inviting Siddaramaiah for breakfast, Shivakumar remarked that the matter concerns only the two of them. “Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and I are working together like brothers. We participated in the breakfast meeting only because of media pressure,” he said, downplaying reports of factions within the party.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao also addressed the matter, noting that breakfast, lunch, and dinner meetings would continue to allow leaders to discuss political and administrative matters. “Shivakumar had stated he was invited for break-

fast by CM Siddaramaiah, and in that context, he had also said he would invite the CM in return,” Rao explained.

Rao stressed that there is no confusion within the party, and that all decisions will be guided by the high command. “The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister are united and will move forward together. Discussions on leadership should not take place in the interest of the party and the government,” he added. He further dismissed media speculation about a crisis in November, asserting that the party is moving ahead in unity after clarifying any perceived confusion.

## Supreme Court To Hear Tamil Nadu Voter Roll Plea On Dec 4

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Actor Vijay’s TVK party, which had moved the Supreme Court challenging the Election Commission’s Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the voter rolls in Tamil Nadu, submitted concerns regarding the pressures faced by officials responsible for the exercise. The party highlighted that Anganwadi workers and other personnel designated as Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are under immense work pressure from authorities during the voter roll update process.

During the proceedings, TVK contended that in some areas, the police have registered First Information Reports (FIRs) against BLOs under the Representation of Peoples’ Act, which carries a potential prison term of up to three months. The party argued that these legal actions are creating undue stress and may affect the fairness and accuracy of the voter roll revision process.

The submissions emphasized the burden placed on grassroots-level workers, who are often overworked and under scrutiny while perform-



ing responsibilities such as verifying voter details, updating information, and ensuring compliance with electoral regulations.

After brief arguments, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Surya Kant, observed that these concerns would be examined during the full hearing of the Tamil Nadu SSR-related pleas. The bench scheduled the hearing for December 4, 2025, indicating that the apex court will scrutinize the procedural and administrative aspects of the voter roll exercise and assess the implications for officials tasked with implementation.

Legal experts note that the case could have broader ramifications for electoral administration in Tamil Nadu, par-

ticularly regarding the workload of BLOs and the accountability mechanisms applied to them.

The hearing has drawn attention due to the involvement of a high-profile political party, ongoing scrutiny of the Election Commission’s processes, and concerns over the treatment of frontline election workers. Observers say the Supreme Court’s decision could influence future voter roll exercises and clarify the legal responsibilities of BLOs and other personnel involved in election administration.

This case underscores the balance the court must maintain between efficient electoral processes and protection of workers’ rights in India’s democratic system.

## Air Marshal Tejbir Singh Takes Charge as DG (Inspection & Safety)

Air Marshal Tejbir Singh assumed charge as Director General (Inspection & Safety) at Air Headquarters on Monday, marking a new chapter in the leadership of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

An alumnus of the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), UK, Air Marshal Singh brings over 37 years of distinguished service to the role, having logged more than 7,000 flying hours. He is widely recognized for his pioneering contributions to the C-130J Special Operations capability, underscoring his expertise in both operational and strategic aspects of the IAF.

He succeeds Air Marshal M B Ranade, who superannuated on 30 November 2025 after 39 years of exemplary service, leaving behind a



legacy of professionalism and leadership.

Air Marshal Singh’s appointment as DG (Inspection & Safety) places him at the helm of aircraft safety, operational readiness, and inspection protocols, a critical role ensuring the effectiveness and safety of the IAF’s as-

sets and personnel.

IAF officials highlighted that his extensive experience, including operational missions and command appointments, positions him to further enhance the force’s inspection and safety standards across its diverse fleet.



## Imran Khan’s Sons Raise Alarm Over Father’s Wellbeing



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The sons of Pakistan’s jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan have voiced grave concerns over his condition, saying it has been over three weeks with no evidence that he is still alive. Speaking to Reuters, Kasim Khan described the uncertainty as a form of “psychological torture,” highlighting the family’s distress over blocked court-ordered prison visits and rumors of possible transfers.

“Not knowing whether your father is safe, injured or even alive is a form of psychological torture,” Kasim said. He added that there has been no independently verified communication for months, and the family fears authorities may be hiding “something irreversible” about Khan’s health. The family has repeatedly requested access for Khan’s personal physician, who has been denied entry for over a year.

A jail official, speaking anonymously, assured that Khan, 72, was in good health and was not scheduled for transfer to a higher-security facility. Pakistan’s Interior Ministry did not comment. Khan has been imprisoned since August 2023 following convictions in multiple cases he

describes as politically motivated, including the Toshakhana gift scandal, a diplomatic cable leak, and a graft case linked to the Al-Qadir Trust. His party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), claims the prosecutions aim to remove him from public and electoral life.

The lack of information has intensified the family’s anxiety. Television channels have reportedly been instructed not to use Khan’s name or image, leaving only a grainy court photograph online. Kasim and his older brother Suleiman Isa Khan, who live in London with their mother Jemima Goldsmith, emphasized that their appeals for access have been ignored.

“This is not just a political dispute. It is a human rights emergency,” Kasim said, urging international pressure to restore court-ordered access. The sons stress that while they draw strength from their father, they urgently need confirmation that he is safe.

The family continues to pursue internal and external channels, including appeals to human rights organizations, to ensure Khan’s wellbeing is independently verified and his rights protected.

## Deadly Floods Ravage Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand



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Severe flooding triggered by heavy rains has devastated parts of Southeast and South Asia, with recovery and relief operations underway as authorities continue to assess the full scale of casualties. The disaster has already claimed at least 469 lives in Indonesia, 162 in Thailand, and 334 in Sri Lanka, according to official figures.

In Indonesia, flash floods and landslides struck West Sumatra, particularly in the Agam regency, leaving communities buried under mud and debris. Indonesian soldiers and rescue teams are working tirelessly to locate survivors and clear rubble, providing emergency aid to affected families. Local authorities warn that the death toll could rise as more remote areas are reached and missing persons accounted for.

Thailand has also been severely affected, with floods inundating low-lying provinces and displacing thousands. Rescue teams are using boats and helicopters to evacuate residents from submerged villages, while relief agencies distribute food, clean water, and medical supplies to those stranded.

Sri Lanka faces one of its worst flood crises in recent

years, as overflowing rivers and landslides have left hundreds dead and thousands homeless. The government has mobilized military units and volunteers to assist in search and rescue operations, while international aid groups step in to support relief efforts.

Authorities across the three countries have warned residents to remain vigilant as heavy rainfall is expected to continue in some regions. Roads remain blocked, and power outages complicate relief work, creating urgent challenges for recovery teams.

The floods have prompted governments to urge citizens to follow safety advisories and to relocate to higher ground where possible. While the immediate priority is rescue and humanitarian assistance, officials stress the need for longer-term measures to mitigate future disasters, including improved flood management and early warning systems.

As communities grapple with the devastation, the focus remains on saving lives and providing essential aid to survivors, with officials cautioning that the human and economic toll may continue to grow in the coming days.

# Trump Pardons Convicted Cocaine Trafficker Amid Venezuela Crackdown

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US President Donald Trump has sparked controversy by granting a full pardon to former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez, a convicted cocaine trafficker, even as he announced a major “war on drugs” targeting Venezuela. Hernandez was extradited to the US in 2022 and sentenced to 45 years in prison for aiding the smuggling of hundreds of tons of cocaine from Venezuela into the United States, in a case involving guns and large-scale drug trafficking.

Trump’s announcement came shortly after he outlined a broad military and diplomatic operation against alleged drug networks linked to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. The administration classified the Venezuelan cartel, Cartel of the Suns, as a foreign terrorist organization, authorised strikes on suspected drug-trafficking vessels, and deployed Marines and warships to the Caribbean to prevent cocaine



flows into the US.

Despite these measures, Trump justified the pardon for Hernandez in a social media post, claiming the former president had been “treated very harshly and unfairly” and citing advice from “many people that I greatly respect.” The timing of the pardon, just days before Honduras’ presidential election, was widely

seen as politically motivated, benefiting the conservative party nominee Nasry Asfura.

The decision drew sharp criticism from both American and Honduran officials. Prosecutors highlighted Hernandez’s misuse of power, ties to criminal traffickers, and the “unfathomable destruction” caused by his cocaine operations, arguing he should remain in prison.



Virginia Senator Tim Kaine called the pardon “unconscionable,” saying it undermined Trump’s proclaimed efforts to combat illegal narcotics.

Hernandez, 57, became one of the most high-profile figures to be pardoned despite a federal conviction for transnational drug trafficking. The move raises

questions about the coherence of US drug policy, as it combines aggressive rhetoric against Venezuela with the controversial release of a convicted trafficker with extensive ties to Venezuelan cocaine networks.

Critics argue the pardon could embolden traffickers and weaken the credibility of US anti-narcotics efforts in Latin America.

## Sheikh Hasina’s Family Hit With Fresh Sentences In Corruption Case

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In a landmark verdict, a Dhaka court on Monday sentenced deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to five years in jail in a high-profile land scam case. Her niece, British MP Tulip Siddiq, received a two-year jail term, while Hasina’s sister, Sheikh Rehana, was handed a seven-year sentence. The case involved a total of 17 convicts, all fined Tk 1 lakh each, with an additional six months in jail if fines are unpaid.

The Special Judge’s Court-4, presided over by Judge Md Rabiul Alam, delivered the verdict in the absence of the accused. Siddiq, who is based in London, strongly denies the charges and is unlikely to serve her sentence, as the UK does not have an extradition treaty with Bangladesh. Her lawyers argued she is not a Bang-



ladeshi citizen, citing lack of ID and passport since childhood.

The case centers on allegations that Hasina, in collusion with senior Rajuk officials,

illegally acquired six plots in Dhaka’s Purbachal New Town project for herself, her family, and relatives, including Siddiq’s mother and siblings.

Siddiq was accused of influencing Hasina to secure plots for Rehana, Bobby, and Azmina. This marks the fourth graft verdict against Hasina, filed by the An-

ti-Corruption Commission (ACC), which has been investigating irregularities in land allocation during her tenure.

Hasina has been liv-

ing in India since fleeing Bangladesh on August 5 last year amid massive protests that toppled her Awami League government. She was earlier declared a fugitive and, last month, sentenced to death in absentia for “crimes against humanity” during the crackdown on student-led protests.

Bangladesh has formally requested India to extradite Hasina, with authorities stating that the judicial process has been completed. New Delhi has confirmed it is examining the request, emphasizing its commitment to the interests of the Bangladeshi people.

The convictions mark a significant turn in Bangladesh’s political landscape, with most senior Awami League leaders either detained or having fled the country since Hasina’s government fell.

## Elon Musk Shares Shivon Zilis’ Indian Roots, Son Named After Nobel Laureate



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In a recent interview on his show People by WTF, SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk revealed that his partner Shivon Zilis is “half-Indian” and that one of their children’s middle names, Sekhar, honors

Nobel laureate Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar. Chandrasekhar, an Indian-American astrophysicist, won the 1983 Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work on the structure and evolution of stars.

Musk shared that Zilis was adopted as a baby and grew up in Canada. “I think her father was like an exchange student at the university... she was given up for adoption,” he explained, noting that she did not spend time in India. Despite

her upbringing outside India, Musk emphasized the family’s connection to her Indian heritage through their children.

The couple has four children together: twins Strider and Azure, a daughter Arcadia, and a son Seldon

Lycurgus. Zilis serves as Director of Operations and Special Projects at Neuralink, one of Musk’s ventures, where she plays a key role in the company’s technological initiatives.

By choosing the middle name Sekhar for

their son, Musk highlighted his admiration for Chandrasekhar’s scientific achievements. The Nobel laureate’s contributions to astrophysics, particularly the theoretical understanding of star formation and evolution, are widely celebrated globally.

Musk’s disclosure sheds light on Zilis’ multicultural background and the family’s appreciation for science and heritage. In addition to his public ventures in space, electric vehicles, and artificial intelligence, Musk’s personal anecdotes provide a glimpse into his family life and the values he hopes to instill in his children.

This interview adds a personal dimension to Musk’s public persona, connecting his family’s identity with scientific legacy and cultural heritage, while also highlighting Zilis’ important professional role within Musk’s business ecosystem.



# Nifty December Seasonality: 60% Success Rate Over Last Decade

The Nifty 50 has started the December series on a strong note, climbing to a fresh lifetime high of 26,310.45 on Thursday, ending a 14-month rally drought. Market participants are optimistic that the rally could continue throughout the month, supported by December's historically favourable seasonality.

Over the past 10 years, the Nifty has delivered positive returns in six out of ten Decembers, translating to a 60% success rate. On average, December returns have been around 1.6%, despite typically lower global market activity ahead of Christmas and New Year holidays.

Institutional flows have also historically bolstered December rallies. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in six of the past ten Decembers, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) maintained a stronger buying streak, injecting funds in seven Decembers over the same period.



Examining the decade-long trend, the Nifty ended December higher in 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2023, while closing in the red in 2016, 2018, 2022, and 2024, with declines ranging from 0.13% to 3.48%. The sharpest December

rally occurred in 2023, when the index surged 7.94%, closely followed by a 7.81% jump in 2020. Other notable gains include 2.97% in 2017 and 2.18% in 2021, while 2015 and 2019 delivered modest increases of 0.15% and 0.93%, respectively.

Analysts suggest that December's performance is influenced by a combination of domestic investor sentiment, institutional inflows, and end-of-year portfolio adjustments. The early signs of strength in 2025, along with posi-

tive global cues, could help sustain momentum.

As investors position themselves for the last month of the calendar year, market watchers will closely track earnings announcements, foreign fund flows, and

macroeconomic indicators to gauge whether the seasonal trend continues. If historical trends hold, December could again provide a boost to the benchmark index, reinforcing optimism among market participants.

# RBI Issues 244 Consolidated Master Directions to Ease Compliance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday issued 244 consolidated Master Directions (MDs), aiming to streamline regulatory compliance for banks and other financial institutions. The move comes after a comprehensive review of nearly 3,500 existing directions, circulars, and guidelines issued over the decades.

Speaking at a press conference, RBI Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu said, "These 244 MDs consolidate all the regulatory instructions issued to the Regulated Entities (REs) over several decades which are currently administered by the Department of Regulation." The consolidation is expected to simplify adherence to RBI norms and reduce the compliance burden on financial institutions.

The MDs cover a wide range of regulatory aspects, including banking operations, risk management, corporate governance, prudential norms, customer protection, and digital banking regulations. By repealing outdated or redundant directives, the RBI aims to enhance



operational efficiency and ensure that regulated entities can focus on core banking activities without navigating overlapping instructions.

The move also aligns with the RBI's broader objective of regulatory simplification and transparency. Analysts believe that consolidating decades of instructions into a single, structured framework

will help improve compliance monitoring and make regulatory expectations clearer for banks, non-banking financial companies, and other financial institutions.

Murmu emphasized that the review and consolidation exercise reflects the RBI's commitment to modernizing its regulatory framework, keeping pace with evolving

financial markets, technological advancements, and the growing complexity of the banking sector.

Financial sector experts have welcomed the move, noting that it will reduce ambiguity and enable REs to allocate resources more efficiently toward business growth while ensuring adherence to prudential norms.

The consolidated Master Directions are now accessible on the RBI's official website and will serve as the primary reference point for regulated entities going forward.

This step is expected to mark a significant milestone in easing regulatory compliance while maintaining strong oversight over the financial system.

# Govt Reforms, Manufacturing Boost Q2 GDP to 8.2%: Goyal



India's economy recorded a strong 8.2% growth in the second quarter (Q2) of 2025-26, driven by government reforms, a manufacturing push, and robust

performance in the services sector, said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday.

Addressing the media, Goyal highlighted

that the government's initiatives to enhance ease of doing business, streamline regulatory processes, and support domestic manufacturing have contributed

significantly to the strong economic performance. He added that the reforms have provided a conducive environment for growth across sectors.

Goyal also noted that India's merchandise and services exports have recorded high growth during April-October of the current fiscal year, despite global uncertainties in trade. Merchandise exports rose marginally by 0.63% to \$254.25 billion, while imports increased by 6.37% to \$451.08 billion in the same period.

"We will continue to see relentless growth," the minister said, stressing that India's focus on strengthening industrial output, boosting domestic manufacturing, and promoting exports will help sustain momentum in the coming quarters.

The manufacturing sector showed a marked improvement, benefiting from government schemes and policy interventions aimed at enhancing competitiveness and technological adoption. The services

sector also contributed to the overall growth, reflecting strong domestic demand and recovery in trade, IT, and financial services.

Economic analysts said the Q2 growth is a six-quarter high, underlining India's resilience amid global economic challenges. They attributed the performance to a combination of policy reforms, export growth, and domestic consumption.

With continued emphasis on reforms, innovation, and export promotion, the government expects sustained growth and stability in India's economic trajectory for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The strong Q2 numbers reaffirm India's position as one of the fastest-growing major economies globally, highlighting the impact of pro-growth policies and structural reforms.

# India Posts Six-Quarter High GDP Growth of 8.2% in Q2 FY26



India's economy grew by 8.2% in Q2 of 2025-26, marking a six-quarter high, driven by a robust manufacturing surge and strong services sector performance, according to data from the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The manufacturing sector expanded 9.1%, up from 2.2% in the year-ago period, as factories ramped up production ahead of the festive season following the GST rate cut on September 22. The services sector recorded 10.2% growth, supported by banking, real estate, and other service industries. However, the agriculture sector slowed, with growth declining to 3.5% from 4.1% in the same period last year.

The first half of FY26 saw a GDP growth of 8%, up from 6.1% in H1 FY25, positioning India to potentially exceed the annual growth target of 6.3-6.8% projected in the Economic Survey. The Real Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) rose 7.9%, indicating healthy domestic demand.

Analysts noted that while government final consumption moderated due to weak

revenue spending, strong gross capital formation and the GST-driven manufacturing push helped boost GDP. Deloitte India economist Rumki Majumdar said, "With festive spending and GST 2.0 momentum likely to continue into Q3, full-year growth estimates may be revised upward."

The nominal GDP for Q2 FY26 stood at ₹85.25 lakh crore, up 8.7% from ₹78.40 lakh crore a year ago, while gross fixed capital formation grew 7.3%, compared to 6.7% in Q2 FY25.

Experts caution that while the GDP growth is impressive, the low GDP deflator and nominal growth may pose challenges for fiscal deficit and debt ratios. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said, "Despite the strong Q2 growth, factors such as US tariffs and limited government capital spending could temper momentum, but FY26 growth is set to comfortably exceed 7%."

India's Q2 performance reaffirms its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, surpassing China's 4.8% growth during the same period.

# Rupee Slips 7 Paise to 89.43 Against U.S. Dollar



The Indian rupee fell 7 paise to settle at 89.43 against the U.S. dollar on Friday, pressured by a stronger greenback and rising crude oil prices in global markets.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 89.41 and touched an intra-day low of 89.49 before closing at 89.43 (provisional). Forex traders noted that subdued domestic equity markets and foreign fund outflows further weighed on the currency.

Market participants were also cautious ahead of the release of key domestic macroeconomic data, which could influence near-term currency movements.

"The rupee was under pressure from external factors, including a firm U.S. dollar and rising crude prices, along

with domestic equity weakness," said a forex trader.

The depreciation comes amid a strengthening U.S. dollar globally, which has impacted several emerging market currencies in recent weeks. Analysts said that continued volatility in crude oil prices and foreign capital flows could keep the rupee under pressure in the near term.

Despite the slip, the rupee remains within its recent trading range against the greenback, reflecting investor caution ahead of key economic indicators and global market developments.

Investors will closely watch upcoming economic data, including trade and inflation figures, which could determine the rupee's trajectory in the final weeks of 2025.



Modern Problems Require Modern Solutions



Bengaluru's crumbling roads have long been a sore spot for its residents, but a recent incident near KR Road has pushed the frustration to new heights — or depths. A pothole nearly half a foot deep was spotted covered by an old couch, reportedly placed there by local shopkeepers as a warning for drivers and two-wheelers.

The unusual workaround gained attention after a photo of the scene was shared on Reddit. The uploader explained that despite the pothole being a hazard large enough to trap a scooter wheel, civic authorities had done little beyond placing traffic cones and barricades.

"The shopkeepers didn't complain or attempt to fix it, they just placed a couch there," the user wrote, noting how pedestrians and drivers merely avoid the pothole instead of addressing the larger issue. The Redditor also mentioned filing a complaint through the Namma Bengaluru (Sahaya) app, but said no response was received from civic authorities.

The image has since gone viral and reignited public anger over BBMP's (now GBA's) inaction. "I honestly don't expect anything from the authorities," the Reddit user added. "Unless people force change, things will remain the same for another decade."

This pothole protest comes amid increasing scrutiny of Bengaluru's urban infrastructure. Recent comments from top entrepreneurs like Rajan Anandan and Aadit Palicha highlight growing concern about the city's traffic congestion and road conditions, while civic issues have sparked political debates between BJP and Congress leaders.

While the couch-covered pothole may have served as a creative — albeit desperate — safety measure, it also symbolizes the city's deeper problem: citizens losing faith in civic accountability and choosing to improvise rather than wait for official action.

Viral Metro Art Mistaken for Madhubani Is Actually Warli, Confirms AI



A viral image showing a metro coach covered in stunning traditional artwork had the internet buzzing, with many believing it was part of Patna Metro's initiative to celebrate Madhubani art. The vibrant patterns and cultural designs led social media users to praise the effort — but it turns out, the art isn't Madhubani at all.

As appreciation poured in, eagle-eyed users began questioning the authenticity of the claim. "This doesn't look like Madhubani," one user wrote. Another chimed in, "Looks more like Warli art to me." The confusion prompted a fact-check from an unusual but modern source — Grok, the AI chatbot from X (formerly Twitter).

When asked to identify the art form, Grok responded clearly: "That's Warli art. Those geometric stick figures and tribal motifs are classic Warli style from Maharashtra — fits the Pune Metro hint perfectly."

The revelation shifted the narrative. Not only was the artwork not Madhubani, it also wasn't from Patna Metro. It was actually a Pune Metro coach, decorated in Warli art, a tribal style native to Maharashtra known for its simple stick figures and depictions of rural life.

Despite the confusion, the viral post highlighted public appreciation for India's diverse folk art traditions. While one user joked, "At least it's not the floor — or it would be covered in pan masala stains," others celebrated the creative fusion of culture and urban transit.

The mix-up sparked debate but also showcased how India's artistic heritage continues to thrive, even on modern platforms like metro coaches — whether it's Madhubani in Bihar or Warli in Maharashtra.

What Should Disappear From Earth?

Internet Replies with UV Rays, Tobacco Stains & More

In a thread that quickly turned hilarious and insightful, a Reddit user recently asked: "Delete one thing from Earth that you think would make it better?" What followed was a mix of clever, quirky, and unexpectedly deep responses that reflected the internet's creativity and collective frustrations.

Among the most viral responses was one user suggesting "UV rays because sunscreens are oily," blending humour with a common skincare complaint. Another top comment simply read: "My browsing history", drawing laughs and thousands of upvotes.

Others were slightly more practical but still amusing, such as "tobacco stains", "occasional cold that brings immense throat pain", and even "alarm clocks". One user mused, "Mosquitoes. No one would miss them."

However, the conversation also took a more philosophical turn. One Redditor stated: "Greed—the root of all problems." Another added: "Remove the concept of politics,"



though that sparked a debate, with one reply noting, "Politics isn't inherently bad. It's how people use it." The post spurred hundreds of responses within hours, ranging from light-hearted irritants like pop-up ads and spam emails to global issues such as poverty, corruption, and pollution.

Many agreed that removing even one small annoyance could drastically improve daily life, while some believed only deeper systemic changes could bring true transformation.

As the thread grew, it became a mix of meme-worthy answers and real reflections — a rare internet moment where entertainment met empathy.

One thing is clear: from UV rays to rude drivers, the world might be a little better with a "delete" button — if only it existed.

Smart Bed Worth ₹1.75 Lakh Malfunctions , Users Face Sleepless Night

Owners of the high-end Eight Sleep "Pod" smart beds, priced around ₹1.75 lakh (\$2,000), were left frustrated after a global Amazon Web Services (AWS) outage caused widespread malfunctions late Monday night.

The Pod beds, known for their automated temperature control and adjustable settings, suddenly overheated and froze in fixed positions, leaving users stuck and sleep-deprived. The issue was traced to a disruption in AWS's US-EAST-1 region, which began around 3 a.m. ET. The beds rely on AWS servers to function via app-based controls.

By morning, Downdetector had recorded over eight million outage reports globally, affecting not just smart home devices but also apps, gaming platforms, and banking services.

Several users took to Reddit and X (formerly Twitter) to share their ordeal. Some reported intense heating issues, while others were unable to adjust their beds, leading to discomfort and panic during sleep.

Eight Sleep's CEO Matteo Franceschetti issued a public apology on X:

"The AWS outage has impacted some of our users since last night, disrupting their sleep. That is not the experience we want to provide, and I want to apologize for it."

Franceschetti added that the company would work round-the-clock to ensure such issues don't happen again. He revealed that developers were building an "outage-proof mode" that would allow the bed to operate independently of AWS during similar incidents.

While some services have been restored, Franceschetti noted that data processing delays may persist, and full functionality would return as AWS stabilizes.

For now, frustrated users are demanding a "real solution" — with many questioning the reliability of smart home devices that rely entirely on cloud services for basic operations.



How Do Engineers Keep The Water Out While Building Bridges On Rivers?



Ever wondered how massive bridge foundations are laid in deep, fast-flowing rivers? Unlike land construction, building in water poses serious challenges, including strong currents, limited visibility, and high risk for workers. To overcome this, engineers use a remarkable technique called a cofferdam — a temporary watertight structure that makes underwater construction possible in dry conditions.

A cofferdam is essentially an enclosed area built within the river using interlocking steel sheet piles, typically 10 to 20 metres long. These sheets are hammered deep into the riverbed using hydraulic or vibratory hammers, forming a sealed circle or rectangle that blocks water from entering. Once sealed, powerful pumps remove the water from the inside, creating a dry workspace.

This method was used in major Indian infrastructure projects like the Thane Creek Bridge, where engineers noted that vibrations from the pile-driving process even scared off nearby fish.

Before construction begins, a thorough survey of the riverbed is conducted to measure depth, soil stability, and current speed. These details determine how deep the foundation needs to be and how many support pillars are required.

Once water is pumped out and the space is dry, workers can safely descend into the cofferdam — often via ladders or crane platforms — to begin laying the bridge foundation. Strict safety measures are in place, with helmets and life jackets mandatory on site.

Despite its temporary nature, a cofferdam plays a critical role in ensuring bridge stability and safety. Once the foundation work is complete, the structure is dismantled, and water is gradually reintroduced to the area.

This ingenious engineering solution allows for massive construction projects to succeed — even in the middle of a river.



# Treesa-Gayatri Retain Title, Srikanth Falls Short at Syed Modi International

India witnessed mixed fortunes at the Syed Modi International Super 300 in Lucknow on Sunday, as Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand successfully defended their women's doubles crown, while Kidambi Srikanth suffered a heart-breaking loss in the men's singles final, extending his title drought.

Treesa and Gayatri produced a spirited comeback to defeat Japan's Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe 17-21, 21-13, 21-15 in a gripping 76-minute battle. Despite dropping the opening game, the Indian duo shifted gears with aggressive play, sharp interceptions, and superior rotation. Gayatri, returning from a five-month shoulder injury break, said the win was a major confidence boost ahead of their upcoming World Tour events. Treesa credited their improved co-ordination, noting how both now operate confidently across all areas of the court.

While the women's pair celebrated, the day ended in disappointment for former champion Kidambi



Srikanth, who missed out on ending his eight-year title wait. The 2021 World Championships silver medallist lost a tense three-game final to Hong Kong's Jason Gunawan, ranked 59th in the world. Srikanth fought hard before going

down 16-21, 21-8, 20-22 in a 67-minute thriller.

Srikanth surged back strongly in the second game and led 5-1 and later 14-11 in the decider. However, Gunawan's consistency and timely aggression helped him claw back to 19

before sealing the match with a jump smash. Reflecting on the narrow defeat, Srikanth said the contest hinged on "just a few points," acknowledging Gunawan's strong finish while expressing optimism about his own progress after injuries.

With Treesa and Gayatri's successful title defence and Srikanth's gritty run to the final, India wrapped up a memorable yet emotional campaign at the Syed Modi International.

# Merino Saves Arsenal As Chelsea Hold Leaders To Fiery Draw



Mikel Merino salvaged a crucial point for Premier League leaders Arsenal in a tense 1-1 draw against 10-man Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. The London derby, packed with aggression and controversy, saw Chelsea's Moises Caicedo sent off late in the first

half for a reckless foul on Merino, a decision upgraded to red after VAR review.

Despite being reduced to 10 men, Chelsea struck first. Just three minutes into the second half, Trevoh Chalobah rose highest to head home from a well-taken near-post corner, giving

the hosts a surprise lead. Arsenal, known for their set-piece strength this season, were left stunned by a goal straight from their own tactical playbook.

Arsenal regained control through sustained pressure, and the breakthrough arrived in the 59th minute.

Bukayo Saka, brilliant throughout, beat Marc Cucurella before delivering a precise cross that Merino powered past Robert Sanchez. It marked Merino's fourth goal of the campaign, once again showcasing his effectiveness as a makeshift striker under

Mikel Arteta.

Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca praised his side's resilience, saying they "were the better team 11 v 11," while acknowledging the difficulty of playing a man down. Arteta, meanwhile, highlighted the intensity of the contest, calling Arsenal's performance emotionally and physically demanding.

Both sides pushed for a winner in the frantic closing stages. Sanchez denied Saka and Merino with superb saves, while Arsenal's defensive gaps without the injured William Saliba tested their composure. However, neither team could find the decisive goal.

The draw trims Arsenal's lead at the top to five points over Manchester City and keeps Chelsea six points behind in third. Arsenal remain unbeaten in 17 matches across competitions, while Chelsea extend their undefeated streak to seven games, signalling their growing threat in the title race.

# Mbappé Scores But Real Madrid Held 1-1 By Girona



Real Madrid missed the chance to reclaim the top spot in La Liga after being held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by relegation-threatened Girona at Montilivi Stadium on Sunday. Despite dominating possession for long stretches, Madrid struggled to break down a resolute Girona side that fought with urgency and discipline.

The hosts shocked the visitors just before halftime when Azzedine Ounahi struck in the 45th minute. Capitalizing on a defensive lapse, Ounahi found space inside the box and fired past the goalkeeper, sending the home crowd into delirium and putting pressure on Madrid to respond.

Madrid, who have been battling consistency issues in recent weeks, pressed aggressively after the break. Their breakthrough finally arrived in the 67th minute when Kylian Mbappé converted from the penalty spot. The French star sent the Girona keeper the wrong way to

level the score, marking yet another key contribution in his debut season with the club.

However, Madrid's push for a winner was repeatedly thwarted. Girona defended compactly, blocked clear shooting lanes, and made crucial interceptions as the visitors poured forward. Real's forwards—despite sustained pressure and several half-chances—could not find the decisive goal.

The draw proved costly as Madrid failed to return to the top of the table, leaving them trailing league leaders Barcelona by two points. For Girona, the result was vital, offering a morale boost in their fight against relegation.

Madrid will now look to regroup quickly with a demanding schedule ahead, while Girona hope this spirited performance can inspire a turnaround in their season. Despite Mbappé's equaliser, the night belonged to Girona's defensive grit and Madrid's lingering frustration.

# Subplots Shine in India's Commanding Ranchi ODI Win



India's convincing victory over South Africa in the Ranchi ODI offered more than statistics or scorecard highlights. It revealed the emotional undertow within a team emerging from a difficult phase, turning the match into a study of body language, unspoken assertions, and subtle responses under pressure.

The win itself was emphatic, but two quiet moments on the field spoke louder than the final margin. The first came when Rohit Sharma reached his half-century. Standing at the non-striker's end, Virat Kohli glanced toward the dressing room with a sharpness that seemed to carry months of speculation, criticism, and boardroom chatter. In that split-second look, observers sensed a message—one shaped by recent debates over leadership and selection. It felt like a silent rebuttal to those who doubted the experienced core of the side.

The second moment unfolded when Kohli completed his 52nd ODI century, a milestone

achieved with grit as India rebuilt their rhythm after recent setbacks. Rohit's applause was soft, almost tender—far from the fiery celebrations often associated with international cricket. It carried the warmth of camaraderie and the reassurance of two senior players who have weathered storms together. His gesture seemed to recognise not just the hundred, but the emotional weight behind it.

These reactions reflected a team still healing from a bruising Test-series defeat and navigating decisions that sidelined senior figures at critical junctures. Such choices, made in closed meeting rooms, face their real test under stadium lights—where pressure strips emotions down to their rawest form.

In Ranchi, India's victory restored confidence, but the silent exchanges between its leaders revealed deeper truths. They highlighted a group determined to reclaim control of its narrative through performance, unity, and unwavering resolve—both expressed and unspoken.

# India Crush Canada 14-3 To Reach Sultan Azlan Shah Final

The Indian men's hockey team sealed their place in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025 final with a commanding 14-3 victory over Canada in Ipoh on Saturday. The win not only secured India's top position in the pool standings but also sent a strong message ahead of their title clash against Belgium on November 30.

Star defender Jugraj Singh was the standout performer, netting four goals in a dominant outing that saw India overwhelm the Canadian defence from start to finish. India's relentless attacking play, swift transitions, and clinical finishing ensured that Canada had little room to recover once the scoring began.

India entered the match with confidence, having suffered only one defeat in the tournament—a narrow loss to Belgium—and coming off an impressive 3-2 victory over New Zealand in their previous fixture. That momentum was visible right from the opening minutes, as India maintained high press-



ing intensity and sharp passing combinations.

The scoring spree featured contributions from multiple players, as India rotated efficiently and capitalized on penalty corners and field opportunities with equal ease. Jugraj's drag-flicks proved unstoppable, while the forward line consistently stretched Canada's defence, creating openings throughout the 60 minutes.

Canada managed to pull three goals back, but the Indian defence held firm and ensured the scoreboard remained lopsided. The huge margin of victory not only reflected India's superiority on the day but also boosted their confidence heading into the final.

As India prepare to take on Belgium—the only side to beat them in this edition—the team will look to build on their attacking rhythm while tightening defensive gaps. With spirits high and rhythm strong, India now stand just one win away from lifting the prestigious Sultan Azlan Shah Cup once again.



It's Official! Samantha, Raj Nidimoru Tie the Knot



Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu and filmmaker Raj Nidimoru have officially put an end to the swirling speculation of the past 24 hours. The duo tied the knot early this morning (December 1, 2025) in an intimate ceremony held at the Linga Bhairavi Temple inside the Isha Yoga Center, Coimbatore. The wedding was extremely private, attended only by a close circle of family and friends. Samantha later shared a few serene moments from the ceremony, and the photos quickly went viral across social media platforms. Industry colleagues, including Upasana Konidela, Parvathy Thiruvothu, Paayal Rajput, and Ruhani Sharma, extended heartfelt wishes to the newlyweds. The rumours that heated up social media began with a cryptic Instagram post by Raj's ex-wife Shhyamali De, who wrote, "Desperate people do desperate things." The post, released just a day before the wedding, sparked intense speculation and fueled conversations online. While many wondered whether her comment hint-

ed at underlying tensions, today's confirmation has given those discussions new direction. Raj Nidimoru and Shhyamali De ended their marriage in 2022. Samantha, who married actor Akkineni Naga Chaitanya in 2017, legally separated from him in 2021. Since then, both Samantha and Raj have remained discreet about their personal lives, making today's revelation even more unexpected for fans and the industry. On the professional front, Samantha and Raj are currently collaborating on Rakt Bramhand, a Netflix original series that continues production alongside their personal milestones. Samantha is also simultaneously working on Maa Inti Bangaram, her second production venture with director Nandini Reddy. With both celebrities maintaining busy schedules and gaining momentum in their respective fields, their union has naturally become the talk of the town. More updates are expected as the couple steps into this new chapter of their lives.

Euphoria Teaser Sparks Buzz, New Release Date Announced



Gunasekhar's much-talked-about upcoming film Euphoria has intensified curiosity among audiences with the release of its thought-provoking official teaser. Originally planned for a Christmas 2025 release, the makers opted to shift the date to avoid competition during the crowded festive season. The film will now arrive in theatres on February 6, 2026. The newly released teaser offers an intriguing look into the world of Euphoria, setting a vivid and intense tone. Showcasing vibrant visuals and a trippy atmosphere, it highlights the emotional and psychological landscape of today's youth. The teaser hints at the film's exploration of drug culture, peer pressure and the complexities of modern life. These thematic elements, paired with Gunasekhar's signature storytelling style, have added to the growing expectation surrounding the project. A key highlight of the teaser is the powerful presence of filmmaker-actor Gautham

Menon, who appears in a strong, commanding role. The video also introduces the film's other major characters, giving viewers a broader sense of the ensemble cast and the dynamics that will shape the narrative. Each frame adds layers of intrigue, suggesting a bold and contemporary approach to youth-centric cinema. Euphoria is produced by Neelima Guna and Yuktha Guna under the banner of Guna Handmade Films, with Ragini Guna presenting the film. Backed by a talented team including music composer Kaala Bhairava and a dynamic cast featuring Bhumika Chawla and Vignesh, the project promises a gripping cinematic experience. With its edgy visuals, relevant themes and an evocative teaser that leaves viewers wanting more, Euphoria has already set high expectations. As the film gears up for its February release, excitement continues to build around what could be one of early 2026's most impactful dramas.

Mohan Babu's Grand Industry Gala Celebrating 50 Years, Hosted by Vishnu Manchu

Many Celebrities From Cinema & Politics Grace The Night

Collection King Dr. M. Mohan Babu hosted one of the most talked-about gatherings of the year, MB50, bringing together leading figures from Indian cinema and politics under one roof. The star-studded celebration, held at Park Hyatt in Hyderabad, turned into a memorable reunion of icons, statesmen, and close friends from across the entertainment fraternity. The evening saw the arrival of Superstar Rajinikanth, who shared a warm and affectionate camaraderie with Mohan Babu, symbolizing a friendship that has endured for decades. Adding to the gravitas of the event were Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka, former Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu, and several notable personalities from the political spectrum, all of whom extended their wishes to the senior actor. Dynamic Star Vishnu Manchu, Mohan Babu's son, hosted this grand industry gala, elevating the celebration into a truly unforgettable



tribute to the legendary actor's 50-year cinematic journey. The film fraternity also made its presence felt, with Bollywood star Jackie Shroff, Sarath Kumar, Bhagya Raj, Nani, Gopichand, Brahmanandam, Ali, Harish Shankar, People Media Factory's Vishwa Prasad, Allu Aravind, Dil

Raju, Mythri Shashi, Jayasudha, Sumalatha, Nasser, Aadi Saikumar, Sundeep Kishan, Sr Naresh, Srikanth, Sreenu Vaitla, Srikanth Odela, and many other prominent film personalities from all languages, as well as several politicians and business leaders, joining the celebrations. Known for his towering persona both on and off screen, Mohan Babu played the perfect host, ensuring every guest experienced his trademark warmth and hospitality. The lavish arrangements, exquisite décor, and thoughtfully curated dinner reflected the respect and affection the veteran

holds for those who have been part of his professional and personal life. The gathering has stirred excitement across the industry, with many viewing it as a prelude to an even grander celebration of Mohan Babu's enduring legacy. With five decades of contribution to cinema, his influence continues to command admiration and reverence from peers, fans, and future generations alike. The spectacular evening not only highlighted Mohan Babu's stature but also showcased the strong bonds he shares across film and political circles, making it a night to remember.

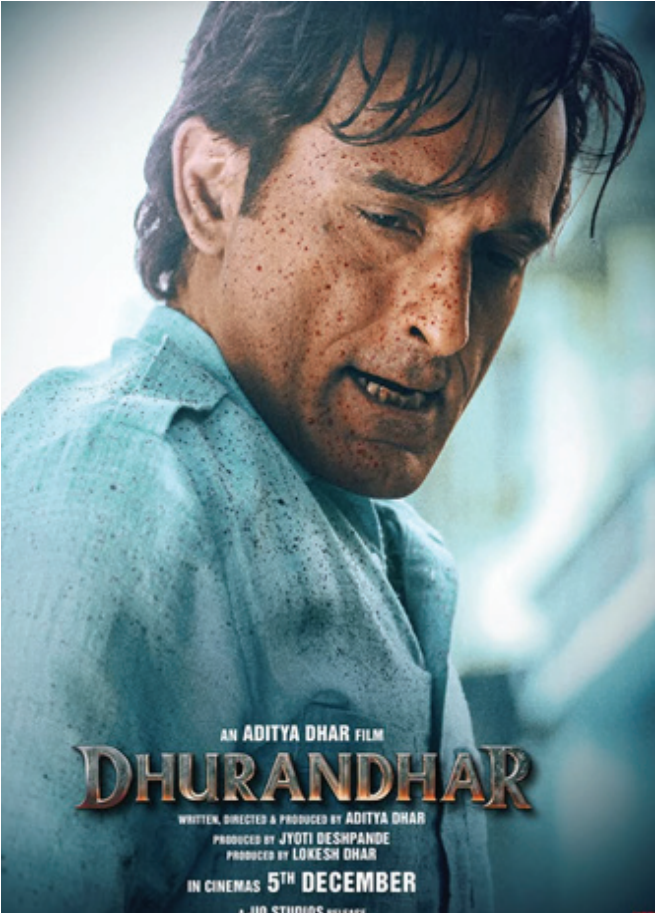
IMAX Gears Up for the biggest film of the year Avatar

Fire and Ash as Advance Bookings Open 5th December



Grab the chance to experience global's biggest event film in the best seats in IMAX and releasing first time ever in Dolby vision cinema. Don't Miss it. With massive global buzz around the biggest cinematic event of the year, the month of Avatar begins on an electrifying note. Advance bookings for James Cameron's Avatar: Fire and Ash will open on 5th December, with a special push across IMAX and Dolby vision cinemas on 5th nationwide. As audiences eagerly await the next chapter in the epic Avatar saga, IMAX invites fans to be the first to experience the film in the most immersive way possible — with the best seats, unmatched visuals, and unparalleled sound. In the lead-up to the opening day, the campaign will highlight special Avatar-themed box office counters at all IMAX theatres, giving fans a dedicated, high-energy space to book tickets and build excitement for the film's

Dhurandhar Trailer Highlights Lyari's Dark Legacy



The recently released trailer of Dhurandhar, starring Ranveer Singh, has revealed that a significant portion of the action is set in Lyari, a town in Karachi, Pakistan. The film, based on "incredible true events," has not shared a full plot yet, but the trailer offers a glimpse into the gritty world of the town, known for its history of violence and gang wars. Lyari, spread across six square kilometers in Karachi's Sindh province, is one of the city's oldest and most densely populated neighborhoods. The town stretches along the Lyari River and has long been considered impoverished, with a reputation for high crime rates. Its historical and socio-political complexities make it a compelling backdrop for an intense action narrative. In the trailer, Ranveer Singh's character, reportedly named Humza, is seen arriving in Pakistan by helicopter, eventually making his way into Lyari. While his exact mission remains a mystery, the visuals set a tense, action-

packed tone, indicating that the film will explore the darker corners of the town and the challenges within. Lyari has gained notoriety as one of Karachi's most dangerous areas due to rampant gang activity. The town was once under the influence of Rehman Dakeit, a notorious criminal who maintained control over local businesses, smuggling, and arms trade, often with political backing from the Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) in the 2000s. This intersection of crime and politics has shaped Lyari's turbulent reputation, making it a fitting setting for Dhurandhar's intense storyline. With its high-octane sequences, realistic depiction of urban crime, and Ranveer Singh's compelling performance, Dhurandhar is shaping up as one of the most anticipated action films of the year. The film's official release is scheduled for this Friday, and audiences are eager to see how it portrays Lyari's complex, violent, and vibrant culture.